

# *Mars* The *Hill* Messenger

July 16, 2017

## Remember the Giver

James, the brother of Jesus, teaches us that we need to remember the source of all good and every blessing we enjoy (James 1:17). We are totally dependent on His gracious hand for every physical and spiritual gift and we need to remember and thank Him who is the source of every good thing we enjoy, even the air we breathe and life itself. “In Him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

In our modern, technological age, when we marvel at the great “advances” mankind has made, I am reminded of this Resolution of the United States Senate (1863), which was signed by Abraham Lincoln as a Proclamation for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting: “We have forgotten the gracious Hand which has preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.” We need such humility and appreciation for God’s providential help today.

Even if men forget God, He is good enough to send the sun and the rain (Matthew 5:45). He does not want any to perish (2 Peter 3:9). Perhaps there is hope and time enough for men to turn to the gracious God, who longs to give the best gift of salvation from sin to those who obey the gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 22:16).

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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### Youth Minister

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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](http://Youthoutreachuniversity.com)
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

## At A Glance

July 15-18 – Mars Hill VBS 2017  
July 16-20 – VBS at Opello C of C  
July 16-20 – VBS at Perryville C of C  
July 23 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.  
July 30 – Potluck and Early Evening Service  
July 30 – Contribution to Building Fund  
August 4 – JOY Group Trip. 6:30 p.m.  
August 19 – Sew-In at Areopagus. 9a.m. – 4 p.m.  
August 20 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.  
August 27 – Contribution to Building Fund

### Bible Class Lessons

Sun, July 16: Lesson #377 – Philippians 1-2  
Wed., July 19: Lesson #378 – Philippians 3-4  
Wed., June 23: Lesson #379 – 1 Timothy 1-2  
Sun., June 26: Lesson #380 – 1 Timothy 3-4

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### Nursery

B. Riley/M. Hendrix

### SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Lambert

### SCRIPTURE READING

Josh Moore

### A.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

### LEAD PRAYER

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

### LORD’S TABLE

Rodger Harlan, b.

Clay Winn, c.

Mike Widner, o.

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

### P.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

### LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

### LORD’S TABLE

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

### July 19, 2017

### LEAD SINGING

Colton Hunter

### LEAD PRAYER

Michael Hunter

Thomas Martin

### DEVOTIONAL

Caleb Shock

July 23, 2017

### Nursery

B. Riley/M. Hendrix

### SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Lambert

### SCRIPTURE READING

Jacob Moorer

### A.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Joey Moore

### LEAD PRAYER

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

### LORD’S TABLE

Jade Smith, b.

Thurman Brown, c.

Gary Lambert, o.

Harold Moody

Caleb Shock

Josh Moore

### P.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

### LEAD PRAYER

Mike Widner

Caleb Shock

### LORD’S TABLE

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

### July 26, 2017

### LEAD SINGING

Eddy Jones

### LEAD PRAYER

Rodger Moore

Dennis Martin

### DEVOTIONAL

Josh Moore

### By His Side

It was the summer Olympics of 1992. It was the quarter finals of the 400 meter sprint. British athlete Derek Redmond was one of the favorites for the gold medal. A lifetime of training had brought him to this moment. The starter's gun fired and the athletes burst out of the blocks.

Halfway through the race Derek Redmond was leading. Then disaster struck. His hamstring muscle tore and he collapsed on the track. The agony on his tear-streaked face was both physical and mental. It was a crushing blow.

Medical attendants ran to assist him. Derek waved them away. He came to race and he was going to finish. He got to his feet and started hobbling down the track.

The crowd was mesmerized. Officials didn't know what to do. And then an older man ran onto the track. He brushed off officials who tried to stop him. He ran up beside Derek and placed his arms around him.

The man was Derek Redmond's father, Jim.

"You don't have to do this son," Jim said.

"Yes I do!" Derek replied. "Then we'll finish this race together," came the response from Derek's father. Arm in arm, with agony on Derek's face, tears on his father's, Derek and Jim continued down the track. Derek buried his face in his father's shoulder. His father's strong shoulders carried his son physically and emotionally. Jim waved away officials who tried to stop them. Finally, accompanied by a now roaring crowd, standing on their feet and applauding, Derek Redmond crossed the line. It became the defining moment of the Barcelona Olympics.

Derek Redmond didn't win an Olympic medal but he finished the race with his Dad by his side.

Derek Redmond's injury in that 400-meter race pictures our condition due to our sin: because of our wrong choices, we've failed and fallen on the track, unable to finish – unless we have help.

God saw our condition and came to our rescue. By the merits of Jesus' atoning death on the cross for our sins (1 John 2:2; 4:10), God "picks us up off the track" by forgiving us of our sins and will carry us across the finish line to victory, if we'll continue to cling to Him through our trusting obedience.

We can share in Christ's victory over sin and death if we will accept God's offer of salvation and eternal life on His terms. 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). Then, as we seek to follow Him faithfully, the blood that Jesus shed for our redemption will continue to cleanse us from that disqualifying sin (1 John 1:7).

And one day, we'll cross the "finish line" ONLY because of what Jesus has done for us, and we will receive the crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

**Won't YOU cling to the Savior through your trusting obedience? He will carry you to the finish line, victoriously.**

-- David A. Sargent

### PRAYERS NEEDED

**Buddy Herrod** is undergoing chemo therapy and in need of prayers.

**Heather Partee** received a good report from test conducted in Texas but will undergo more tests.

**Pam Webb** is recovering from a dog bite.

**Alex Lafferty** is in St. Vincent Hospital room 4018 recovering from back surgery.

**Carroll Sites**, of the Higden congregation, and his family are in need of our prayers.

**Hannah Cupp**, Shea Moore's sister, is struggling with some health issues.

**Jerry Cartwright**, Angie Hawks' father, is recovering from injuries suffered in a car accident.

**Extended Sick List:** Paula Stocks, Eddy Jones, Shelia Riddle, Roy Bulice, Sabrina Gray, Alex Lafferty, Bob Johnston, Monteen Ward, Bill Ward, Shelia Riddle, Martha Walker, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Jeane Harvey, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Ethan Lafferty, John Kimbrell, Sunny Moody, Martha Green, Karen Barger, Linda Brown, Beth Moreno, Gladys Widner, Guillermina Chavez, Allie Sawrie, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Charlene Lasley, Gordon Newsome, Ava Walker, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

### FAMILY NEWS.

VBS 2017: VBS continues through Tuesday at 7:00 each evening. The theme is "All The Children Of The World."

Thank You: The Gospel Gathering was considered a success by everyone involved. Thank you to all the Mars Hill members who served in different way and who so faithfully attended the services.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Next Sunday. 3:30 p.m.

Potluck and Early Service: On Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, everyone is invited to share in a congregation potluck meal after the morning service. The afternoon service will be held immediately following the meal. There will be no 5 p.m. service.

Joy Group (55+): August 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. "The Secret Garden" at the Center on the Square in Searcy. Cost: \$35. A count must be turned in by July 16th so please sign the sheet in the foyer. Payment must be made individually by July 29<sup>th</sup> and can be done by calling 501-368-0111. For more information see Debbie Moody.

Sew-In: The Mars Hill ladies will be hosting a sew-in for Healing Hands International at Camp Areopagus on Saturday, August 19. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with cinnamon rolls and coffee. Lunch with iced tea will be provided. We will sew until 4 p.m. Come on out and sew/cut/iron with us.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

Change of self is needed more often than a change of scene.

Conscience is that still small voice inside that makes you feel smaller.