

The Mars Hill Messenger

September 4, 2016

Shame, Shame!

I cannot say I followed the recent Olympic games with much enthusiasm. But, I will admit that when I took the time to check in on the games that I was moved with a sense of nationalism when an American athlete stood on the podium, the gold medal was awarded, and the National Anthem was played.

But, then it happened! Ryan Lochte showed up and managed to spoil that.

While being interviewed by the media, Lochte's own mother warned girls to leave him alone because he doesn't have time for a relationship and only has time for "one night stands." Lochte himself gave an interview and said that 70 to 75 percent of Olympic athletes will have sex with other athletes during the Olympics and that he was looking forward to the partying and the hookups. He furthermore said to ESPN The Magazine, "My last Olympics, I had a girlfriend -- big mistake. . . Now I'm single, so London should be really good. I'm excited."

Of course, he will ultimately be remembered for the lies he told about being robbed at gunpoint, when in fact he and some others were being held financially responsible for damage they did to business establishment.

It's so sad! But, am I really surprised by his latest behavior? Not really. When anyone loses their sense or right, they are destined to go wrong!

He reached a point when he no longer knew how to blush (Jeremiah 6:14).

David

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| Sunday | |
| Bible Class | 9:30 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:15 a.m. |
| Evening Service | 5:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | |
| Bible Class | 7:00 p.m. |

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Missions

- Ted & Barbara Knight (U.S.A., Romania)
- Roberto Sarmiento, Costa Rica
- Main Street Church of Christ (Stuttgart, Arkansas)
- Youth Outreach University Youthoutreachuniversity.com
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

At A Glance

September 4 – Wedding Shower for Connor Marsh and Jessica Gillham. 3:30 p.m.
September 4-7 – Gospel Meeting. Higden C of C. Speaker: Mike Crowley
September 7 – Eddie Cloer reports about Truth For Today World Mission School
September 10 – JOY Group Movie and Snack Night at the building.
September 18 – Wedding Celebration for Doug and Vanessa Ellison
September 19 – Fellowship Supper at Downtown, Morrilton. 5:30 p.m.
September 22 – JOY Group trip to Dondeee's Catfish House in Des Arc.
September 24 – Chad and Audreonna Hunter wedding
September 25 – Contribution to Building Fund
September 25-28 – Gospel Meeting at Woodrow C of C. Speaker: Jason Almond
October 1 – Fish Fry at Mars Hill.
October 15 – Marsh/Gilliam wedding. 2 p.m.
October 30 – Goal Day: 250
October 30 – Potluck following a.m. service
October 30 – Contribution to Building Fund
November 27 – Contribution to Building Fund
December 25 - Contribution to Building Fund

Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, Sept 4: Lesson #291: Ruth 3
 Wed, Sept 7: Lesson #292: Ruth 4
 Sunday, Sept 11: Lesson #293 – 1 Samuel 1 – 2:11
 Wed., Sept 14: Lesson #294 – 1 Samuel 2:12 – 3:21

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Nursery

Saundra Harlan

SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodney Partee

SCRIPTURE READING

Connor Marsh

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

LEAD PRAYER

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

LORD'S TABLE

Rodger Harlan, b.

Jack Hancock, c.

Stanley Gordon, o.

Toby Stocks

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Michael Huner

LEAD PRAYER

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

LORD'S TABLE

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

Wed., Sept 7, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Josh Moore

Jacob Moore

DEVOTIONAL

Roy Bulice

September 11, 2016

Nursery

Saundra Harlan

SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodney Partee

SCRIPTURE READING

Rodger Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

LORD'S TABLE

Gary Lambert, b.

Harold Moody, c.

Caleb Shock, o.

Josh Moore

Connor Marsh

Ralph Hunter

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

LORD'S TABLE

James Moore

John Carper

Wed., Sept 14, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Joey Moore

James Moore

DEVOTIONAL

Gary Lambert

Will You Take The Son?

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Viet Nam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art."

The young man held out his package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this." The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture.

"Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift." The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works of art he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel.

"We will start the bidding with the picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?" There was complete silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted. "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice shouted angrily. "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!" But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came back from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. "We have \$10, who will bid \$20?" "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." "\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?" The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the worthier investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted. "Now let's get on with the collection!" The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over." "What about the paintings?" "I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took "the son" gets everything!"

Friends, God gave His Son 2,000 years ago to die on a cruel cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (Romans 5:5-11). Much like the auctioneer, His message today is the same as it was when His Son died, "The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?" Because, you see, whoever takes the "Son" gets everything (John 3:16-17).

PRAYERS NEEDED

Nell Bostic is undergoing test related to issues with her back.

Eddy Jones will undergo a heart Cath this week.

Jeane Harvey is having some serious health issues.

Alex Lafferty's appointment for consultation regarding back surgery has been rescheduled for this Wednesday.

Allie Sawrie, Curtis Sawrie's mother, is having health issues.

Nita Patrom is having a lot of serious health problems.

Geraldine Morris, Winnie Joslin's sister, is very ill.

Rebeka House, Mary House's granddaughter, is having problems with her blood pressure.

Extended Sick List: Mark Allen, Paula Stocks, Bob Johnston, Pam Webb, Carolyn Brown, Ethan Lafferty, Karen Lambert, Karen Carper, Shelia Riddle, Robie Permenter, Monteen Ward, Martha Walker, Jerry Walker, Tami Baker, Wayne Guess, Larry Ellinger, Carroll Sites, Diane Bane, Gordon Newsome, Ken Cope, John McBee, Bob Dalton, Pam Johnson, Ruby McKenny, Sandy Hill, Chester Hale, Marjory Stanley, Ava Walker, Ron Smith, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Rick Miller, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS

Wedding Shower: A Wedding Shower will be held for Connor Marsh and Jessica Gillham at 3:30 today.

Mission Report: Eddie Cloer will be at Mars Hill on Wednesday to report about Truth For Today World Mission School.

JOY Group: The 55+ group will enjoy a Movie and Snack Night at the building on Saturday.

Wedding Celebration: Everyone is invited to stay after services next Sunday morning for a Wedding Celebration for Doug and Vanessa Ellison. A meal will be provided. Ladies are asked to bring a gift for Vanessa; men bring a gift for Doug.

Fellowship Supper: Monday, September 19th, at 5:30 p.m. at the building of the Downtown Church of Christ in Morrilton. Cost: \$6. If you plan to attend let David know.

Attending: If you are planning to attend the reception following Chad Hunter's wedding on September 24th, please sign RSVP sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Gifts: Since Chad and Audreonna Hunter will only be in Vilonia for a short time. If you plan to give them a wedding gift, please bring the presents or gift cards to the building on the day of their wedding ceremony (September 24th) or the Sunday before.

Pantry: If you would like to assist the Vilonia Church of Christ pantry, they are currently in need of tuna and green beans. Bring these items to the building and they will be delivered to Vilonia.

Don't Lose Hope!
When the sun goes down, the stars come out!