

The Mars Hill Messenger

March 5, 2017

Like Little Children!

A young boy entered a coffee shop and sat down at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

“How much is an ice cream sundae?”

“One dollar and twenty-five cents,” replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and slowly counted the coins he had.

“How much is a dish of plain ice cream? he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was getting impatient.

“Seventy-five cents,” she answered with a tone of rudeness.

The little boy again counted his coins. “I’ll have the plain ice cream,” he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table, and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table, and then swallowed hard at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish was her tip – four dimes and two nickels.

“Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.’ And he took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them” (Mark 10:13-16).

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

March 5-8 – Gospel Meeting. Downtown Morrilton. Speaker: Phil Sanders
March 6-10 – Gospel Meeting. Main St. C of C, Stuttgart. Various Speakers.
March 12 – Daylight Savings Time begins
March 13 – Preacher’s Meeting at the Greenbrier building. 10 a.m.
March 14 – After-School Program at Areopagus for 3-6 Grade boys.
March 19 – Baby Shower for Jennifer Worlow. 3:30 p.m.
March 19 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30
March 20 – Fellowship Supper. Downtown C of C, Morrilton. 5:30 a.m. Cost: \$6
March 26 – Contribution to the Building Fund
March 31 – Area-Wide Singing. Somers Ave C of C. 7 p.m.
April 1 – Ladies’ Day. Robinson and Center C of C. 9 – 11:30. Speaker Lauren Bookout
April 8 – Ladies’ Day at the Greenbrier C of C. 9:30-1 p.m. Speaker: Anna Reid McAnally
April 21-22 – Sewing Workshop for Healing Hands International at Camp Areopagus
April 16 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30
April 23-26 – Gospel Meeting. Higden C of C. Speaker: Bob Turner
April 30 – Contribution to the Building fund
April 30 – Potluck Meal for the morning service. Evening Service immediately following the meal. No 5 p.m. service.

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., March 5: Lesson #341 – 1 Corinthians 11-12
 Wed., March 8: Lesson #342 – 1 Corinthians 13-14
 Sun., March 12: Lesson #343 – 1 Corinthians 15-16
 Wed., March 15: Lesson #344 – Acts 19:21-20:2a

March 12, 2017

Nursery

Ruth Duncan

SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Blair

SCRIPTURE READING

Josh Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Carlton Clayton

Jack Hancock

LORD’S TABLE

Clay Winn, b.

Roy Bulice, c.

Mike Widner, o.

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

LORD’S TABLE

Rodger Moore

Dennis Martin

Wed., March 15, 2017

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

DEVOTIONAL

Josh Moore

March 5, 2017

Nursery

Ruth Duncan

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Blair

SCRIPTURE READING

Caleb Shock

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

LORD’S TABLE

James Moore, b.

Mark Mauney, c.

Steve Shock, o.

Dan Blair

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

LORD’S TABLE

Ralph Hunter

Thomas Martin

Wed., March 8, 2017

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

DEVOTIONAL

Gary Lambert

What Can I Do For You?

During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln frequently visited the hospitals and addressed cheering words to the wounded warriors. On one occasion he found a young soldier whose legs had been amputated, and who was evidently sinking rapidly.

"Is there anything I can do for you?" asked Lincoln.

"You might write a letter to my mother," was the faint reply.

The President wrote at the youth's dictation: "My dearest mother: I have been shot bad, but am bearing up. I tried to do my duty. They tell me I cannot recover. God bless you and Father; kiss Mary and John for me."

At the end were these words as postscript: "Written by Abraham Lincoln."

When the boy perused the epistle and saw these added words, he looked with astonishment at the visitor and asked, "Are you our President?"

"Yes," was the quiet answer, "and now that you know that, is there anything else I can do for you?"

Feebly the lad said, "I guess you might hold my hand, and see me through."

So, sitting down at the bedside, the tall, gaunt man with a kind heart held the soldier's hand through the livelong night till it grew cold and lifeless.

Is it not a precious truth that Christ, the greatest of all kings, in our affliction is afflicted, and that He can be "touched with the feeling of our infirmities"?

"For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted." – Hebrews 2:17-18

In the words of a familiar song by Johnson Oatman, Jr.:

No friend like Him is so high and holy,

No, not one! no, not one!

And yet no friend is so meek and lowly,

No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles;

He will guide 'til the day is done:

There's not a Friend like the lowly Jesus:

No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles, and He cares. He cares so much that He gave His life so that we might be released from our greatest malady: sin. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sins those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

What can He do for you? He can identify with you and He can save your soul. And He will, if you will only trust and obey Him.

Won't YOU?

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Matti Loyd will undergo a MRI on Tuesday.

Nathan Mills, Karen Mills' son, will see a cardiologist on Thursday.

Heather Partee is having problems with her heart.

Sabrina Gray has completed cancer treatments and test show no more cancer.

Carolyn Brown is at home under hospice care.

Marilyn Ellison, Doug Ellison's mother, is doing a little better at this time.

Extended Sick List: Alex Lafferty, Bob Johnston, Monteen Ward, Bill Ward, Shelia Riddle, Martha Walker, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom Jeane Harvey, Mark Allen, Paula Stocks, Pam Webb, Gladys Widner, Guillermina Chavez, Linda Brown, Judy Riley, Allie Sawrie, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Hannah Smalley, Charlene Lasley, Tami Baker, Gordon Newsome, Ava Walker, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS.

Birth: Brier Autrey Holland was born on Wednesday to Brandy and Lonnie Holland. Tom and Sandra Hedrick are the grandparents. Stanley and Sammie Gordon are the great-grandparents.

Mission Report: Mike Widner will deliver a report about the recent mission trip to Costa Rica. Everyone is encouraged to be in attendance for this important report.

Gospel Meetings: The Downtown Morrilton congregation begins a meeting today with Phil Sanders speaking. David will be going tomorrow evening. If you would like to travel with him let him know this morning. The Main Street congregation in Stuttgart also begins a meeting today. David will be attending it on Thursday. If you would like to travel with him let him know.

Daylight Savings Time: Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday morning. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

Secret Sister: If you would like to be a part of the Secret Sister Program please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Building Fund: \$4017 was collected toward the building payment last Sunday. Thank you for your generosity. A payment of \$3400 was made on Wednesday bringing the balance owed to \$336,300. \$8,000 has been paid against the debt so far in 2017.

Baby Shower: All the ladies are invited to attend a Baby Shower for Jennifer Worlow on Sunday, March 19th, at 3:30 p.m.

Alert: Church parking lots in the area are being targeted by thieves during service times. Please be sure and lock your vehicle and place all valuable out of sight. We will monitor our parking areas but your cooperation is important.

Pantry Items: Dried beans, rice, Macaron and Cheese, and canned goods.

No single snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible for the havoc