

**April 8, 2018**

**Nursery**

Moey Mauney

**SOUND ROOM**

Clay Winn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gary Lambert

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gus Smith

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Roy Bulice

Clayton Carlton

**LORD'S TABLE**

Thomas Martin, b.

Rodger Moore, c.

Dennis Martin, c.

Jacob Moore

Aaron Harp

James Moore

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Carlton Clayton

Tom Hedrick

**LORD'S TABLE**

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

**April 11, 2018**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Jarod Partee

Carey Wells

**DEVOTIONAL**

Curtis Sawrie

**April 15, 2018**

**Nursery**

Moey Mauney

**SOUND ROOM**

Clay Winn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gary Lambert

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Aaron Harp

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Tom Hedrick

Stanley Gordon

**LORD'S TABLE**

Mark Mauney, b.

Steve Shock, c.

Dan Blair, c.

Curtis Sawrie

Rodney Partee

Rodger Harlan

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Stanley Gordon

Gary Lambert

**LORD'S TABLE**

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

**April 18, 2018**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

**DEVOTIONAL**

Rodney Partee

***At A Glance***

**April 6-8** – Gospel Meeting. Foothill C of C.

Speaker: Melvin Otey

**April 6-8** – Gospel Meeting. Southside C of C, Batesville. Speaker: Lee Moses

**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 17** – Boy's Day at Areopagus. 3 – 4:45 p.m.

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

**April 21** – Parent's Afternoon Out. Noon – 4 p.m.

**April 22** – Cake and Ice Cream after P.M. service for April birthdays

**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.

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

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., April 8: Lesson #35 – Jn 5:1-47

Wed., April 11: Lesson #36 – Mk 2:23-28; 3:1-19

Sun., April 15: Lesson #37 – Genesis 1

Wed., April 18: Lesson #38 – Genesis 2

**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

**April 8, 2018**

**HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GRACE?**

A preacher friend of mine, Dr. Dan Williams, once made a statement that imprinted itself indelibly in my mind because I believe it contains deep insight into why people will or will not respond positively to the gospel. I hope you will take the time to consider it also. The statement is "Grace is hard for 'bad' people to accept because they think they don't deserve it and it's hard for 'good' people to accept because they think they don't need it."

Your attitude about God's grace lies at the very core of your faith (or lack of faith). It reveals two things . . .

**First, it reveals WHERE YOU PLACE YOUR TRUST:**

Do you place your trust in yourself- your abilities, your money, your possessions, your hard work? If so, you don't feel the need for grace (a gift). You can do it yourself. You don't want a gift because it makes you indebted to someone else.

**It also reveals HOW YOU VIEW YOURSELF.**

Do you see yourself as "good" or "bad"? That's a hard one . . . because we all tend to view ourselves in the light of our peers. We tend to be pretty generous with ourselves. But we don't see the reality of our condition until we view ourselves in the light of God himself. *"There is only one good."*

Jesus' story that we call The Prodigal Son contains several layers illustrating this truth- depending on which scene in the progression of the story we focus. Was there a good son and a bad son? Was the younger son good before he left? Was he good when he returned? Was the older son a good son? Jesus' point is- neither son was 'good.' In the end, the only significant difference between the two sons was that one finally recognized (when it became undeniable) that he was 'bad.' Then, and only then, he desperately wanted grace.

That point is called repentance. Repentance simply means "to change your mind." He changed his mind about himself.

So the question for us is, how do you feel about grace? How deeply do you want it?

## The Sting of Death

David Verwey was talking with his grandson, Joey, and Joey's father, Alex, when he noticed a hornet fly in and hover about a foot in front of Joey's face. It was a Japanese Giant Hornet, and it was not backing away and could sting him at any moment.

David knew he must act quickly. He knew some things about the Japanese Giant Hornet from some research done on the internet. He had learned that although not normally hostile, the Japanese Giant Hornet can be aggressive if provoked and can sting a victim multiple times. Its venom, which is injected by the 6.25 mm (quarter inch) long stinger, attacks the nervous system and damages the tissue. The sting can be very painful, highly venomous and may require hospitalization. The potency of the sting is due to the relatively large amount of venom injected.

One sting can be lethal for people who are allergic and suffer from anaphylactic shock. The sting can also be lethal to people who are not allergic, provided the dose is sufficient. Multiple stings would likely require immediate medical attention and could cause renal failure. Annually thirty to forty people in Japan die after having been stung by bees, wasps or the Japanese Giant Hornet.

David had recently removed some hornet nests from around the buildings of the Japan Mission, so he and his co-workers had been keeping a can of wasp and hornet killer handy as they worked at the Mission.

Now one of these hornets was flying dangerously close to David's grandson. David immediately crouched down beside Joey while grabbing a can of hornet killer and sprayed the hornet. It fell to the ground.

Later reflecting on this incident, David wrote, "My quick response surprised me. I had just been stung a couple of days before, but I knew exactly where I had put that can of spray. My love for Joey and the desire to protect him from this hornet drove me to instinctually step up next to him, just [a foot] away from this hornet. If Joey was not there, approaching this hornet would have been crazy. I should have rather retreated. However, the fact that this hornet was hovering so close to my beloved grandson's face and knowing that he could be moments away from being stung, made me take this drastic action."

David also gained from this experience a glimpse into the perfect and unconditional love that God has for us: "Jesus did not hesitate to put Himself in harm's way to protect us from the 'sting' of death. Why? Because His love for us was so deep and profound!"

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

David shared this insight: "It is hard to fathom the depth of God's love for us. It is because of this boundless love, that Jesus did not hesitate to come into this world to shed His blood for our sins, so that we may be saved from certain destruction!" \*

Because Jesus endured the "sting of death" on our behalf by dying on the cross for our sins, we can be saved from sin and receive the gift of eternal life.

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

Jesus loves **YOU** so much that He endured the sting of death for you. Won't **YOU** accept His offer of salvation and eternal life on His terms?

-- David A. Sargent

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Shelia Riddle** is in room 26 of Salem Place Rehab in Conway. She is getting stronger and will have a stent placed in a heart artery tomorrow.

**Lela Riley**, Lou Riley's sister-in-law, is recovering from a car accident.

**Mary Essinger**, Roy Bulice's sister-in-law, is hospitalized with blood clots.

**Mike Knappier** is undergoing radiation and chemo therapy.

**Chad Hunter** 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.

**Baptism:** Harmon Sawrie was baptized last week. We congratulate him and welcome to the family of God.

**Thanks:** The 2 – 3 Year Old Class has donated \$36.72 in coins to Camp Areopagus for recreational equipment.

**Teacher Appreciation Dinner:** Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. Please see Sara Beth for more details.

**Iron Sharpens Iron/Girls In God's Service Classes:** Wednesday, 7 p.m. Boys and girls will have separate classes.

**Fellowship Meal:** The Area-Wide Fellowship Meal will be held at the building of the Harding St. congregation in Morrilton on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. No Cost! If you plan to attend let David know.

**Work Day:** Saturday, everyone's help is needed with some Spring Cleaning of our building. All we are asking for is your help from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Breakfast will be provided at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up if you plan to eat. Please help by bringing cleaning supplies.

**Parent's Afternoon Out:** Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Noon – 4 p.m. For more information see Rodger Moore.

**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.