

**December 10, 2017**

**Nursery**

M. Mauney, D. Moody

**SOUND ROOM**

Caleb Shock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Curtis Sawrie

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Thomas Martin

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Jacob Moore

**LEAD PRAYER**

Josh Moore

Bob Johnston

**LORD'S TABLE**

Curtis Sawrie, b.

Rodney Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

Mike Widner

Jack Hancock

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

**LORD'S TABLE**

Aaron Harp

James Moore

**December 13, 2017**

**LEAD SINGING**

Eddy Jones

**LEAD PRAYER**

Steve Shock

Rodney Partee

**DEVOTIONAL**

Roy Bulice

**December 17, 2017**

**Nursery**

M. Mauney, D. Moody

**SOUND ROOM**

Dan Blair

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Curtis Sawrie

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Rodger Moore

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Doug Ellison

Eddy Jones

**LORD'S TABLE**

Tom Hedrick, b.

Stanley Gordon, c.

Jade Smith

Gus Smith

Thurman Brown

Gary Lambert

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

**LORD'S TABLE**

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

**December 20, 2017**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Jarod Partee

Carey Wells

**DEVOTIONAL**

Jade Smith

**At A Glance**

**December 10** – Christmas and Paint Party for K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grades

**December 12** – Ladies' Purse Exchange at Winnie Joslin's house. 6 p.m.

**December 16** – Joy Group Soup and Bingo Evening. 5 p.m.

**December 20** – Hot Chocolate and Cookies after Bible Study

**December 24** – Evening service time moved up to 4 p.m.

**December 31** – Contribution to Building Fund

**December 31** – Potluck after a.m. service. P.M. service immediately following.

**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.

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., Dec. 10: Lesson #1 – Genesis 37:1-11

Wed., Dec. 13: Lesson #2 – Genesis 37:12-36

Sun., Dec. 17: Lesson #3 – Genesis 39

Wed., Dec. 20: Lesson #4 – Genesis 40

**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

December 10, 2017

## Keeping On

I've dreamed many a dream that never came true  
I've seen them vanish at dawn  
But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God,  
To make me want to dream on

I've prayed many prayers when no answer came  
Though I waited patient and long  
But answers have come enough of my prayers  
To make me want to keep praying on

I've trusted many a friend that failed  
And left me to weak and alone  
But I've found enough of my friends true blue  
To make me keep trusting on

I've sown many seed that fell by the way  
For the birds to feed upon  
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hands  
To make me keep sowing on

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain  
And gone many days without song  
But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life  
To make me want to live on

## He Didn't Have To

Sloan St. James' parents knew something was wrong with their little girl when she was about 4 months old. Her jaundice wasn't going away and her stomach was swelling.

A trip to Boston Children's Hospital and a two-week stay revealed a dire diagnosis of biliary atresia, a disease of the bile ducts that affects only infants. According to the American Liver Foundation, in biliary atresia, the bile ducts become inflamed and blocked soon after birth. This causes bile to remain in the liver, where it starts to destroy liver cells rapidly and cause cirrhosis, or scarring of the liver. Without successful treatment, few children with biliary atresia live beyond age two.

Little Sloan desperately needed a liver transplant to live.

A police officer in Keene, New Hampshire, Lt. Steven Tenney, learned of Sloan's need when his brother saw posts on Facebook about a classmate's 4-month-old daughter who had been diagnosed with stage four liver failure and needed a life-saving transplant.

Tenney signed up to get tested to see if he could be a donor. He was elated to discover he was a match. The family was notified and plans were made for the transplant surgeries.

"We had so many people praying for us and for Sloan, and to hear that we had a match and that surgery was going to happen in a couple days was a miracle," St. James told Boston 25 News.

Sloan received about 19 percent of Tenney's liver. Two months after the surgeries, both are doing well. See the link below for a picture of a recent reunion of the pair.

So why did a complete stranger respond to the needs of a little girl? "If you can help a 4-month-old baby, you kind of have to do it," Tenney told The News Outlet.

No, Lt. Tenney, you didn't *have* to; you *wanted* to, and thank you for doing it!

When you and I were lost in sin and destined for eternal destruction, Jesus died on the cross for us so that we can be forgiven of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Ephesians 1:7).

Although it was the will of the Heavenly Father for His Son Jesus to die for us, Jesus didn't have to do it. He willingly laid down His life for us because of His love for us.

Jesus said, "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." – John 10:17-18

Jesus didn't have to do it; He wanted to, and it was the only way to save mankind.

In order to receive the eternal benefits of His atoning sacrifice, we must place our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as we continue to walk in the light of His Word, His blood that He shed in His death, will continue to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

**Won't YOU accept His glorious offer on His terms? He is your only means of salvation! And He died for you because He wanted to.**

-- David A. Sargent

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Shelia Riddle** has been hospitalized this week.

**Roy Bulice** has been very sick this past week.

**Debra Nealey** has been very sick.

**Moey Mauney** has been sick this week.

**Eddy Jones** is recovering from issue with his heart.

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

**Mary House** will undergo treatment on her thyroid after the first of the year.

**Joey Walker** is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**John Howard**, James and Rodger Moore's brother-in-law, has cancer in one of his kidneys.

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

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

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

**Extended Sick List:** Kathy Hall, Thurman Brown, Jean Harvey, 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, Jennifer Martin, Martha Green, 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.

Congratulations: If you have faithfully attended Bible Study on Sundays and Wednesdays over the past 4 years, you have completed a complete study (Not just a reading. A study!) of the entire Bible. I wonder how many people can say, "I've studied through the Bible!" You can say it! Congratulations! Now, we begin the study again this morning. Everyone is urged to join us!

Christmas and Paint Party: This party is for K-4<sup>th</sup> Grades. It will be held after services today. Lunch will be provided.

Ladies' Purse Exchange: Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the home of Winnie Joslin. Bring a \$1 ornament. See Winnie for details.

Cookies and Hot Chocolate: Will be served after services next Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy.

JOY Group: Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. for those 55+. Soup and Bingo. Bring a White Elephant gift. See Bob Johnston or Debbie Moody for details.

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 sign up today so necessary decisions can be made.

December 24<sup>th</sup>: The evening service will be moved to 4 p.m. on this date only.

Potluck and Early Service: Everyone is invited to share in a Potluck meal after the morning service on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.