

The *Mars Hill* Messenger

December 18, 2016

OPPORTUNITY

There are just so many in a life time. Satan is really good at what he does. He makes us think there will always be another opportunity. But this is a lie perpetrated by the father of lies!

He deceives many into believing they have an unlimited number of opportunities to become disciples of Christ. Therefore, there should be no sense of urgency in becoming a Christian.

But, Satan is not just working to keep people from becoming Christians. The very last thing he wants is for anyone to worship God. So, he deceives many in to vain worship – worship that God does not accept – which results in no worship at all.

Satan wants those who would worship in spirit and truth, if they worshiped, to use their worship opportunities in other ways, again resulting in no worship to God. So, he deceives them into thinking that choosing worship over the other things is no big deal – there will be other opportunities.

Satan's objective is to cause you and me to forget that the Father is seeking worship and worshippers (John 4:23). I love my Father and I want to always give Him what He wants. And, I don't want to miss any opportunity.

David

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**

At A Glance

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 8 – Progressive Dinner for the Elders and Deacons

January 10-16 – Costa Rica Mission Trip

January 13-15 – Youth Outreach University

January 21 – Hobo Stew. 5 p.m.

January 22 - 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. 18: Lesson #320 – John 9:1-10:21

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

Sunday, Dec. 25: Lesson #322 – Luke 10:38-11:13

Wed, Dec. 28: Lesson #323: Lk 13:10-21; Jn 10:22-42

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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

December 25, 2016

Nursery

Sabrina Gray

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

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Josh Moore

SCRIPTURE READING

Curtis Sawrie

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Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

LORD'S TABLE

Rodger Moore, b.

Dennis Martin, c.

Jacob Moore, o.

Aaron Harp

James Moore

Mark Mauney

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

No Assembly

LEAD PRAYER

No Assembly

No Assembly

LORD'S TABLE

No Assembly

No Assembly

Wed., Dec. 28, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Eddy Jones

LEAD PRAYER

Jarod Partee

Carey Wells

DEVOTIONAL

Mark Mauney

More Than a Plug Nickel

Have you ever been given the label that Keith Wishum once received?

*As a novice summer construction worker in my high school days, I had a frustrated foreman tell me, “**Boy, you aren’t worth a plug nickel!**” I’m still not sure what a plug nickel is, but I knew then that a nickel wasn’t worth much. Was he right about me? I certainly knew little about the work I was attempting, and I was skinny and weak and unaccustomed to long, hard days in the sun. But not worth a nickel?*

My guess is: you’ve been told the same. Maybe not with the same words, but somebody (probably recently) found some way to make you wonder about your worth. It doesn’t take much to create that self-doubt...

You may have been given a similar label, but now observe Keith’s lesson:

Value for an object (or person) is elusive and subjective. Something (or someone) may actually be worth far more than its face value. People are like that. And sometimes so is a nickel.

In 2007, an unnamed California collector paid \$5 million for a 5 cent coin. It was one of just five Liberty Head nickels minted illegally in 1913. Its worth is a product of its rarity and of a collector’s desire for it.

So is yours. By our culture’s standards, you may not have accomplished much. Maybe you never made great grades. Maybe you can’t run fast or throw a ball far. The letters “CEO” may never appear after your name....

Those things, however, do not decide your worth! Your value is determined by what someone is willing to pay for you, and Jesus Christ paid for you with the ultimate price - His very life.

Peter reminded some Christians of the Price that had been paid for their salvation: “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect” (1 Peter 1:18-19 NIV).

If the value of something is determined by the price that is paid for it, then Wishum’s conclusions are accurate: “*You are extremely valuable. Worth far more than a plug nickel, even more than a million-dollar nickel! No matter what anyone says, you have great worth – and tremendous potential. The Great Collector says so. And He wants to add you to His collection of precious people [the church].*”

He will redeem from sin, give eternal life, and add you to His family when you accept His offer on His terms: place your faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from your sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, continue to walk in the light of His Word and His blood will continue to cleanse you from sin (1 John 1:7).

You are valuable because God loves you. He loves you so much that He gave His Son to die for you so that you can be saved from sin and live eternally with Him in heaven.

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Tom Hedrick will undergo back surgery on Tuesday in Houston.

Sandra Hedrick is having some health issues.

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.

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.

Extended Sick List: Shelia Riddle, Martha Walker, Monteen Ward, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Jeane Harvey, Mark Allen, Paula Stocks, Pam Webb, Linda Brown, Mary Bronson, J.B. Kirkland, 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.

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy go out to the Rodney Partee family. His grandmother, Kathleen Partee, passed away this past week.

Congratulations: Audrey Grace Moore was born to Josh and Shea Moore last Saturday. Rodger and Sherri Moore are the grandparents.

Holiday Potluck: Everyone is invite to enjoy a Fellowship Potluck Meal after the morning service. The afternoon service will immediately follow the meal. There will be no 5 p.m. service.

Party: A Christmas Party for Grades 3-6 will be held tomorrow at the home of the Sawries. Bring a \$5 wrapped gift for exchange. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if your child will be attending.

Family Fellowship Meal: Everyone is invited to a meal on Wednesday at 6:30. Come a little early for a time of visiting. This week’s menu: Bob Johnston’s World Famous Chili!

Building Fund: Next week’s contribution will go toward our building payment. Please be as generous as possible.

Service Times Next Sunday: Bible School and the morning worship times will be as normal (9:30 and 10:15 a.m.). There will be no 5 p.m. service.

Y.O.U.: January 13-15 for 7-9th graders. The registration fee is \$15 and must be turned in to Dan or Sara Beth by December 30th.

Mission Report: Ted Knight will be at Mars Hill on Sunday morning, January 8th, to report on his mission efforts.

Mission Trip: Mike and Treva Widner, Bonnie Adkission, and Carol Milner will be in Costa Rica January 10-16. Please pray for a successful trip.