

December 24, 2017

Nursery

M. Mauney, D. Moody

SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Josh Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Connor Marsh

Ralph Hunter

LORD'S TABLE

Harold Moody, b.

Bob Johnston, c.

Doug Ellison

Michael Hunter

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Eddy Jones

LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

LORD'S TABLE

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

December 27, 2017

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

DEVOTIONAL

Gary Lambert

December 31, 2017

Nursery

M. Mauney, D. Moody

SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Jacob Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Michael Slicer

Rodger Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Dennis Martin, b.

Joey Moore, c.

Aaron Harp

James Moore

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Mike Widner

Caleb Shock

LORD'S TABLE

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

January 3, 2018

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Roy Bulice

Jack Hancock

DEVOTIONAL

Aaron Harp

At A Glance

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

January 12-14 – Y.O.U. Robinson & Center C of C.

January 14 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

January 21 – Guest Speaker. Spencer Cromwell

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., Dec. 24: Lesson #5 – Genesis 41:1-36

Wed., Dec. 27: Lesson #6 – Genesis 41:37-57

Sun., Dec. 31: Lesson #7 – Genesis 42

Wed., Jan. 3: Lesson #8 – Genesis 43

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

The Mars Hill Messenger

December 24, 2017

Schedule Through December 31st

Today

Evening Worship Service at 4 p.m. on this date only

Wednesday

7-7:15 p.m – Devotional

7:15-8:00 p.m. – Bible Classes

Next Sunday

9:30-10:10 – Bible Classes

10:15 – Worship

11:30 – Potluck Meal

Afternoon Worship immediately following the meal. (This will be held in the Fellowship Hall)

No 5 p.m. service

Where Love Is

Martin was very ordinary, a man who had known some of life's good and much of its bad. He was a cobbler who lived and worked in a basement with a window that let him see only the shoes of passers-by. Only the youngest of his children had lived past infancy, his wife had died when the youngest was just three, and that boy had himself died just as he was old enough to begin work as an apprentice. Martin was alone.

In despair, he stopped going to church, reproached God, and often prayed to die. An old holy man happened by one day, listened to Martin's despair, chastened him for questioning God, and urged him to imitate the model of Christ. So, Martin bought a New Testament and found himself thrilled at what he read there.

One night during his reading, Martin had the sense that the Lord had spoken to him, promising to visit the next day. As that day dawned and wore on, he helped three different strangers with urgent needs, all the while waiting for the Lord's visit. But darkness came and Jesus had not come. Disappointed, Martin opened his New Testament and experienced something like a dream in which those he had helped appeared, declaring that in helping them, he had helped the Lord. So, the Lord had appeared after all.

Leo Tolstoy wrote Martin's story, called "Where Love Is, God Is," in 1885. Though the story never mentions the birth of Jesus, a Principal for whom I worked as a school teacher used to tell it every year just as we broke for Christmas. His timing was good.

As you read this today, millions have stopped — some for the first time since last year — to remember the birth of the one the angel called "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). For that, I give thanks, even as I hope they all will see so much more. The baby Jesus, so precious to them now, grew up to show compassion as no one had shown it, to give as no one had given, and to model a life no one had ever lived, not least those whose religious airs led them to look down on the sinners he welcomed.

Whether "sinner" or Pharisee, we hope they will see. Tolstoy reminds us that when we help the hungry, the cold, the stumbling and the bitter like Jesus did, we give them a chance to do so.

We are the living body of Jesus. Are we where love is?

David Anguish

PRAYERS NEEDED

Shelia Riddle is at home recovering.

Debra Nealey has been very sick.

Rodger Moore will undergo back surgery on Friday.

Mary House will undergo treatment on her thyroid on January 4th.

Ova Lea Leighton has been very sick this week.

Kim Wells is suffering from the flu.

Keith Bryant, the preacher in Stuttgart, is recovering from serious injuries from a car wreck.

Larry Harris, Heather Partee uncle, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Larry Harris, Treva Widner's brother, will be undergoing surgery.

Robie Cope, Cheryl Hancock's mother, is at home recovering from serious breathing issues.

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.

Extended Sick List: Eddy Jones, Roy Bulice, Kathy Hall, Thurman Brown, Jean Harvey, Alex Lafferty, Buddy Herrod, Sabrina Gray, Heather Partee, Paula Stocks, Martha Walker, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Ethan Lafferty, Sarah Roderick, Jennifer Martin, 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.

Today: The evening service will be moved to 4 p.m. today.

Potluck and Early Service: Everyone is invited to share in a Potluck meal after the morning service next week. Invite everyone you know to join us. Stay for the last worship service of 2017 immediately following the meal. There will be no 5 p.m. service.

Building Fund: Next week's contribution will go toward our building payment. The December payment has been made on our building loan leaving a balance owed of \$311,000. Through your generosity, a \$15,000 principle payment will be made January 1st bringing the balance to approximately \$295,000. If you plan to make a year-end donation toward to the building payment, please see Thomas so it can be added in. Thank you for your generosity.

Nursery: If you are willing to staff the Nursery during 2018, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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.

"Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will"
(Jonathan Edwards)