

December 2, 2018

Nursery

Britney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Lambert

SCRIPTURE READING

Jade Smith

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

LORD'S TABLE

Stanley Gordon, b.

Jade Smith, c.

Gus Smith, c.

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Caleb Shock

Bob Johnston

LORD'S TABLE

Curtis Sawrie

Byron Sawrie

December 5, 2018

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

DEVOTIONAL

Ethan Johns

December 9, 2018

Nursery

Britney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Curtis Sawrie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Lambert

SCRIPTURE READING

Gus Smith

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Bob Johnston

David Hall

LORD'S TABLE

Doug Ellison, b.

Connor Marsh, c.

Ralph Hunter, c.

Michael Hunter

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

David Hall

Doug Ellison

LORD'S TABLE

Jarod Partee

Rodger Harlan

December 12, 2018

LEAD SINGING

Harmon Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Carey Wells

Ethan Johns

DEVOTIONAL

Mike Widner

At A Glance

December 4 – Boy's Day at Areopagus

December 5 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

December 9 – Holiday Potluck after a.m. service

December 9 – Area-Wide Youth Devo.

Oppelo C of C. 5 p.m.

December 10 – Preacher's Meeting.

Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m.

December 12 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

December 13 – Ladies' Purse Exchange at the home of Winnie Joslin. 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 25-27 – Y.O.U. Robinson and Center C of C.

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

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., Dec. 2: Lesson #100 – Jn. 15

Wed., Dec. 5: Lesson #101 – Jn. 16

Sun., Dec. 9: Lesson #102 – Jn. 17

Wed., Dec. 12: Lesson #103 – Mk. 14:32-52

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 Youth outreach university.com
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Gathering (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

The Mars Hill Messenger

December 2, 2018

Light The Fire

How do you ignite the spiritual fire in your Christian life? Often times, we wait, expecting someone else to start it. But this is not good. This is putting your spiritual future and life in the hands of someone else.

To light the spiritual fire, a person needs:

1. **More Bible, not less.** God's word is the lamp and foundation of faith. The more Bible a person is pouring into their heart, the closer they grow in the Lord and the stronger their faith becomes. Are you reading your Bible daily?
2. **More dedication, not less.** God calls us to be diligent and to be earnest about the business of being a Christian. The good seed of God's word was choked out by the cares and pleasures of the world (Luke 8:14) The fire is ignited by better attendance to services, not less. The fire starts by thinking more good thoughts, not less.
3. **More dependence upon God, not less.** A song we sing says, "I need Thee, every hour..." The fire is started when we act that way. Self helps and fancy talk do not help like the Lord can. Prayers should be fervent and often to the Lord. Decisions should be made after spiritual study. We need God!

Don't wait for someone else to start the fire. It may not happen. Start it yourself! We sing a song that says, "Light the fire...in my soul..." Won't you strike the match TODAY?

David

Paradise Lost and Regained

"Paradise is lost," reported Joe Glenn, minister for the Paradise Church of Christ in Paradise, California. Glenn made this statement concerning the devastation wrought by the wildfire that recently burned its way through this community of 27,000 people. Glenn and his wife, Pat, and their son, Curtis, safely evacuated the city before the fire destroyed their homes and the church building. They escaped with their pets, some manuscripts, and "the clothes on their backs."

Glenn told Bobby Ross, Jr. of *The Christian Chronicle* about their slow and scary exit out of the city: "As we were driving down the road, flames were coming across the hills. It took us an hour and a half to go what usually takes us eight minutes to go because we were in bumper-to-bumper traffic getting out of town."

Glenn reported that as far as he knew, all 50 of the members of the Paradise Church had escaped the fire. "One of our ladies couldn't get to her car, so she just took her son and started running. And some people picked them up and took them down to Chico," he said. However, only two homes of members survived; the others were burnt up.

Ross asked, "But I understand that you consider yourself blessed that you survived?" Glenn replied, "God is good. Paradise is lost. We are OK. It is going to take many months before Paradise is rebuilt. Keep us in your prayers!"

Another Paradise was lost to humanity long ago. When God created the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, He placed them in a beautiful garden paradise, the Garden of Eden. In the garden, all of their needs were perfectly met. They even had access to the Tree of Life which could sustain their lives for eternity.

But Paradise was lost when Adam and Eve succumbed to the temptation of Satan and ate of the forbidden fruit. Read Genesis chapter three. Because of sin, they were cast out of the Garden. Suffering and death became a reality. It is our reality today. We also sin (Romans 3:23). Paradise has been lost to us.

But Paradise may be regained because of Jesus Christ. God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). Through Jesus, we can have our sins washed away and receive the gift of eternal life. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

God will forgive 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). Those who accept His offer on His terms will one day enter a Heavenly Paradise where they will have access to the Tree of Life and live for eternity (Revelation 2:7).

Paradise was lost because of our sin, but Paradise may be regained through Jesus. That is a reason to be thankful, even if our earthly Paradise is destroyed.

Won't **YOU** accept God's offer of forgiveness and eternal life in a Heavenly Paradise that can never be destroyed?

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Shelia Riddle was released from the hospital on Tuesday.

Nell Bostic is now under hospice care.

Karen Lambert will undergo surgery on Friday to remove cancer and lymph nodes.

Connie Cook, Debbie Moody's cousin, is having some serious health issues.

Extended Sick List: Angie Hawks, Paula Stocks, Ray Walker, Terry Turner, Shelia Riddle, Martha Walker, Alex Lafferty, Kathy Hall, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, 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.

Baptism: Ronnie House was baptized into Christ on Thanksgiving Day. We congratulate him on his new birth and welcome him to the family of God.

Sympathy: Anna Lee Davenport, Bart Davenport's mother, passed away this past week. Our love and sympathy are extended to the family.

Building Fund: \$4,222 was contributed to the Building Fund last Sunday. A \$3,400 payment was also made. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to make a year end contribution to the building loan principal see one of the elders.

Kid's Konnection: Each Sunday at 5 p.m. Today's Lesson: Kid's Need To Learn Determination.

Wednesday Meals: Everyone is invited to a meal each Wednesday at 6 p.m. If you will be attending on Wednesday please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Holiday Potluck: As a congregation, we will enjoy a potluck meal after services next Sunday morning. Our evening worship service will be moved to immediately following the meal and there will be no 5 p.m. service. Please invite your family and friends to join us in worship and the meal.

Ladies' Purse Exchange: Thursday, December 13th, at 6 p.m. at the home of Winnie Joslin. Please bring an old purse and an ornament for exchange. Food will be provided.

Magi Boxes: In November please bring Chap Stick and Deodorant.

- Pleasure comes from without, but joy comes from within, and it is therefore, within the reach of everyone.
- Yes, Christians are going to a special place when they die, but they need to make sure their lives are special while here.
- The most difficult thing to keep to yourself is your opinion.
- A perfect marriage is not when a perfect couple comes together, but when an imperfect couple comes to appreciate their differences.
- Faith is the principle to live by, not a problem to be solved.