

November 19, 2017

**Nursery**

Shea Moore

**SOUND ROOM**

Clay Winn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dan Blair

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Connor Marsh

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Stanley Gordon

Thurman Brown

**LORD'S TABLE**

Jade Smith, b.

Gary Lambert, c.

Caleb Shock

Josh Moore

Gus Smith

Bob Johnston

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

**LORD'S TABLE**

Michael Hunter

Thomas Martin

**Tuesday: November**

**21, 2017**

**LEAD SINGING**

All Men

**LEAD PRAYER**

Guest

Guest

**DEVOTIONAL**

November 26, 2017

**Nursery**

Shea Moore

**SOUND ROOM**

Clay Winn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dan Blair

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ralph Hunter

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

**LORD'S TABLE**

Connor Marsh, b.

Michael Hunter, c.

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

Dennis Martin

Jacob Moore

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Jade Smith

**LEAD PRAYER**

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

**LORD'S TABLE**

Rodger Moore

Dennis Martin

**November 22, 2017**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Joey Moore

Aaron Harp

**DEVOTIONAL**

Rodger Harlan

***At A Glance***

**November 21** – Chili Supper. 5:30 p.m.

**November 21** – Mid-Week Service on Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**November 26** – Contribution to Building Fund

**November 28** – Holiday Sock Exchange. 24 Sisler Lane, Vilonia.

**December 8-10** – Area-Wide Winter Youth Retreat at Areopagus

**December 10** – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Greenbrier. 4 p.m.

**December 31** – Contribution to Building Fund

**January 7** – Mission Report: Ted Knight

**January 7** – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Downtown Morrilton. 5 p.m.

**January 9** – Preacher's Meeting. 10 a.m.

**January 9** – Area-Wide Fellowship Supper and Singing. 5:30 p.m. Downtown, Morrilton

**February 11** – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Liberty. 5 p.m.

**February 23-25** – Ladies' Retreat at Camp Areopagus

**March 11** – Area-Wide Youth Devo. R & C. 5 p.m.

**April 6-8** – Area-Wide Youth Retreat at Areopagus

**May 6** – Area-Wide Youth Devo at Enola. 5 p.m.

**July 8-13, 2018** – Gospel Gathering

**July 21-24** – VBS 2018

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun, Nov. 19: Lesson #412 – 1 Chon. 1-9; Neh. 1-2

Wed., Nov. 22: No Classes

Sun., Nov. 26: Lesson #413 – Nehemiah 3-5

Wed., Nov. 29: Lesson #414 – Nehemiah 6-8

**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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**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

# The Mars Hill Messenger

November 19, 2017

## Thanks ~ Sing

**Tuesday**

**7 p.m.**

**An evening of congregational singing**

**There will be no assembly on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Mars Hill**

## Chili Supper

**Tuesday**

**7 p.m.**

**Bring a dessert**

**Invite your family and friends to join you**

## A Vocabulary Lesson

English teachers all over America cringe at the words “ain’t” or “gonna.” Then, there are all those words that many people find offensive, none of which I’m gonna mention here for obvious reasons. These are words most Christians try to eliminate from their vocabulary. “*Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth*” (Ephesians 4:29).

But there is still one word Christians use every day this is completely unChristlike and unscriptural. It’s a simple word, a tiny contraction, a word we hear and use frequently, most often incorrectly. The word...CAN’T. We don’t even find a definition for it in the dictionary. We have look up “can,” which means “have the ability to.” So, can’t means to NOT have the ability to...or impossible.

Oh, the word is found in the NIV translation 14 times, but among those the translators only used it correctly twice. And even in those incidents, the word “can’t” just won’t work. Both are things said by the chief priest and teachers when Jesus was on the cross. “He can’t save himself” (Matthew 27:42; Mark 15:31). Oh, they thought it was impossible, but obviously they were wrong!

Most often, when we use the word “can’t,” what we really mean is “don’t have permission.” It’s not that we aren’t able. Our correct response would be “may not.” On other occasions when we use the word “can’t,” we should use the word “won’t.” We often willfully choose not to do one thing or another, and instead of honestly expressing ourselves, we say “I can’t.”

Now, certainly we can’t save ourselves. But, for the most part when Christians say, “I can’t” we throw out at least two verses of scripture. Jesus told His apostles that just a bit of faith gives them the ability to ANYTHING... “*Nothing will be impossible for you*” (Matthew 17:20) and Gabriel’s message to Mary was “*Nothing is impossible with God*” (Luke 1:37). If we truly believe these two verses, it becomes necessary to throw the word “can’t” out of our vocabulary. We may “not have permission” or it may be that we “won’t,” but it is not impossible!

Sadly, we often believe we “can’t.” It’s not necessarily the use of the word that’s terrible, it’s the confidence we place in it that is horrible. We just throw out the word and then excuse ourselves from all responsibility because we have said, “I can’t.” It seems harmless, but this is destructive.

- I can’t teach a Sunday School class...
- I can’t read scripture every day...
- I can’t pray in front of people....
- I can’t talk to people about Jesus....

Why can’t we? What are we saying? Is it impossible? Or, are we saying “I won’t”? As Christians we have the ability to defeat the “can’t” attitude. By our encouragement, our prayers, and our faith we “can” strengthen the body of Christ. But we are going to have to rid ourselves of the word “can’t!”

David

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Eddy Jones** is at home now after being hospitalized with issue with his heart.

**Rodger Moore** is having problems with his back.

**Jean Harvey** is currently in the Beebe Rehab and Assisted Living facility.

**Mary House** will undergo treatment on her thyroid.

**Thurman Brown** is undergoing physical therapy on his shoulder.

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

**Tim Jones**, Eddy Jones’ brother, is recovering from heart bypass surgery.

**Gerri Smith**, Heather Partee’s grandmother, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Martha Green**, Kim Wells’ mother, has pneumonia.

**Mark Boultinghouse**, Karen Lambert’s brother, is undergoing treatments for severe migraines.

**Jennifer Martin**, close friend of the House family, is experiencing serious health issues.

**Sarah Roderick**, James and Debbie Moore’s daughter, is recovering from a back injury.

**Extended Sick List:** Shelia Riddle, Alex Lafferty, Buddy Herrod, Sabrina Gray, Heather Partee, Paula Stocks, Shelia Riddle, Roy Bulice, Martha Walker, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Ethan Lafferty, Joey Walker, Hannah Cupp, Karen Barger, Sunny Moody, Martha Green, Linda Brown, Beth Moreno, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Charlene Lasley, Gordon Newsome, Ava Walker, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

## FAMILY NEWS.

Mid-Week Service: Our Mid-Week service this week will be conducted on Tuesday. Everyone is invited to share in a Chili Supper at 5:30 p.m. before the service. You are asked to bring a dessert. There will be no classes on Tuesday. We will share in a song service. Invite your family and friends to join us.

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

Holiday Sock Exchange: Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at 24 Sisler Lane, Vilonia. Buy a pair of holiday color socks, stuff them with an assortment of small treats, and tie them together with a bow. Please bring finger food. Salsa and chips will be provided.

Christmas and Paint Party: This party is for K-4<sup>th</sup> Grades. It will be held after services on Sunday morning, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided. Each child is asked to bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchange. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to let us know how many to prepare for. See Kim Wells for additional information.

Donations: Anyone wishing to donate to the work of Barbara Oliver is asked give those donations to Barbara Ausbrooks.

Ladies’ Retreat: A Ladies’ Retreat is being planned for February 23-25 at Camp Areopagus. There is a list to sign up on the table in the foyer. Please signup today so necessary decisions can be made.