

December 16, 2018

Nursery

Britney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Curtis Sawrie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Lambert

SCRIPTURE READING

Harmon Sawrie

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Doug Ellison

Eddy Jones

LORD'S TABLE

Dennis Martin, b.

Clay Johns, c.

Ethan Johns, c.

Caden Johns

John Foster

Joey Moore

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Ralph Hunter

Michael Hunter

LORD'S TABLE

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

December 19, 2018

LEAD SINGING

Ethan Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

DEVOTIONAL

Mark Mauney

December 23, 2018

Nursery

Britney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Lambert

SCRIPTURE READING

Aaron Harp

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Connor Marsh

Ralph Hunter

LORD'S TABLE

James Moore, b.

Mark Mauney, c.

Steve Shock, c.

Dan Blair

Byron Sawrie

Caden Johns

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Harmon Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Mike Widner

Stanley Gordon

December 26, 2018

LEAD SINGING

Clay Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Stanley Gordon

Harmon Sawrie

DEVOTIONAL

Steve Shock

At A Glance

December 19 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

December 26 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

December 30 – Contribution to the Building Fund

December 30 – Ted Knight mission report

January 8 – Fellowship Meal and Singing. Harding St. C of C. 5:30 p.m.

January 2 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

January 9 – Wednesday Meal. 6 pm.

January 13 – Teacher's Meeting

January 14 – Preacher's Meeting. Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m.

January 16 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

January 20 – Meal at Peyton Creek Fish House after a.m. service

January 25-27 – Y.O.U. Robinson and Center C of C.

January 23 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

January 26 – Girl's Bake Day. 1-4 p.m.

January 30 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

February 6 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

February 9 – Valentine Sock Exchange. Debbie Moody's house. 6 p.m.

February 13 – Valentine's Meal. 6 p.m.

February 20 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

February 22-24 – Ladies' Weekend at Areopagus

February 27 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., Dec. 16: Lesson #105 – Mk. 15:1-20; Matt. 27:3-10

Wed., Dec. 19: Lesson #106 – Matt. 27:32-66; Jn 19:23-24

Sun., Dec. 23: Lesson #107 – Matt 28:1-15; Mk 16:1, 7; Lk 24:1-10; Jn 20:1-18

Wed., Dec. 26: Lesson #108 – Lk 24:13-43

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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Youth Minister

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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 Gathering (Local)**
- **Camp Areopagus**

The Mars Hill Messenger

December 16, 2018

Restore My Spirit, Lord!

Do you feel that your spiritual life is lacking in depth and dedication? Are you displeased with your spiritual development? Any Christian who wants a closer walk with the Lord can have it!! Here are some suggestions as to how:

1. Get thoroughly dissatisfied with yourself. Spiritual growth can only be made when we see the need for improvement.
2. Carefully determine areas of your life that need to change and begin now to make them.
3. Do a thorough job of repenting. Let Godly sorrow do it healing work.
4. Make a definite place in your life for daily worship. Do not neglect prayer and Bible study for any reason.
5. Deliberately narrow your interests. You must decide what is most important. There are always things that come up, but brings us no nearer to God.
6. Begin immediately some definite work for Christ. Be sure to devote time each week to it.
7. Trust the Lord. Expect spiritual growth and the closer walk with God you are desiring.

David

Congregational Responsibilities

On Tuesday evening, the elders and deacons met to finalize responsibilities for the work of the congregation. Please cooperate with those in charge. If you have questions please see one of the elders.

- **Fellowship** – Steve Shock, Rodney Partee
 - Known Events - 5th Sunday potlucks, monthly Kids Crafts, monthly birthday celebrations, Valentines dinner, Fall Fish Fry, Sr Banquet, Memorial Day cookout, Thanksgiving meal, men's breakfast, ladies' event at Areopagus, New Years' game nights, Friday/Saturday movies, JOY group events, funeral food organization
 - Organize clean-up for congregational events
 - Fellowship Committee – suggestions members include Kim & Carey Wells, Harold & Debbie Moody, Becky & Thomas Martin, Gary & Karen Lambert, Bob Johnston, Barbara Ausbrooks, Treva Widner, Rachel Johns
 - Suggestion: arrange regular (quarterly or semi-annual) get-togethers for widows/elderly
- **Pulpit needs** – Curtis Sawrie, Dan Blair, Rodney Partee
 - suggestion to give David one Sunday per month off from preaching duties, invite men from congregation to speak
 - Make sure special event speakers are someone we are familiar with or have heard to gauge speaker
 - suggestion of Friends & Family Day or Invite Your Neighbor Day
 - known guest speakers from past include Ted (Levy Missions), Gospel Chariots, Southern Christian Home, Truth for Today
- **Youth** – Curtis Sawrie, Dan Blair, Clay Winn
 - Known events: monthly area-wide meetings, YOU in January, girls mtg in Center Hill/Paragould, ChristQuest in August, monthly Kids Crafts, summer camp, Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival
 - suggested quarterly game night or other type get-together hosted by different families
- **Missionaries** – Steve Shock, Ralph Hunter, Clay Winn
 - determine how to use unassigned mission funds from Costa Rica, locally or other
 - develop specific plans for local evangelistic efforts; previously mentioned include social media campaigns, mail-outs & door-knocking
- **Education** – Curtis Sawrie, Dan Blair, Rodney Partee
 - suggest beginning semi-annual, possibly quarterly meetings w/ teachers & potential teachers for training & idea sharing for using current material: FIRST ONE PLANNED FOR Jan 13, 2019
 - VBS - suggested forming a committee to help organize; in past David got Adult Class speakers, Steve got Youth Class speakers & ?? wrote skits; Thomas develops/suggests theme & lesson plans; make sure teachers have help they need both in class & for decorating
- **Worship** – Curtis Sawrie, Ralph Hunter, Clay Winn
 - take over Rodger Harlan's current responsibilities - these include organize men for worship at each service, at beginning of class make sure teachers are present & get head count, ring bell to end class, count contribution, receive communion trays, get head count for worship service
 - suggest picking half a dozen families to share responsibility for making communion trays ready, currently mostly done by Thomas & Becky
- **Building/Grounds** – Steve Shock, Dan Blair, Ralph Hunter
 - suggest planning 2 inside/outside workdays in spring & fall
 - assign opening/closing building for all services (Ralph Hunter)
- **Benevolence** – Steve Shock, Rodney Partee, Ralph Hunter
 - develop list for above & have plan for initiating contact on regular basis to offer help
- **Budget/Finance** – Curtis Sawrie, Clay Winn

PRAYERS NEEDED

Ronnie House is in the Spring Hill Hospital recovering from blood clots in his lungs.

Sonny Nealey and family are in need of our prayers.

Nell Bostic is now under hospice care.

Karen Lambert will undergo surgery to remove cancer on Tuesday.

Phil Autrey is struggling with some serious health issues.

Leslie Paul, Harold Moody's niece, is hospitalized with serious health problems.

Terry Sanders, Todd Sanders' father, will undergo major surgery on Tuesday.

Extended Sick List: Shelia Riddle, Angie Hawks, Paula Stocks, Ray Walker, Terry Turner, Martha Walker, Alex Lafferty, Kathy Hall, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Connie Cook, Charlene Lasley, Terry Sanders, Mike Knappier, Victoria Taylor, Larry Keathley, Sarah Roderick, Martha Green, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Gordon Newsome, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes

FAMILY NEWS.

Sympathy: Scotty Vance, Rodney Partee's uncle, passed away this past week. We express our love and sympathy to the family.

Preaching: Dan Blair will be preaching this morning.

Kid's Konnection: The youth of the congregation are urged to meet at 5 p.m. at the front of the auditorium each Sunday. Following a few minutes of memory work a special class for them will be conducted.

Nursery Duties: If you are willing to serve in the nursery during the morning worship service in 2019, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Wednesday Meals: Everyone is invited to a meal each Wednesday at 6 p.m. If you are willing to be responsible for preparations for a meal in January or February, please sign the sheet in the foyer or see Bob Johnston. If you will be attending on Wednesday please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Magi Boxes: In December please bring hair brush and comb.

“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man” (Ephesians 3:16)

I once signed up for a hike with a ranger, who told me an amazing thing. He said, “When a tree's life is threatened and stressed by fire, drought, or other elements, it twists beneath its bark to reinforce and make itself stronger. On the surface, this new inner strength may not be visible because the bark continues to give the same vertical appearance. Only when the bark is stripped away can the result of the inner struggles be seen.”

In our stress, grief, and hardship, God can strengthen us in ways which are not visible to the world.

David