

**March 3, 2019**

**Nursery**

Winnie Joslin

**SOUND ROOM**

Caleb Shock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mark Mauney

**SCRIPTURE READING**

James Moore

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Stanley Gordon

Jade Smith

**LORD'S TABLE**

David Hall, b.

Doug Ellison, c.

Bart Davenport, c.

Connor Marsh

Ralph Hunter

Michael Hunter

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Harmon Sawrie

Wade Haynie

**LORD'S TABLE**

Caden Johns

Joey Moore

**March 6, 2019**

**LEAD SINGING**

Choralaires

**LEAD PRAYER**

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**DEVOTIONAL**

Choralaires

**March 10, 2019**

**Nursery**

Winnie Joslin

**SOUND ROOM**

Caleb Shock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mark Mauney

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Clay Johns

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Thomas Martin

**LEAD PRAYER**

Harmon Sawrie

John Foster

**LORD'S TABLE**

Wade Haynie, b.

David Bayless, c.

Rodger Moore, c.

Dennis Martin

Ethan Johns

Caden Johns

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Bart Davenport

Gary Lambert

**LORD'S TABLE**

Aaron Harp

James Moore

**March 13, 2019**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

**DEVOTIONAL**

Aaron Harp

***At A Glance***

**March 6** – CRC Choralaires at Mars Hill

**March 9** – Men's Breakfast. 8 a.m.

**March 10** – Daylight Savings Time Begins

**March 10** – Area-Wide Youth Devo.

Robinson and Center C of C

**March 11** – Preacher's Meeting. Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m.

**March 12** – Fellowship Supper. Menifee C of C. 5:30 p.m.

**March 16** – JOY Group meal at Smokin' Buns at 4 p.m.

**March 17** – Magi Box Packing Day

**March 17-20** – Gospel Meeting. Plumerville C of C. Speaker: Ted Knight

**March 23** – "The Story" Seminar. Southside C of C, Cabot. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**March 23** – Personal Evangelism Seminar.

Heber Springs C of C. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**March 24** – Friend and Family Day. Speaker: Keith Almond

**March 31** – Contribution to the Building Fund

**March 31** – Potluck and early evening service

**March 29-31** – Area-Wide Youth Retreat

**April 7** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

**April 14** – Area-Wide Youth Devo at Vilonia C of C.

**April 23** – Ladies' Day. Harding St. C of C

**April 26-27** – Ladies' Sewing Day at Areopagus

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., March 3: Lesson #127 – Genesis 19

Wed., March 6: No Classes

Sun., March 10: Lesson #128 – Genesis 20-21

Wed., March 13: Lesson #129 – Genesis 22-23

**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)
- 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

March 3, 2019



## Crowley's Ridge College Choralaires

Wednesday

Potluck Meal, 6 p.m.  
Program, 7 p.m.

## Relationship

You and I were created for relationship. It's by design that when we're born into the world, we are born into a family. If those familial relationships are severed or lost, other relationships are sought to fill the void. Sometimes efforts are made to rediscover lost relationships with family members.

Dennis Blackstone and his twin brother, Doug, were adopted in Dallas in 1951 at the age of three. Sadly, Doug was killed in a car crash on February 13, 1979. Dennis, grieving the loss of his brother, began to wonder about his biological family. Who were my parents? Do I have any other siblings? He began to search for answers to these questions.

Blackstone discovered the names of his biological parents when a judge unsealed his adoption papers in 2000. Did he have any other siblings? Blackstone submitted a sample of his DNA to *23andme*, a website that offers genetic testing services, hoping to discover any siblings lost to him.

Earlier this month, *23andme* contacted Blackstone to inform him that they had found a first cousin. This cousin revealed that Blackstone did indeed have a sibling – an older sister named Connie Rusk.

71-years-old Blackstone – with the help of his wife and support of his children and adoptive family – found contact information for Rusk, age 74. He reached out to her, asking if they could meet. Rusk, who lives only 40 miles from Blackstone, responded that she would be delighted to meet her brother. On Sunday, February 17, 2019, Rusk and Blackstone – along with his wife, children, and grandchildren – met in Grapevine, Texas. After 70 years of separation, it was a reunion filled with tears of joy.

“My little brother finding me after 70 plus years is the most wonderful thing that could ever happen to me,” said Rusk.

During this same reunion, Blackstone also met his two-half sisters, who are from his biological mother's second marriage. “[They] wouldn't let me go. They hugged and hugged and hugged,” he said. “I now have two other half sisters I didn't know existed in the world.”

You and I were created for relationship. We need that human connection, whether it's biological or through adoption.

Even more fundamentally, you and I were created for a relationship with God. Sadly, our sins separate us from Him (Isaiah 59:1-2). When we try to fill that “God-shaped void” in our lives with relationships with other people and things, these relationships don't satisfy that deep, primary need for relationship with God.

Here's the Good News: God is searching for us. He wants us to be united with Him in His family. He went to great lengths to make that relationship possible. It cost the life of His Son Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins so that we can have forgiveness and be reconciled to God (Ephesians 1:7).

If we will place our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ (Acts 2:38), then God will forgive us of our sins, add us to His family, and give us the gift of eternal life (Acts 2:41, 47; Romans 6:23). God will continue to cleanse us of that sin that separates as we continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

If **YOU** go searching for God (and that search will involve a study of His Word, the Bible), what you will find is that He's been waiting for you. He's waiting for **YOU** to accept His offer of salvation and reunion and eternal life.

Won't **YOU** accept His offer on His terms? “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!” – 1 John 3:1

-- David A. Sargent

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Roy Bulice** is recovering from surgery to remove his thyroid.

**Rodney Partee** is suffering from kidney stones.

**Ronnie House** is improving slowly.

**Debbie Moody** has been very sick.

**Dale Bostic** is experiencing some breathing problems.

**Connor and Jesse Marsh** both have the flu.

**William Kirkland**, Lou Riley's brother, has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease.

**Ronnie Kirkland**, Lou Riley's nephew, is recovering from surgery to remove cancer.

**Extended Sick List:** Karen Lambert, Shelia Riddle, Nell Bostic, Angie Hawks, Paula Stocks, Martha Walker, Alex Lafferty, Kathy Hall, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Danny Morris, Connie Cook, Charlene Lasley, Larry Keathley, Sarah Roderick, Martha Green, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes

## FAMILY NEWS

Sympathy: Mary Pennington, Thomas Martin's mother, passed away last Saturday. Ashleigh Glover's grandmother passed away last week. Bob Johnston's brother-in-law passed away last week. We extend our love and sympathy to the families.

Building Fund: \$3,593 was contributed last week to the Building Fund. Thank for your generosity.

Choralaires: The Crowley's Ridge College Choralaires will be at Mars Hill Wednesday. Everyone's help is needed feeding the group. The meal will be potluck and served at 6 p.m. No Bible Classes on this Wednesday evening.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday at 8 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time: Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday morning.

Friend and Family Day: Everyone is encouraged to invite their friends and family to join us on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Keith Almond will deliver three messages on that day. There will be a potluck after the morning service and an early afternoon service following the meal.

Vitamins For Russia: We received word this week that the vitamins arrived in Utka, Russia and nothing was missing or damaged. Thank you for helping provide these for the children.

Kid's Konnection: Each Sunday at 5 p.m. Following a few minutes of memory work a special class will be conducted for the youth. Tonight's lesson: How Can I? (Acts 8)

Wednesday Meals: Everyone is invited to a meal each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

2-Liter Drinks: Please bring 2-Liter Drinks for use at Wednesday meals and potlucks.

Magi Boxes: In February please bring individually wrapped hard candy. Packing Date: March 17<sup>th</sup> after the morning service.