

The Mars Hill Messenger

August 6, 2017

The Danger of Shallow Roots

“Yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles” (Matthew 13:21).

I was talking with a farmer about his soybean and corn crops. We had enjoyed abundant rainfall and his crops looked beautiful.

However, his comment surprised me. He said, “My crops are especially vulnerable. Even a short drought could have a devastating effect.” “Why?” I asked. He explained, “Though we see the frequent rain as a benefit, during that time the plants are not required to push roots deeper in search of water. The roots remain near the surface. A drought would find the plants unprepared and quickly kill them.”

Likewise, some Christians receive abundant blessings, fellowship, and teaching. However, when hardship, tribulation, or persecution comes, they suddenly quit the Lord. Their roots have never pushed below the surface.

Only roots that are deeply grounded in the Lord will endure in times of drought in our lives.

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
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

At A Glance

August 6 – Back-To-School Bash for those entering Kindergarten – entering 4th grade. After A.M. service
August 13 - Back-To-School Kick-Off for Mars Hill families. 3:30 p.
August 19 – Sew-In at Areopagus. 9a.m. – 4 p.m.
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
September 10 – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Perryville. 5 p.m.
September 24 – Contribution to Building Fund
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 29 – Contribution to Building Fund
October 29 – Potluck Meal after A.M. service
November 12 – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Guy. 6 p.m.
November 26 – Contribution to Building Fund
December 10 – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Greenbrier. 4 p.m.

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., Aug. 6: Lesson #382 – Titus 1-3
 Wed., Aug. 9: Lesson #383 – 2 Timothy 1-2
 Sun, Aug. 13: Lesson #384 – 2 Timothy 3-4
 Wed., Aug. 16: Lesson #385 – Review

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Nursery

Lisa Hunter

SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caleb Shock

SCRIPTURE READING

Aaron Harp

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

LORD'S TABLE

Bob Johnston, b.

Thomas Martin, c.

Rodger Moore, o.

Dennis Martin

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Eddy Jones

Connor Marsh

LORD'S TABLE

Mike Widner

Jack Hancock

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LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

Mark Mauney

DEVOTIONAL

Ralph Hunter

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Nursery

Lisa Hunter

SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caleb Shock

SCRIPTURE READING

James Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Roy Bulice

Carlton Clayton

LORD'S TABLE

Aaron Harp, b.

Mark Muaney, c.

Steve Shock, o.

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

Rodney Partee

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Colton Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Rodger Harlan

LORD'S TABLE

Stanley Gordon

Jade Smith

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LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

DEVOTIONAL

Colton Hunter

I Wish I Could Make Time Stop

It's that time again! Sending your child off to school! Some of you are going through this for the first time. I was thirty years old. I could handle anything. Nothing phased me ... Until I saw my little girl all dressed up in her new dress with a new backpack, with this huge smile, ready to go to school. If someone had told me that I would have teared-up, I would have laughed. But I wasn't laughing!

And then 12 years later, I stood in the driveway and watched as she back the car out. There she was (Her little sister in the passenger seat) about to drive off to her first day of her Senior year of High School. She rolled down the window of the car and said, "Don't worry, Dad. We will be alright. See you after school." Easier said than done!

Now, Beverly and I have a grandchild going into the 7th Grade, another into the 4th Grade, and the youngest growing up so fast that she thinks she is grown! Their parents are experiencing exactly the same thoughts we did. "Where did the time go? Oh, how I wish I could stop the clock!"

So, as someone who now has all these experiences under my belt, let me give those of you who are on the front-end of this journey a bit of advice. The most important thing for Beverly and I now is, did we teach them to love the Lord? If you did, then all that other stuff that you are worried about... it's taken care of. Things like, Will they go to church faithfully? What kind of clothes will they wear? What will they do when they are on a date? What will they be doing for entertainment? What will they do when their friends want to do something they know is wrong? What kind of person will they choose to marry?

That little girl or boy with that smile standing there with their new backpack ready to go to school for the first time is either going to make you the proudest person in the world, or they are going to break your heart like no one else could!

What are you doing to ensure that they love the Lord more than anything or anyone else in the world? Remember... You can't stop time. And you can't back it up!

David

"Two things should not be done prematurely: Embalming and divorce" (Ralph Walker).

Attendance is not an accurate gauge of Christian faithfulness. How is your prayer life; how is your spiritual mindedness; are you eagerly and unselfishly doing good works? The decline in these things often indicates a falling away long before one quits attending.

What good works do you bring to the local congregation? You cannot take credit for other's work. The congregation cannot take credit for your work. Nor can individuals do their works through other members of the church. Here in lies the spirit of institutionalism.

To be crucified means: "First, the man on the cross is facing one direction, he isn't going back, and he has no further plans of his own" (A.W. Tozer).

PRAYERS NEEDED

Eddy Jones is having problems with his heart.

Lou Riley is continuing to struggle with kidney problems and is undergoing more treatments.

Sabrina Gray will be beginning another round of chemo therapy.

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

Heather Partee is waiting on test results.

Alex Lafferty is at home recovering from back surgery.

Ronnie House, Mary House's husband, is experiencing heart problems and will see a specialist tomorrow.

Karen Barger, Amy Smith's mother, is having some serious health issues.

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: 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, 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.

Sympathy: Bill Lafferty, Alex Lafferty's brother passed away Monday. Our love and sympathy are extended to the family.

Building Fund: \$5513 was contributed to the Building Fund last Sunday.

Back-To-School Bash: For those entering Kindergarten through entering 4th Grade, there will be a Back-To-School Bash after the morning service today. Lunch will be served, tie-died tshirts will be made and a movie will be enjoyed. If there are questions, see Debbie Moody or Kim Wells.

Back 2 School Kickoff: Everyone is invited. We would like to have a special time with all Mars Hill families next Sunday. Hotdogs, chips, cheese-dip, soft drinks, etc. will be served at 3:30 p.m. Prayers and encouragement from God's word will be enjoyed at 6 p.m. Rodney Partee will deliver a special message. Everyone is invited. Please come be a part of encouraging our students, teachers, and administrators as they begin another school term.

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 sew/cut/iron with us.

Area-Wide Youth Devo: Mars Hill will host the Area-Wide Youth Devo on Sunday, August 20th, at 4 p.m.

Mars Hill Breakfast: On Sunday morning, August 27th, 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.