

December 4, 2016

Nursery

Sabrina Gray

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh Moore

SCRIPTURE READING

Jade Smith

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

LEAD PRAYER

Carlton Clayton

Jack Hancock

LORD'S TABLE

Curtis Sawrie, b.

Rodney Partee, c.

Jarod Partee, o.

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

LORD'S TABLE

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

Wed., Dec. 7, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

Mark Mauney

DEVOTIONAL

Rodger Moore

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

At A Glance

December 4 – Report from Curtis Sawrie about Romania in a.m.

December 4 – Report from Vladimir about work in Russia in the p.m.

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 15 – Teen Angel Tree Shopping

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.

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. 4: Lesson #316 – Matthew 17

Wed., Dec. 7: Lesson #317 – Matthew 18:1-35

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

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

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

The *Marsh Hill* Messenger

December 4, 2016

Influencing Our Children

Influence and education start sooner than most parents imagine. It begins long before children are responsible for the things they do.

The most powerful school in all the world is the home and the influence of godly parents. The most permanent impressions are learned from mothers and fathers.

Parents, it is very difficult to convince your child:

- 1) That the church is the most important thing in all the world if you often miss services.
- 2) That the church is the greatest institution in the world if you permit them to neglect services to go elsewhere.
- 3) That the church is to be held in higher esteem than anything if you insist that they get their school lessons, but permit them to miss Bible study.

4) That they ought to respect the church if you continually criticize its leadership and members.

I think you agree with me....Our children deserve the best example! Let's provide it!

David

Faithfulness Will Make You Happy

The story is told that Andrew Jackson's boyhood friends just couldn't understand how he became a famous general and then the President of the United States. They knew of other men who had greater talent but who never succeeded. One of Jackson's friends said, "Why, Jim Brown, who lived right down the pike from Jackson, was not only smarter but he could throw Andy three times out of four in a wrestling match. But look where Andy is now."

Another friend responded, "How did there happen to be a fourth time? Didn't they usually say three times and out?"

"Sure, they were supposed to, but not Andy. He would never admit he was beat — he would never stay 'throwed.' Jim Brown would get tired, and on the fourth try Andrew Jackson would throw him and be the winner."

Picking up on that idea, someone has said, "The thing that counts is not how many times you are 'throwed,' but whether you are willing to stay 'throwed'."

James wrote, "Behold, we count them happy which endure" (5:11). When a person is faithful to God there is contentment with life. The word "happy" in this passage does not mean what we think of "happy" meaning. Happiness to us is based on outward circumstances. A person can be happy one minute but sad the next. Guy N. Woods stated of this word, ". . . the blessedness which the word indicates is inward, and results from the peace which reigns in the hearts of those who faithfully serve the Lord." (A Commentary on The Epistle of James, pg 283).

The happiest people I have ever met have been those who are the most faithful. Their lives have problems like everyone else has problems. There are pain, suffering and loss. However, they like Job in James 5:11 persevere by faith.

Each of us knows Christians who are miserable. Those who are miserable are also those who have the least faith. They complain and groan all the time. They make those around them miserable because of their lack of faith.

Are you a happy person? Or, in the words of one of Andrew Jackson's friends, do you "stay throwed?" The Christ came so that we can live an abundant life (John 10:10). Our life will be as abundant as our faith is.

May we all be like Andrew Jackson in that we refuse to "stay throwed." Better yet, let us all be like Job and receive the mercy and pity of the Lord because of our faithfulness.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Carolyn Brown is at home under hospice care.

Shelia Riddle is recovering from a fall.

Martha Walker is recovering from a broken hip.

Bob Johnston is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Alex Lafferty is in need of our prayers.

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: 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

Sympathy: Ken Cope, Jack Hancock's grandfather, passed away last week. We extend our love and sympathy to the family.

Mission Reports: Curtis Sawrie will report on a recent mission trip to Romania during the morning service today. Brother Valdimir will report at the evening service today about the work going on in Russia. Mike Knappier (Gospel Chariots) will report next Sunday evening.

Holiday Potluck: Everyone is invite to enjoy a Fellowship Potluck Meal after the morning service on Sunday, December 18th. 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.

Baby Gifts: A box is in the foyer to deposit gifts for Josh and Shea Moore's baby girl.

Building Fund: \$6,742 was collect last Sunday to go toward our building payment.

Youth: December 9-11 – Winter Session at Areopagus; December 11 – Area-Wide Youth Devo at Greenbrier; December 15 – Angel Tree Shopping; December 16 – Progressive Dinner; Youth Outreach University – January 13-15.

Ladies: Mark your calendars for a Sewing Workshop for Healing Hands International (HHI) on April 21-22, 2017 at Camp Areopagus. Nancy Heffington of HHI Nashville, TN will be come to talk about the work of the organization, and to share patterns, ideas, and materials. Items sown will be taken back to Nashville for distribution. Even if sewing is not your thing, there are plenty of things you can learn about and help with. Make plans to attend.

Gatlinburg Fire: The Gatlinburg, TN congregation's building was destroyed by the fires this past week. Also, four of the families of this congregation lost everything to fire. Let's help our brethren! Financial donations can be given to one of the elders and this will be sent. Or, if you prefer you may send your financial help directly: Gatlinburg Church of Christ, P.O. Box 361, Galinburg, TN 37738. We will received donations today – next Sunday then send a check. Please help if you can.