

**December 11, 2016**

**Nursery**

Sabrina Gray

**SOUND ROOM**

Clay Winn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Josh Moore

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Steve Shock

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

**LORD'S TABLE**

Roy Bulice, b.

Mike Widner, c.

Jack Hancock, o.

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

Jade Smith

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Roy Bulice

Jack Hancock

**LORD'S TABLE**

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

**Wed., Dec. 14, 2016**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

**DEVOTIONAL**

Jacob Moore

**December 18, 2016**

**Nursery**

Sabrina Gray

**SOUND ROOM**

Caleb Shock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Josh Moore

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Dan Blair

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

**LORD'S TABLE**

Gary Lambert, b.

Harold Moody, c.

Josh Moore, o.

Connor Marsh

Ralph Hunter

Michael Hunter

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Stanley Gordon

Jade Smith

**LORD'S TABLE**

James Moore

Mark Mauney

**Wed., Dec. 21, 2016**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Curtis Sawrie

Rodney Partee

**DEVOTIONAL**

Joey Moore

***At A Glance***

**December 9-11** – Area-Wide Youth Retreat at Areopagus

**December 11** – Report from Mike Knappier (Gospel Chariots) at p.m. service

**December 11** – Area-Wide Youth Devo at Greenbrier

**December 13** – Teen Angel Tree Shopping. 5 p.m.

**December 17** – Teen Progressive Dinner

**December 17** – Movie and Gift Exchange for 4-5 Yr. olds, 1-2 Grades. 6-8 p.m.

**December 18** – Holiday Potluck. No 5 p.m. service

**December 25** - Contribution to Building Fund

**December 25** – No 5 p.m. service

**January 8** – Ted Knight report at a.m.

worship service

**January 13-15** – Youth Outreach University

**January 21** – Hobo Stew. 5 p.m.

**January 29** - Baby Shower for Brandy and Lonnie Holland. 3:30 p.m.

**February 18** – Area-Wide Fellowship Meal and Singing at Areopagus. 12 Noon

**April 21-22** – Sewing Workshop for Healing Hands International at Camp Areopagus

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sunday, Dec. 11: Lesson #318 – John 7:2-52

Wed, Dec. 14: Lesson #319: John 7:53-8:59

Sunday, Dec. 18: Lesson #320 – John 9:1-10:21

Wed., Dec. 21: Lesson #321 – Luke 10:1-37

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**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**

# The *Marsh Hill* Messenger

**December 11, 2016**



## **Next Sunday following the morning service**

Everyone is invited to share in a potluck meal after services next Sunday morning. Please bring something for your family and little extra for our guests.

The evening service will be held immediately following the meal. There will be no 5 p.m. service next week.

In primitive times, food was delivered in bulk in the form of a whole animal or crop, so it had to be shared by more than just a single family. Since the very early days, food has been closely linked with cooperation, community, and fellowship.

Our shared meals together may seem to have little significance to you. But they still link us to one another in ways we all need.

Let's share a meal together!

## Now That I Know

Last week, we heard two important and interesting mission report. Curtis shared news about the congregation that meets in Cluj, Romania. Valdimir told us of the situation with the church in Sosnogorsk, Russia. It is so important for me to hear about how things are going on with my brethren in other parts of the world.

By knowing, I can help. Through these reports I hear of the work that is being done and I think of ways I can assist in it. Curtis shared with us that he conducts studies with individuals and preaches at services of the congregation. He told us how important it is for us to financially assist him to make these trips. Without his report I wouldn't know these things. Vladimir told us of the distribution of Bibles made possible by our financial contributions. It is encouraging to know that so much good can be done through the few dollars I give.

Through these reports I become aware of things I need to be praying about. Curtis told us the struggles the congregation in Cluj is dealing with due to the loss of several members of the congregation as a result of deaths, members moving to other places, and some becoming discouraged and leaving the faith. I can at least pray for my brethren's strength. Vladimir spoke of the persecution being experienced at the hands of the government. Laws have been passed forbidding evangelizing outside of the church building, etc. Yet, our brethren press on! In my visits with Vladimir he has shared with me the pressures to limit sharing the gospel even to the point of the congregation having to at times whisper as they sing. Government spies often infiltrate their assemblies in order to find out where and when the congregation will be giving away the bibles, etc. My brothers and sisters live daily under the threat of arrest and imprisonment. This is one of the things that impresses me most about Valdimir and Mussa. They are U.S. citizens. They don't have to go back to Russia. But, for the sake of the gospel they continue to return. In fact, they will leave next week for Sosnogorsk. I must pray for them now that I know!

This evening, Mike Knappier will report to us about the Gospel Chariot Mission efforts in Africa and his upcoming trip to work personally with them. This is one of the most successful works among our brethren and we at Mar Hill are blessed to share in it. We will hear about the progress and the needs. Once we know, we can help!

We need to hear these reports! It reminds me of what occurred in Antioch after the first mission journey of Paul and Barnabus: *“And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles”* (Acts 14:25-27).

David

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Nathan Mills**, Karen Mills' infant, is losing weight and is undergoing tests.

**Melanie McClarty** has broken her hip and will be on crutches for at least four weeks.

**Bill Ward** is having problems with his legs.

**Kevin Hawks** is recovering from surgery to repair his foot.

**Carolyn Brown** is at home under hospice care.

**Shelia Riddle** is recovering from a fall.

**Bob Johnston** is recovering from hip surgery. The hip is not healing well.

**Alex Lafferty** is in need of our prayers.

**Marilyn San Felipe**, a friend of Allyson Hancock, is having some severe health issues.

**Mary Bronson**, Dorothy Glover's daughter, is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver.

**J.B. Kirkland** of the Oak congregation is under hospice care.

**Linda Brown** has returned to the rehab center in Greenbrier.

**Extended Sick List:** Martha Walker, Monteen Ward, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Jeane Harvey, Mark Allen, Paula Stocks, Pam Webb, Judy Riley, Allie Sawrie, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Charlene Lasley, Tami Baker, Gordon Newsome, Ava Walker, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

## FAMILY NEWS

Mission Report: Mike Knappier (Gospel Chariots) will report this evening.

Purse and Ornament Exchange: All the ladies are invited to the home of Winne Joslin Tuesday at 6 p.m. Bring a \$1 ornament and a purse for exchanging.

Youth and Family: The young people, their families, and anyone else who wishes to attend, are invited to share a meal on Wednesday at 6:30 at the building. Menu: Taco Soup.

Holiday Potluck: Everyone is invite to enjoy a Fellowship Potluck Meal after the morning service next Sunday. The afternoon service will immediately follow the meal. There will be no 5 p.m. service on that day. Invite your friends and family to join you.

Youth: Today – Area-Wide Youth Devo at Greenbrier; Tuesday – Angel Tree Shopping at 5 p.m.; Saturday – Progressive Dinner; Youth Outreach University – January 13-15.

Movie and Gift Exchange: Saturday, 6-8 p.m. for 4-5 Year Olds – 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at the Mars Hill building. You can wear pj's and bring a sleeping bag. Bring a wrapped \$5 gift. Snacks provided.

Party: A Christmas Party for Grades 3-6 will be held Monday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, at the home of the Sawries.

Ladies: Sewing Workshop for Healing Hands International (HHI) on April 21-22, 2017 at Camp Areopagus. Nancy Heffington of HHI Nashville, TN will be coming to talk about the work of the organization, and to share patterns, ideas, and materials. Items sewn will be taken back to Nashville for distribution.

Gatlinburg Fire: If you would like to help send financial help to Gatlinburg see one of the elders today. A check will be mailed tomorrow.