

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

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

At A Glance

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. 9: Lesson #103 – Mk. 14:32-52

Wed., Dec. 12: Lesson #104 – Matt. 26:57-75

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

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**
- **Truth For Today World Mission School**
- **Gospel Chariot (Africa)**
- **Gospel Gathering (Local)**
- **Camp Areopagus**

The Mars Hill Messenger

December 9, 2018

DULL WORSHIP

Many Christians begin worship at 10:15 sharp and end at 10:30 dull!

A preacher was talking with a woman who was a devoted member of the congregation. He expressed his appreciation for seeing her at the services each Sunday. "Yes," she explained, "it is so refreshing after a long, hard week's work to come to church, sit down on soft, cushioned pews, and not have to think about anything."

Can people be guilty of offering mindless worship to God? Can worship become a dull routine where people "go through the motions" in a shallow and superficial way with little mental, intellectual, and emotional engagement and investment in the worship?

Paul said mindless worship is certainly possible in 1 Corinthians 11. The proper observance of the Lord's Supper requires concentration of the mind upon Christ. That is, think about what and especially WHO the Lord's Supper is all about! It's not Sunday morning brunch. It is the Lord's Supper.

Worship is serious! Worship requires effort! Won't you think about it?

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

David

Mystery Solved!

A house caught fire on Thursday morning, November 15, in Wilmer, Alabama. Five people and a baby were inside the home when it caught fire. All of them were able to get out except one: the homeowner's step-father; he was trapped in one of the rooms.

An unidentified man – a "mystery man" – stopped to help. He discovered that the man was trapped inside the burning home. He went in to get him out. He was able to pull him out safely. He put the injured man in his own jeep and wrapped some tears in his skin until the ambulance arrived. When the injured man was safe in the care of ambulance workers, the mystery man left.

The family was incredibly thankful for their hero, but they were saddened because they did not know his identity.

WKRG News 5 investigated and found the mystery man. His name is Robert Whisenant. Whisenant, who has worked with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire for 10 years, was on his way to take a paramedic test when he saw the house on fire. When he discovered that there was still someone inside the home, he went in to find him "without a second thought," he said. "You couldn't see even crawling on the floor. I wasn't able to see him. I was able to yell for him. He started yelling, so that's how I was able to locate him."

Whisenant resists being called a hero. "No, I don't view myself as a hero," he said. "I just [did] something that needed to be done. I've got the training, so I was doing what I was trained to do."

So, the nameless Good Samaritan – the mystery man – has been identified, and the family that he helped is extremely thankful for him.

Behold, I tell you another mystery...

Because of our sins, each of us is in grave danger. We are trapped and unable to free ourselves and in that state, we are destined to die.

The "mystery" is that there is good news that each and every one of us can be saved from our sins and share the spiritual blessings that God desires for us (see Ephesians 3:1-12).

Someone came to our rescue! In order to rescue us, He had to give His life. Our Rescuer willingly laid down His life so that we might live.

His name is Jesus; He is the sinless Son of God. Yet, because He loved us so much, He gave His life on the cross to pay the price for our sins and rescue us from eternal destruction. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

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 1:7-9).

Thankfully, the "mystery" has been solved: Jesus Christ is the Savior. He will save those who trust and obey Him. Won't **YOU**?

David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Sonny Nealey and family are in need of our prayers.

Joey Moore is suffering with the flu.

Shelia Riddle is at home recovering from surgery.

Nell Bostic is now under hospice care.

Karen Lambert is recovering from surgery to remove cancer.

Phil Autrey is struggling with some serious health issues.

Extended Sick List: 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.

Holiday Potluck: Everyone is invited to share in a meal after services this morning. Our evening worship service will be moved to immediately following the meal and there will be no 5 p.m. service.

Kid's Konnection: The kids of Kid's Konnection and their parents will be completing their "Encouragement Project" immediately following the Devotional Service this afternoon.

Ladies' Bible Study: Tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the home of Sara Beth Blair.

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

Angel Tree: The teens will be shopping for a family with four children. If you would like to contribute see Dan Blair.

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.

Building Payment: A \$3,400 building payment was made on Monday. Another \$1,275 was deposited into the Building Fund for use on a balloon payment at the end of the year. If you would like to make a year end contribution to the building loan principal see one of the elders.

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.

- The future is the time when you will wish you had done what you are not doing now
- Most people hate any change that does not jingle in their pockets