

September 10, 2017

Nursery

Debbie Moody

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh Moore

SCRIPTURE READING

Gary Lambert

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Mike Widner

Caleb Shock

LORD'S TABLE

Joey Moore, b.

Mark Mauney, c.

Steve Shock, o.

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

Rodney Partee

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Josh Moore

Bob Johnston

LORD'S TABLE

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

September 13, 2017

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Roy Bulice

Carlton Clayton

DEVOTIONAL

Jacob Moore

September 17, 2017

Nursery

Debbie Moody

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh Moore

SCRIPTURE READING

Caleb Shock

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

LEAD PRAYER

Josh Moore

Bob Johnston

LORD'S TABLE

Jarod Partee, b.

Rodger Harlan, c.

Clay Winn, o.

Mike Widner

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Eddy Jones

Connor Marsh

LORD'S TABLE

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

September 20, 2017

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

DEVOTIONAL

Joey Moore

*At A Glance*

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

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

**September 11** – Preacher's Meeting. 10 a.m. Greenbrier C of C

**September 12** – Area-Wide Fellowship Meal. Harding St. C of C. 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$6

**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

**September 24-27** – Harding University Lectureship.

**September 29-October 1** – Seminar. Christians Can Be Confident About Creation. Greenbrier C of C. Speaker: Dr. Jeff Miller

**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

**November 12** – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Guy.

Bible Class Lessons

Sun, Sept. 10: Lesson #392 – 2 Kgs 9-10

Wed., Sept. 13: Lesson #393 – 2 Kgs 11-12

Sun., Sept. 17: Lesson #394 – Joel; 2 Kgs 13

Wed., Sept. 20: Lesson #395 – 2 Kgs 14-15

**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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- 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

# The Mars Hill Messenger

September 10, 2017

## OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday School teacher said, 'Bobby, when I was a child, I was told if that I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that.' Bobby looked up and replied, 'Well, Ms Smith, you can't say you weren't warned'.

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?'

'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.

'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, 'Grandpa, did God make you?'

'Yes, sweetheart' he answered, 'God made me a long time ago.'

'Oh,' she paused, 'Grandpa, did God make me too?'

'Yes, indeed, honey,' he said, 'God made you just a little while ago.' Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, 'God's getting better at it, isn't he?'

## How Successful Are You?

Today's society is permeated with the pressure to succeed. You may be tempted to join the "rat race" and make success your priority. Is this a wise choice? If Christianity is to be meaningful in your daily life, you must ask yourself, "What does the Bible teach about success?"

*Success in the world is not sinful.* The Bible does make some very negative statements about the rich and powerful. Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God" (Matt. 19:24). However, the Bible does not say that going to heaven is *impossible* for the rich. Abraham was faithful to God, and God blessed him with riches. Paul gave instructions to the rich (1 Tim. 6:17), indicating that at least some rich people were in the early church. Some early Christians owned houses large enough to provide meeting places (Acts 12:12), and others were sufficiently well off that they owned slaves (see Philemon).

*Success in the world is not proof that one is pleasing to God.* No direct relationship exists between worldly success and righteousness. Christ Himself came from a poor family. He preached from someone else's boat, slept in someone else's house, and was buried in someone else's tomb. When He died, His only possessions were the clothes on His back. He was certainly not successful from a worldly viewpoint. The Bible dispels the notion that riches and success are given in proportion to one's righteousness. The Book of Job shows that a righteous man may lose everything. Jesus' encounter with the rich young ruler teaches that a man may be rich and successful, even moral, but still be unsaved.

*Success in the world is not promised by God.* God promised that if we will put Christ first we will have "all these things" (Matt. 6:33), but in this context, Jesus was talking about the necessities of life, not luxuries. Jesus said that He came so we might have abundant life (Jn. 10:10). This promise is for spiritual, not material, abundance.

*Success in the world is not the primary goal.* We are taught by the world to "be somebody" and make large sums of money, but the Bible teaches that such goals should *not* be the primary goals in life. Jesus said, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). He did not say, "Seek first to be successful" or "Seek first fame and fortune."

*Bible principles often help us succeed in the world.* Your goal must be to put God's kingdom first. In doing so, you may achieve worldly success as well. If you are using your talents to the glory of God and for the good of others, you will develop and use them fully; that in itself is likely to bring success. The Bible teaches the value of work hard. People who work hard are more likely to succeed in any vocation.

*The Bible teaches us how to use the fruits of success.* In 1 Timothy 6:17–19, Paul made four statements to the rich: 1) Do not be conceited; 2) Do not set your hope on your riches; 3) Trust in God; and 4) Use your riches rightly. God does not give you success and riches to hoard for your own enjoyment or prestige, but so that you can bless others by sharing your goods with them!

*To be "rich toward God" (Lk. 12:21) is what is most important! What really matters is not having a nice house on earth, but having a home in heaven; not having money in the bank, but having "treasures in heaven"; not having status in this world, but being a child of God.*

Coy Roper, Truth For Today

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Eddy Jones** is continuing to struggle with breathing problems.

**Thurman Brown** will be seeing doctors for some problems he is having.

**Ronnie House**, Mary House's husband, is waiting for result from test on his heart.

**Kali Dawson**, a friend of the Sawrie family, will be undergoing surgery for Epilepsy treatment.

**Blake**, Mary Morrison's nephew, is in Children's Hospital with problem related to a liver transplant.

**Allie Sawrie**, Curtis Sawrie's mother, is now staying with her daughter.

**Hannah Cupp**, Shea Moore's sister, is showing improvement but continuing treatments.

**Extended Sick List:** Alex Lafferty, Buddy Herrod, Sabrina Gray, 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.

Iron Sharpens Iron and Girls In God's Service: Clint Slicer will be presenting the lesson he has been preparing as part of this program evening. Eli Loyd will present his lesson next Sunday evening. Everyone is urged to continue to encourage our youth as they work hard.

Area-Wide Youth Devo: The van will leave at 4 p.m. today for Area-Wide Youth Devo at Perryville Church of Christ.

Area-Wide Fellowship Meal: Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the building of the Harding St. congregation in Morrilton. If you plan to attend please let David know so preparations can be made.

Shower: There will be a Bridal Shower for Katie Bonds next Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at 24 Sisler Lane, Vilonia. They are registered at Kohls, Target, and Bath and Bed Beyond.

Wedding: Everyone is invited to the wedding of Katie Bonds and Eric Coppin on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony will be held at the Jamestown Ranch (459 Shawnee Rd. Greenbrier) at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow.

## A CONGREGATION OF ADDICTS

There was a family in Corinth that is mentioned in First Corinthians that is of particular note. It is the household of Stephanas. Paul taught and baptized this great family. What a blessing they became! They were wonderful helpers to the apostle. Stephanas supplied a service when it was needed most. (1 Corinthians 1:16; 16:17) This man and his family were so zealous for the Lord and so close to the Master that it was said of them that they addicted themselves to the ministry (1 Corinthians 16:15). Addicted? What a wonderful term to describe their love and service to Christ. As I considered this statement, I thought about the great work being done by Christians who are addicted to the work of the church. Let us get into the work of the church with all our hearts, so that folks, seeing our good works, can say that we are a congregation of addicts addicted to the Word and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.