

The Mars Hill Messenger

August 5, 2018

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And, lo, it came to pass that the trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called Amazon Dot Com. And she said unto Abraham, her husband, 'Why doth thou travel far from town to town with thy goods, when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?'

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, 'How, dear?' And Dot replied, 'I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS).'

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And Dot said, 'There will be a lot of banging in the land.'

And Abraham replied, 'It is my most fervent wish that this be so.' And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had, at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But his success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secret himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading.

And the young did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

And, lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums, that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would only work if you bought Brother William's drumsticks.

And Dot did say, 'Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others.' And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known, 'eBay,' he said, 'We need a name of a service that reflects what we are.' And Dot replied, 'Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators.'

'Whoopee!' said Abraham. 'No, YAHOO!' said Dot Com.

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

At A Glance

August 11 – Singing at the Opello C of C. 6 p.m.

August 12 – Men's Business Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

August 12 – Back-To-School Bash. Mars Hill C of C.

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

October 13 – J.O.Y. Group trip to Smokin' Buns Restaurant

October 27 – Fall Festival and Trunk & Treat

November 3 – Girl's Baking Day

November 10 – J.O.Y. Group Game Night at Carey and Kim Well's house

November 22 – Thanksgiving Potluck after a.m. service

December 1 – Movie and Crafts for K-6 Grades

December 8 – Holiday Potluck after a.m. service

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., August 5: Lesson #67 – Exodus 19

Wed., August 8: Lesson #68 – Exodus 20

Sun., August 12: Lesson #69 – Joshua 1

Wed., August 15: Lesson #70 – Joshua 2

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Nursery

B. Riley, M. Hendrix

SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Blair

SCRIPTURE READING

Josh Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

LORD'S TABLE

Rodney Partee, b.

Jarod Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan, c.

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

Jack Hancock

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Byron Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Stanley Gordon

Jade Smith

LORD'S TABLE

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

August 8, 2018

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

DEVOTIONAL

Clay Winn

August 12, 2018

Nursery

B. Riley, M. Hendrix

SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Blair

SCRIPTURE READING

Carlton Clayton

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Caleb Shock

Josh Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Tom Hedrick, b.

Stanley Gordon, c.

Jade Smith, c.

Gus Smith

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

LORD'S TABLE

Byron Sawrie

Rodney Partee

August 15, 2018

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

DEVOTIONAL

Gary Lambert

The Value of the Cross

Some years ago, a 14-foot bronze crucifix was stolen from Calvary Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas. It had stood at the entrance to that cemetery for more than 50 years. The cross was put there in 1930 by a Catholic bishop and had been valued at the time at \$10,000. The thieves apparently cut it off at its base and hauled it off in a pickup.

Police speculate that they cut the bronze cross into small pieces and sold it for scrap. They figured that the 900-pound cross probably brought about \$450. They obviously didn't realize the value of that cross.

So many do not realize the value of the cross of Christ, that is, the cross upon which Jesus was crucified and the reasons that He did so.

The Cross of Christ reveals...

1. The Justice of God. Sin is an affront to God and to His will for our lives. It is a transgression of His will (1 John 3:4) and even a failure to do what is right (James 4:17). "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23), therefore ALL deserve to die for their sins.

God is a just God, therefore He *must* punish sin.

Jesus, the sinless Son of God, "bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus took the punishment for our sins on our behalf. His death on the cross satisfied the justice of God (see Romans 3:23-26).

2. The Love of God. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice ("propitiation") for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10 NIV).

Jesus, the Innocent One and the Offended One, died for us – the guilty offenders. Why would He do that for us? Because He loves us and wants to save us.

3. The Way of Salvation. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

God will save those who place their **faith** and trust in Him (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 1:7-9).

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18). The message of the cross – the Gospel of Jesus Christ – still has the power to save **ALL** those who will trust and obey Christ (Romans 1:16).

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Mike Widner has been hospitalized this week but is doing better now.

Lou Riley has been hospitalized this week with kidney issues.

Roy Bulice has been struggling with breathing issues.

Vanessa Ellison will undergo surgery on August 13th.

Shelia Riddle is surgery has been postponed until August 13th.

Rodger Moore will undergo back surgery on September 20th.

Martha Walker will be undergoing more tests.

Terry Sanders, Todd Sanders' father, will have part of his colon removed on August 20th.

Chad Hunter has received orders that will return him to the States.

Extended Sick List: Nell Bostic, Alex Lafferty, Roy Bulice, Kathy Hall, Jean Harvey, Sabrina Gray, Paula Stocks, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Jacob Moore, Terry Turner, Scotty Vance, 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.

Appointing Elders: Mars Hill is in the exciting time of appointing elders. You are asked to seek God's will in this matter by praying diligently and identifying men who meet God's qualifications (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1). Once you have done these things, please submit the names of the men you see God selecting to Josh Moore or Gary Lambert. Those men whose names are submitted will be met with. If they are qualified and willing to do this good work, their name will be placed before the entire congregation for consideration. Please help in this process.

Building Fund: \$2763 was contributed to the Building Fund last week. Thank you for your generosity.

Baby Blair: A play-pen is in the foyer for you to deposit gifts for Dan and Sara Beth Blair's baby.

Men's Business Meeting: 3:30 p.m. next Sunday.

Back-To-School Bash: Mars Hill will be hosting the Back-To-School Bash next Sunday. Your help has been requested by bring a package of hot dogs, hot dog buns, and/or individual bags of chips.

Singing: The Opello Church of Christ is hosting at Singing next Saturday at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

On a sunny morning, William's mother came into her son's room and said, "William, it's Sunday. Time to get up! Time to get up and go to church! Get up!" From under the covers came mumbles, "I don't want to go!" "What do you mean?" she said. "That's silly! Now get up and get dressed and go to church!" "No!" he shot back. "I'll give you two reasons. I don't like them and they don't like me!" "Nonsense," she told him. "I'll give YOU two reasons to go. First, you are 42 years old, and second, you are the PEACHER!"