

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

September 24, 2017

**Nursery**

Debbie Moody

**SOUND ROOM**

Caleb Shock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Josh Moore

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Bob Johnston

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

**LORD'S TABLE**

Jade Smith, b.

Thurman Brown, c.

Gary Lambert, o.

Harold Moody

Caleb Shock

Connor Marsh

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Jade Smith

**LEAD PRAYER**

Ralph Hunter

Michael Hunter

**LORD'S TABLE**

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

**September 27, 2017**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

**DEVOTIONAL**

James Moore

***At A Glance***

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

**September 19** – After School Boys' Day at Areopagus. Grades 3-8. 3:15-4:45 p.m.

**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** – Teacher's Workshop. Windsong C of C. 1:30-5 p.m.

**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 9** – Preacher's Meeting. Vilonia C of C. 10 a.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. 6 p.m.

**Bible Class Lessons**

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

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

Sun., Sept. 24: Lesson #396 – Jonah

Wed., Sept. 27: Lesson #397 – Amos and Hosea

**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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- 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

# The Mars Hill Messenger

September 17, 2017

For All Cat Lovers!

*"Jesus answered and said unto her, f thou newest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water". – John 4:10*

Now, you probably remember being told that your precious kitten laps up milk by curling his tongue backwards, and he then uses his curved tongue to ladle the liquid into his mouth. Well, I'm sure you'll be happy to know that your cat is a lot more talented than that.

Using high-speed digital video, physicists have now discovered that only the tip of your cat's tongue comes into contact with the milk. As your cat retracts his tongue, a small column of milk follows it into the air. Now, when the inertia of the milk going upwards matches the force of gravity pulling the milk back down, the liquid hovers in mid-air for a split second. And it's at this precise moment when your cat closes his mouth over the milk.

And if this wasn't impressive enough, your cat performs this maneuver four times per second! According to a Virginia Tech researcher, "We were surprised and amused by the beauty of the fluid mechanics involved in this system."

Well, those who believe God created all things aren't surprised. After all, the God who created fluid mechanics is the same God who created cats, and He knew exactly what abilities cats would need to quench their thirst. Thankfully, He also knows how to quench man's thirst for eternal life, and He provides the "living water" of the gospel freely.

## An Audience of One

In his essay, "The Audience of One," Christian writer Os Guinness writes, "Only madmen, geniuses, and supreme egotists do things purely for themselves. It is easy to buck a crowd, not too hard to march to a different drummer. But it is truly difficult – perhaps impossible – to march only to your own drumbeat. Most of us, whether we are aware of it or not, do things with an eye to the approval of some audience or other. The question is not whether we have an audience but which audience we have. This observation underscores another vital feature of the truth of calling: A life lived listening to the decisive call of God is a life lived before an audience that trumps all others – the audience of One."

For what audience are you living your life?

Guinness provides an example of someone who lived for an audience of One: "To live before the audience of One, truly makes a demonstrable difference. The character and life of the great nineteenth century Christian soldier, General Charles Gordon, sometimes known as 'Chinese Gordon' or 'Gordon of Khartoum,' is a striking example. In his book on the recapture of Sudan, Winston Churchill described General Gordon as 'a man careless alike of the frowns of men or the smiles of women, of life or comfort, of wealth or fame.'"

Gordon wrote about his perspective in life: "The more one sees of life, the more one feels, in order to keep from shipwreck, the necessity of steering by the Polar Star, i.e. in a word, leave to God alone, and never pay attention to the smiles or favour of man; if God smiles on you, neither the smile or frown of men can affect you."

Guinness adds: "After Gordon's death John Bonar, a Scottish friend, wrote to Gordon's brother, 'What at once and always struck me was the way in which his oneness with God ruled all his actions, and his mode of seeing things. I never knew one who seemed so much to "endure as seeing Him who is invisible" [cf. Hebrews 11:24-27].' 'Gordon,' he concluded, 'seemed to live with God and for God.'" \*

"Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ." – Galatians 1:10 NIV

Seeking to win the approval of men will bring great disappointment and anxiety, because people can be fickle, critical, and even cruel. No one can please everyone.

Living for an audience of One is quite liberating. God has revealed His will for us in His Word. And though we sin and fall short of His glory (Romans 3:23), He has made provision for our sin through the gift of His Son Jesus who died on the cross for our sins (Ephesians 1:7). Although we are sinners, God loves us and wants to save us (John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:4).

The Apostle Paul wrote, "So we make it our goal to please Him" (2 Corinthians 5:9 NIV). He made it His aim to live before an audience of One.

So should we.

It pleases the Father for us to accept His offer of salvation and eternal life by placing our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). It pleases the Father for us to continue to seek to walk in the light of His Word faithfully, for He has promised that as we do so, He will continue to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

**Won't YOU live before an audience of One?** To do so brings peace, joy, salvation, and eternal life – blessings which can never be found in trying to please men.

-- David A. Sargent

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Shelia Riddle** has a stress fracture in her back and will need her gall-bladder removed.

**Kathy Hall** is being treated for skin cancer.

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

**Jeane Harvey** is suffering from congestive heart failure.

**Allie Sawrie**, Curtis Sawrie's mother, suffered a heart attack.

**Ronnie House**, Mary House's husband, will see several doctors this week to determine what his needs are regarding heart issues.

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

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

**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.

Thank You: The 2 – 3 Year Old Class collected \$34.81 for recreational equipment at Camp Areopagus.

Hurricane Relief: As a congregation, you have given \$6,000 so far to the hurricane relief efforts. It has been between the efforts of the Champions Church of Christ in Houston and those of the Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team. If you wish to contribute see one of the elders.

Iron Sharpens Iron and Girls In God's Service: Eli Loyd will present his lesson this evening. Jacob Pearce will speak next week. Everyone is urged to continue to encourage our youth as they work hard.

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

Boys' Day At Areopagus: Tuesday for boys Grades 3-8. 3:15-4:45 p.m. Devo, refreshments, games, and fun. If your child plans to attend please see Rodney Partee.

Building Fund: The contribution next Sunday will go toward our building payment. Please be as generous as possible.

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.

Wedding: Everyone is invited to the wedding of Alliceson Jones and Cody Bradford on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. at Bella Terra Estate in Cabot.