

**March 18, 2018**

**Nursery**

Amanda Winn

**SOUND ROOM**

Josh Moore

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clay Winn

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mike Wider

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

**LORD'S TABLE**

Rodney Partee, b.

Jarod Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan, c.

Clay Winn

Mike Widner

Tom Hedrick

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

**LORD'S TABLE**

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

**March 21, 2018**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

James Moore

Mark Mauney

**DEVOTIONAL**

Mark Mauney

**March 25, 2018**

**Nursery**

Amanda Winn

**SOUND ROOM**

Josh Moore

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clay Winn

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark Mauney

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Thomas Martin

**LEAD PRAYER**

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

**LORD'S TABLE**

Stanley Gordon, b.

Jade Smith, c.

Gary Lambert, c.

Gus Smith

Harold Moody

Caleb Shock

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

**LORD'S TABLE**

Aaron Harp

James Moore

**March 28, 2018**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

**DEVOTIONAL**

Steve Shock

***At A Glance***

**March 18** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

**March 18** – Birthday Cake and Soft Drinks after p.m. service.

**March 25** – Contribution to Building Fund

**May 20-23** – Gospel Meeting. Perryville C of C. Speaker: Eddie Bowman

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

**April 7** – Ladies' Day at Robinson and Center C of C. 9-11:30 a.m.

**April 8-11** – Gospel Meeting. Atkins C of C. 7 p.m.

**April 9** – Preacher's Meeting. Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m.

**April 10** – Fellowship Supper. Harding St. C of C. 5:30 p.m.

**April 14** – Congregational Breakfast and Cleaning Day. Breakfast served at 7:30 a.m.

**April 20-21** – Sewing Workshop at Camp Areopagus

**April 29** – Senior Banquet following p.m. service

**May 5** – Southern Christian Home Homecoming

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

**June 4-7** – Areopagus Day Camp (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**June 10-16** – Areopagus High School Session of Summer Camp (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., March 18: Lesson #29 – Jn 2

Wed., March 21: Lesson #30 – Jn 3; Luke 3:19-20

Sun., March 25: Lesson #31 – Jn 4

Wed., March 28: Lesson #32 – Lk 4:16-30; 5:1-11

**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

**March 18, 2018**

## SO FEW LIONS

In a shopping mall T-shirt kiosk, one finds shirts with humorous sayings. A few have disturbing messages.

One I saw: "So Many Christians, So Few Lions." That shirt, with its reference to the first-century practice of throwing Christians to the lions in the Coliseum in Rome wasn't funny to me.

Persecution is no laughing matter. Not long before those brave Christians faced death in Rome's cruel sport, Paul wrote. "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). It should be a matter of serious concern for all believers. At this moment fellow Christians in East Africa and in Muslim-dominated nations suffer in Jesus' name.

What can we do about it? First, we can pray that God will comfort them in their affliction. Second, we can aid families left without support when loved ones are imprisoned. Third, we can pray for courage should we find ourselves facing persecution. When Paul was put in jail for his faith, his courage led others to be bolder (Philippians 1:14).

Want to encourage persecuted saints? Pray to have courage to proclaim the gospel in your neighborhood—the same message other disciples have suffered for. We find courage to stand when we kneel before the Lord.

## DEHOFF'S RULES FOR LIVING

- I try never to say anything behind a man's back that would give embarrassment to say to his face (Psalm 5:6-9; Proverbs 11:3; 17:9; James 3:13; 1 Peter 1:15).
- I try never to speak to personal critics; they would not believe the truth and my friends do not have to hear the defense (Psalm 31:13-18; Luke 6:27-28).
- Every day, I greet every person with a smile and make a special effort to do so if the person is poor or in unfortunate circumstances (Proverbs 15:15; Luke 14:13-14).
- The first thing in the morning, I plan my duty for the day and try to go beyond it (Ecclesiastes 9:10; 12:13).
- Every day, I read from the Bible and other good books; feeding the mind and soul is more important than feeding the body (Proverbs 15:28; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:15).
- I try to pay every debt I owe on time and always save something from every paycheck, however small (Romans 13:8; Ephesians 4:28).
- I like people and never harbor malice toward any person. I like various places and have yet to be anywhere that I do not like. I go there with the intention of liking the place (Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31; Hebrews 13:5).
- I am a confirmed optimist, believing that even in this life, evil men will be punished by their own unhappiness, and good men will be rewarded. "It's better farther on" (Luke 6:22-23; Galatians 6:9-10).
- I try to close each day as if it were the last day I'd be on earth, closing the books on all regrets, worries, and annoyances (Psalm 55:22; Matthew 6:25-31; Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 5:7).
- The last thing I do at night is count the day's blessings. This makes me so thankful that I soon drift into pleasant sleep. In this spirit, I hope to close life's journey and drift into eternity (Ecclesiastes 5:12; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1; 4:4-5; Revelation 2:10). —*George DeHoff, deceased*

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Shelia Riddle** is in room 226 of Salem Place Rehab in Conway. Surgery has been postponed. The focus will be on rehab for a while.

**Kevin Ellinger** is recovering from surgery to remove his gall-bladder.

**Mike Knappier** will begin chemo therapy soon.

**Chad Hunter** who has been deployed.

**Extended Sick List:** Roy Bulice, Kathy Hall, Jean Harvey, Alex Lafferty, Sabrina Gray, Heather Partee, Paula Stocks, Martha Walker, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Ethan Lafferty, Gerri Smith, Larry Keathley, Larry Harris, Mark Boulthouse, Robie Cope, Sarah Roderick, Joey Walker, Hannah Cupp, Karen Barger 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.

Birth: Riley Jo Harlan was born to Trent and Natalie Harlan on Tuesday. Rodger and Sandra Harlan are the great-grandparents.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Today. 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays: Everyone is invited to share in cake and soft drinks after services this evening to celebrate with those who have enjoyed birthdays in March.

Building Fund: Next Sunday's contribution will go toward the payment on our building. Please be as generous as possible.

Spring Fling: Everyone is invited to stay after services next Sunday morning for a meal together (Everything is being provided). Our afternoon service will be conducted immediately following the meal (No 5 p.m. service). Then, our children are invited to stay for games and activities in the afternoon.

Joy Group: Murray's Dinner Playhouse (501-562-3131). "Little House of Horrors." Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Cost: \$37. Call and make your own reservations. The van will leave the Mars Hill building at 5:30 p.m. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you are planning to attend and indicate if you plan to ride the van.

Sewing For The Master: April 20-21 at Camp Areopagus For additional information see Treva Widner.

Senior Banquet: A banquet honoring our graduating Seniors will be held after the evening service on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Summer Camp Sessions at Areopagus: You are encouraged to register your child for Summer Camp at soon as possible at [www.campareopagus.org](http://www.campareopagus.org). Day Camp: (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades) June 4-7. High School: (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) June 10-16. Middle School: (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) June 17-21. Junior High: (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) June 24-30.