

July 8, 2018

**Nursery**

Ruth Duncan

**SOUND ROOM**

Caleb Shock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mark Mauney

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jade Smith

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

**LORD'S TABLE**

Stanley Gordon, b.

Jade Smith, c.

Harmon Sawrie, c.

Gus Smith

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Gospel Gathering

**LEAD PRAYER**

Gospel Gathering

Gospel Gathering

**LORD'S TABLE**

Gospel Gathering

Gospel Gathering

**July 11, 2018**

**LEAD SINGING**

Gospel Gathering

**LEAD PRAYER**

Gospel Gathering

Gospel Gathering

**DEVOTIONAL**

Gospel Gathering

July 15, 2018

**Nursery**

Ruth Duncan

**SOUND ROOM**

Caleb Shock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mark Mauney

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Harmon Sawrie

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Carlton Clayton

Jack Hancock

**LORD'S TABLE**

Josh Moore, b.

Bob Johnston, c.

Doug Ellison, c.

Connor Marsh

Ralph Hunter

Colton Hunter

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Roy Bulice

Carlton Clayton

**LORD'S TABLE**

James Moore

Mark Mauney

**July 18, 2018**

**LEAD SINGING**

Harmon Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

**DEVOTIONAL**

Rodney Partee

***At A Glance***

**July 8** -Ladies' Meeting following a.m. service

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

**July 8-11** – VBS at Romance C of C. 7 p.m.

**July 9** – VBS at Clinton C of C. 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

**July 14** – Christian Worship Seminar.

Southside C of C. Cabot.

**July 15** – Men's Business Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

**July 15-18** – VBS. Mablevale C of C. 6:30 p.m.

**July 15-18** – VBS. Enola C of C. 5 p.m., 7 p.m.

**July 15-19** – VBS. Opello C of C. 7 p.m.

**July 21-24** – Mars Hill Family VBS 2018

**July 22-25** – VBS at Greenbrier C of C. 7 p.m.

**July 22-25** – VBS at Perryville C of C. 7 p.m.

**July 29** – Contribution to Building Fund

**July 29** – Potluck Meal following a.m. service and early evening service

**August 1** – Report from Southern Christian Home

**August 4** – Girl's Baking Day

**August 4** – VBS. Vilonia C of C. 10 a.m.

**August 25** – Contribution to Building Fund

**September 1** – Girl's Baking Day

**September 9** – Meal at Hidden Valley Catfish House following a.m. service

**September 22** – Mars Hill Ladies' Day

**September 30** – Contribution to Building Fund

**September 30** – Potluck Meal after the a.m. service and early evening service

**October 6** – Girl's Baking Day

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., July 8: Lesson #61 – Exodus 13

Wed., July 11: Gospel Gathering

Sun., July 15: Lesson #62 – Exodus 14

Wed., July 18: Lesson #63 – Exodus 15

**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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- 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

July 8, 2018

**FAMILY VBS 2018**

**7 p.m.**

**July 21-24**

“Standing On The Promises”

Classes for all ages!

**Adult Teachers**

Saturday: Jeremy Ridgell – “God’s Promises To Abraham”

Sunday: Jason Almond – “God’s Promise Through The Passover”

Monday: Spencer Cromwell – “God’s Promise To Gideon”

Tuesday: Neal Chism – “God’s Promise To Us Through Christ”

**Teen Teachers**

Saturday: Keith Moore

Sunday A.M.: Dan Blair

Sunday P.M.: Caleb Shock

Monday: Keith Almond

Tuesday: Jason Almond

## WHEN BAPTISM IS MEANINGLESS

It was Sunday afternoon. The phone rang. The voice on the line was that of a man who had been a member of this church in times past. He now lives in another city but had returned to Little Rock for a visit.

"I want to talk to you about my baptism," he said. (I assumed that through the years he had learned more about baptism and thus was beginning to question whether his knowledge had been sufficient at the time he was immersed into Christ). "I suppose you are questioning your baptism because you now know more about the subject than you did when you were baptized?" "No. I'm questioning my repentance. For some time now, I have been making a study of the kingdom of God, and I see that repentance is always linked to entering the kingdom. I don't think I ever repented. When I was baptized, I didn't change my life. I kept on doing all of the things I had done before."

I wonder how many people think that there is something magic in baptism. In truth, baptism-done by rote-is meaningless. Repentance and baptism go together like love and marriage, or a horse and carriage. One without the other isn't sufficient.

It is the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem. Peter is addressing those who have crucified the Lord and Christ. What will he tell them? In answer to their cry, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter says, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you ..." (Acts 2:38). Repentance and baptism! They go together and must not be separated.

John the Baptist knew that mere washing without repentance would avail nothing. In fact, he even refused baptism to a group of religious leaders who requested it (a rather bold thing for any preacher to do). Instead of baptizing them, he said, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance ..." (Matthew 3:7,8).

In the words of John Stott, "The faith which receives Christ must be accompanied by the repentance which rejects sins."

What is baptism but a mere washing away of the filth of the flesh unless it is accompanied by repentance? I will tell you. It is nothing.

John Gipson

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Vanessa Ellison** will undergo surgery on Friday.

**Jacob Moore** is recovering from back surgery.

**Nell Bostic** is at home after being hospitalized for a few days.

**Tom Hedrick** underwent treatment to his back this past week.

**Shelia Riddle** is improving.

**Terry Turner** is having some serious health issues.

**Martha Walker** will be undergoing more tests.

**Scotty Vance**, Rodney Partee's uncle, has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Shelly Ellinger** injured her back.

**Chad Hunter** has been deployed.

**Extended Sick List:** Alex Lafferty, Roy Bulice, Kathy Hall, Jean Harvey, Sabrina Gray, Paula Stocks, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Mike Knappier, Victoria Taylor, Gerri Smith, Larry Keathley, Larry Harris, Sarah Roderick, 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.

Sympathy: Bill McEntire, Ova Lea Leighton's brother passed away last week. Our love and sympathy are extended to the family.

Mission: Mike and Treva Widner arrived home safely from a mission trip to Honduras.

Congratulations: Ezra Allan Richards was born to Dusty and Marla Richards on Thursday. Mark and Moey Mauney are the grandparents. Congratulations to all.

Ladies: All the ladies of the congregation are asked to meet in the Fellowship Room immediately after services for a planning meeting regarding the upcoming Ladies' Day.

Gospel Gathering: The Annual Gospel Gathering begins today. There will be no 5 p.m. service at the Mars Hill building. Everyone is encouraged to meet at the building of the Robinson and Center congregation in Conway Sunday through Friday evenings at 7 p.m. If you would like to ride the van meet at the building at 6:15.

Men's Business Meeting: Next Sunday. 3:30 p.m. All the men are encouraged to attend.

VBS 2018: July 21-24. Theme: Standing On The Promises. Saturday – Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Adult Teachers: Saturday – Jeremy Ridgell; Sunday – Jason Almond; Monday – Spencer Cromwell; Tuesday – Neal Chism. Teen Teachers: Saturday – Keith Moore; Sunday A.M. – Dan Blair; Sunday P.M. – Caleb Shock; Monday – Keith Almond; Tuesday – Jason Almond.

**The heart is like a garden. It can grow compassion or fear, resentment or love. What seeds will you plant there?**