

The Mars Hill Messenger

April 16, 2017

Great Invitations

Sunday, April 30th

Speaker: Jason Almond

9:30 a.m.: The Invitation to Consider

10:15 a.m.: The Invitation to Cleansing

Potluck Meal

12:45 p.m.: The Invitation to Contentment

On Sunday, April 30th, all Mars Hill members are urged to be in attendance and invite their family and friends to join them.

Jason Almond of the Oppelo Church of Christ will be at Mars Hill to present an important series of lessons that all need to hear.

You will be challenged and encouraged by the things you will hear from God's word.

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

April 21-22 – Sewing Workshop for Healing Hands International at Camp Areopagus
April 22 – Conway County Ladies' Day.
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.
May 21 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.
May 28 – Contribution to the Building Fund
May 28 – Memorial Day Cookout after the evening service
July 9-14 – Area-Wide Gospel Gathering. Robinson and Center C of C. 7 – 8:15 p.m.
July 15-18 – Mars Hill VBS 2017

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., April 16: Lesson #353 – Galatians 5-6
Wed., April 19: Lesson #354 – Acts 20:2-3; Rm 1-2
Sun, April 23: Lesson #355 – Romans 3-4
Wed., April 26: Lesson #356 – Romans 5-6

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Nursery

Saundra Harlan

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Josh Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Joey Moore

James Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Clay Winn, b.

Roy Bulice, c.

Mike Widner, o.

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Eddy Jones

LEAD PRAYER

Stanley Gordon

Jade Smith

LORD'S TABLE

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

Wed., April 19, 2017

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Mike Widner

Josh Moore

DEVOTIONAL

Dan Blair

April 23, 2017

Nursery

Saundra Harlan

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Bob Johnston

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

LEAD PRAYER

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

LORD'S TABLE

Jade Smith, b.

Thurman Brown, c.

Gary Lambert, o.

Harold Moody

Caleb Shock

Josh Moore

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Thurman Brown

Gary Lambert

LORD'S TABLE

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

Wed., April 26, 2017

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

DEVOTIONAL

Curtis Sawrie

God's Anti-Aging Pill

Dr. Nir Barzilai, Director of the Institute for Aging Research at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, is a very popular man these days. In fact, his phone has been ringing off the hook since word leaked out that Barzilai will soon begin a clinical trial of a pill called metformin which is thought to have anti-aging properties.

Metformin, a widely used generic pill for Type 2 diabetes, attracted the attention of aging researchers when they noticed that older diabetics on the medication tended to live longer than their healthier peers. Why? Barzilai believes the drug targets pathways in the body, at the molecular level, that when defective can trigger chronic diseases or death.

To test the pill, gerontologists will follow 3,000 seniors for six years, with half of the participants receiving metformin and the other half receiving a placebo. This explains why Dr. Barzilai has been swamped with phone calls: seniors from all over the world are beseeching him to include them in the study, even though recruitment for the clinical trial isn't scheduled to begin until sometime next year.

Just between us, the fact that so many people are clamoring to be included in this project doesn't surprise me at all. Humans have always sought an elixir that would extend their lifespan. That desire reflects a deep spiritual truth: we instinctively sense we were created for something better than the brevity and brokenness of this fallen world. As Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells us, God has "set eternity in the hearts of men." We crave longevity because we feel, deep in our inmost being, a "longing for a better country – a heavenly one" (Hebrews 11:16).

Things went south for humanity when our ancient ancestors listened to a deceitful serpent instead of their Creator and got themselves evicted from Eden. Before they sinned, Adam and Eve had access to the Tree of Life, and its fruit was God's original anti-aging pill. Once sin entered the world, however, the Tree of Life disappeared. Ever since, people have been born with a molecular mortality: every cell of our body is stamped with a biological expiration date.

I hope Dr. Barzilai's clinical trial goes well, and the medicine proves effective beyond their wildest dreams. Even so, metformin will only delay physical decline, not eliminate it. Here's the good news! "Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:10). The Tree of Life disappears after Genesis 3, but it reappears in the last chapter of the Bible, in Revelation 22. In that magnificent preview of our heavenly home, we are told the ancient curse of sin and death is gone, the Tree of Life is restored, and the servants of the Lamb "will reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). In the words of an old hymn by J. M. Henson:

"I'd like to stay here longer than man's allotted days
And watch the fleeting changes of life's uneven ways,
But if my Savior calls me to that sweet home on high,
I'll live with him forever in glory by and by."

-Dan Williams

PRAYERS NEEDED

Roy and Robbie Hoyle have been very sick for past few weeks.

Stanley Gordon is having a lot of problems with his back.

Heather Partee continues to have some serious health issues.

Shelia Riddle has been having issues with her heart.

Rusty McClarty is recovering from hernia surgery.

Carolyn Brown is at home under hospice care.

Pansy Smith, Tony Anthony's mother, is recovering from heart bypass surgery.

Extended Sick List: Roy Bulice, Sabrina Gray, 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.

Congratulations: Sunny Claire Bayless was born on Tuesday to David and Dana Bayless. Anita Bayless and Tamara Kimbrel are grandparents. Ova Lea Leighton is the great-grandmother.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Today. 3:30 p.m.

Ladies' Sewing Retreat: A Sewing Retreat will be held at Camp Areopagus on Friday evening and Saturday. Items will be made that will be distributed through Healing Hands International to needy individuals in disaster locations. Whether you sew or not there is something for you to do. Please see Treva Widner for all the details.

Great Invitations: Jason Almond will be at Mars Hill on Sunday, April 30th. He will deliver three lessons. We will enjoy a potluck meal at noon. Everyone is urged to invite all your family and friends to join us.

Baby Gifts: Dana and David Bayless are expecting a baby girl. Gifts for the child may be placed in the box in the foyer.

Night Out: May 16th at Murry's Dinner Playhouse. Cost: \$35. Depart from the building at 5:30. Dinner at 6 p.m. Curtain time: 7:20. Show: Southern Fried Funeral. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer. Last day to sign up is April 23rd.

Day Camp Meeting: 6:30 Wednesday. If you are interested in helping teach, decorate, or serve in any other way during the Day Camp please see David today so assignments can be provided.

Summer Camp Sessions at Areopagus: Day Camp: June 5-8; High School Session: June 11-17; Middle School Session: June 18-24; Jr. High Session: June 25- August 1. Applications are available on the table in the foyer or you can register online at www.campareopagus.org.

Help Areopagus: You can help Areopagus by bring toilet paper, paper towels, and napkins.