

# The Mars Hill Messenger

August 20, 2017

## Here's A Possibility

While out visiting this past week, I came to a very narrow bridge. In front of the bridge a sign was posted: “Yield.” I observed that no cars were coming to meet me, so I continued across the bridge and to my destination.

On my way back, I came to the same one-lane bridge. To my surprise, I saw a sign posted on this side of the bridge too: “Yield.” Yield signs had been placed on both ends of the bridge! I didn’t consider it unreasonable to yield in both directions. Actually, I think it was a very gracious way of preventing a head-on collision.

When the Bible commands Christians to “*be subject one to another*” (Ephesians 5:21), God isn’t being unreasonable. It is a simple command to let the other have the right-of-way and avoid collisions and conflict.

“*Submitting to one another in the fear of God*” (Ephesians 5:21). “*Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble*” (1 Peter 5:5).

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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Rodger Moore	288-0135
Curtis Sawrie	849-2365
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### Evangelist

David Riley	796-2052
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### Youth Minister

Dan Blair	514-3450
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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

**August 20** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

**August 20** – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Mars Hill. 4 p.m.

**August 27** – Mars Hill Breakfast. 8:30 a.m.

**August 27** – Contribution to Building Fund

**August 27** – Birthday Celebration after p.m. service

**September 9** – Ladies’ Day. Mt. Home C of C

**September 10** – Iron Sharpens Iron. Clint Slicer to present lesson

**September 10** – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Perryville. 5 p.m.

**September 17** – Iron Sharpens Iron. Eli Loyd to present lesson

**September 24** – Contribution to Building Fund

**September 24** – Iron Sharpens Iron. Jacob Pearce to present lesson

**September 24** – Birthday Celebration after p.m. service

**October 7** – Katie Bonds and Eric Coppin wedding.

**October 8** – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Windsong. 5 p.m.

**October 14** – Fish Fry. 5 p.m.

**October 22** – Birthday Celebration after p.m. service

**October 29** – Contribution to Building Fund

**October 29** – Potluck Meal after A.M. service

### Bible Class Lessons

Sun., Aug. 20: Lesson #386 – 2 Kgs 3

Wed., Aug. 23: Lesson #387 – 2 Kgs 4

Sun, Aug. 27: Lesson #388 – 2 Kgs 5

Wed., Aug. 30: Lesson #389 – 2 Kgs 6:1-23

**August 20, 2017**

### Nursery

Lisa Hunter

### SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caleb Shock

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mike Widner

### A.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

### LEAD PRAYER

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

### LORD’S TABLE

Jarod Partee, b.

Carey Wells, c.

Rodger Harlan, o.

Clay Winn

Mike Widner

Jack Hancock

### P.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Youth Devo

### LEAD PRAYER

Youth Devo

Youth Devo

### LORD’S TABLE

Youth Devo

Youth Devo

**August 23, 2017**

### LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

### LEAD PRAYER

Curtis Sawrie

Rodney Partee

### DEVOTIONAL

Michael Hunter

**August 27, 2017**

### Nursery

Lisa Hunter

### SOUND ROOM

Curtis Sawrie

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caleb Shock

### SCRIPTURE READING

Jack Hancock

### A.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

### LEAD PRAYER

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

### LORD’S TABLE

Gary Lambert, b.

Harold Moody, c.

Caleb Shock, o.

Josh Moore

Bob Johnston

Connor Marsh

### P.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

### LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

### LORD’S TABLE

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

**August 30, 2017**

### LEAD SINGING

Eddy Jones

### LEAD PRAYER

Jarod Partee

Carey Wells

### DEVOTIONAL

Thomas Martin

## Lead Like Jesus

Today, Christian men face many challenges in leadership. All the hosts of wickedness seem to be working to destroy the church and to wipe out every trace of righteousness in the home and in society. Who can prevent this from happening? You can, as a Christian man, if you stand tall and true and accept your leadership responsibilities!

*Act like a Christian.* The Christian man possesses qualities which are admired in societies all over the world. You should always aim to be like Jesus and work at bearing the "fruit of the spirit" (Galatians 5:22, 23). Integrity and compassion are relevant in any place and at any time. Some may see your "meekness" as "weakness" when you refuse to get angry or to respond to situations in more aggressive ways. But you must strive to be, above all, more spiritual.

*Center your home on Christ.* Keeping your family safe physically and spiritually is a goal that is worth virtually any sacrifice. Having a Christian family may keep you from becoming as much of a worldly success as you might otherwise have been. Getting serious about centering your home on Christ is likely to open you up to all kinds of ridicule. Still, it must be done!

*Stand for righteousness in the nation.* People are often content, as far as public life and policy are concerned, to be only approximately honest, moderately truthful, and somewhat moral. For the Christian man, being a little honest or partly moral is not enough. You must strive to be absolutely honest and altogether blameless. When you have a choice in the matter, you should not accept half-measures in ethics, morality, or honesty from others. When you live by your convictions and stand for righteousness in public life, you may be accused of being a radical or a religious fanatic; yet, if you are to be a Christian man, it must be done!

*Stand for truth in the church.* In the church, you must recognize some truths for which you, as a committed disciple of Christ, must stand. You must oppose false teaching and false teachers. If church members are guilty of flagrant sin, you must not condone their actions. On the other hand, you should not be quarrelsome or argumentative. You must stand for truth with love, gentleness, and reverence. People may question your motives, attack your understanding of the Scriptures, search your life for inconsistencies, accuse you of being unloving, or charge you with hypocrisy. However, you must be willing to take ridicule and stand solidly on God's Word.

*Encourage the church to come alive.* Many congregations are content to let the church simply survive. You should be a man who will lead the church. God wants men who will, on their own initiative, lead boldly in saving the lost and keeping the saved saved. You must be serious about being the church of our Lord!

*Patrick Henry helped spark the American Revolution by crying out, "Give me liberty or give me death!" The Christian man must have a similar attitude: "I will lead and protect those in my care, or I will die trying!"*

Coy Roper, "The Christian Leader", Truth for Today Magazine

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Eddy Jones** has been hospitalized but is able to be at home now. He is suffering with pneumonia.

**Debbie Moody** has been very sick this week.

**Sabrina Gray** is undergoing chemo therapy.

**Buddy Herrod** is undergoing chemo therapy.

**Alex Lafferty** is at home recovering from back surgery.

**Pam Dale**, Lou Riley's daughter, has been hospitalized this week with pneumonia.

**Ronnie House**, Mary House's husband, will have more test conducted on his heart.

**Kynadi Peppers**, Rodger and Saundra Harlan's granddaughter, has Lyme Disease.

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

**Extended Sick List:** Heather Partee, Pam Webb, Paula Stocks, Shelia Riddle, Roy Bulice, Monteen Ward, Bill Ward, Martha Walker, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Jeane Harvey, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Ethan Lafferty, Karen Barger, John Kimbrell, Sunny Moody, Martha Green, Linda Brown, Beth Moreno, Gladys Widner, 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.

Baptism: Gus Smith was baptized into Christ on Wednesday. We congratulate him on his decision and welcome him to the family of God.

Area-Wide Youth Devo: Mars Hill will host the Area-Wide Youth Devo next Sunday at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited.

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

Mars Hill Breakfast: Next Sunday morning all Mars Hill members are invited to share in a breakfast meal. The menu: Biscuit, eggs, bacon, orange juice, apple juice, and coffee. The serving line will open at 8:30 a.m. Come enjoy a great meal, and be on time for Bible School.

Birthday Celebration: Everyone is invited to share in a celebration of the birthdays of all our members who were born in the month of August. Enjoy cake and ice cream after services next Sunday evening.

Someone once wrote that when Midwesterners saw a prairie fire coming, what could they do? They couldn't outrun it – not even with the fastest horse. What they did was light a match and burned a large area around them. Then they entered the burnt area and were safe from the oncoming flames, for where they stood, the fires had already passed.

2,000 years ago, Christ stood in our place suffering for the sins of the world. On the cross, he suffered torture from His tormentors, hanging where the fires of punishment overwhelmed Him. If we will, therefore go to the cross of Jesus, we can be where the fires of punishment have passed over and escape the oncoming eternal punishment of sin.