

April 21, 2019

Nursery

Saundra Harlan

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Shock

SCRIPTURE READING

Gary Lambert

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Ralph Hunter

Michael Hunter

LORD'S TABLE

Harold Moody, b.

Caleb Shock, c.

Bob Johnston, c.

David Hall

Doug Ellison

Bart Davenport

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caden Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Dennis Martin

James Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Mike Widner

Stanley Gordon

April 24, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Harmon Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Bart Davenport

Gary Lambert

DEVOTIONAL

Michael Hunter

April 28, 2019

Nursery

Saundra Harlan

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Shock

SCRIPTURE READING

Caden Johns

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Connor Marsh, b.

Ralph Hunter, c.

Michael Hunter, c.

Wade Haynie

David Bayless

Dennis Martin

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Clay Johns

Mark Mauney

LORD'S TABLE

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

May 1, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Ethan Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

DEVOTIONAL

Thomas Martin

At A Glance

April 21 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 7 p.m.

April 26-27 – Ladies' Sewing Day at

Areopagus

April 27-28 – Gospel Meeting. Downtown,

Morrilton C of C. Speaker: Kyle Butt

April 27 – Teen Game Night

April 27 – Singing. Devil's Fork Park, Higden.

Burgers and Hotdogs: 4 p.m. Singing: 6 p.m.

April 27 – VBS. Foothill C of C, Searcy. 9 a.m.

– 12 p.m.

April 28 – Contribution to the Building Fund

April 28 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

May 12-15 – Gospel Meeting. Harding St. C

of C.

May 5 – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Enola C of C

May 19 – Teachers Meeting following the

a.m. service

May 25 – Teen Game Night

May 26 – Contribution to the Building Fund

May 26 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

May 26 – Memorial Day Cookout following

p.m. service

June 3-6 – Day Camp at Areopagus. K-3rd

Graders.

June 9-15 – Sr. High Camp Session at

Areopagus. 9-12th Graders.

June 16-20 – Middle School Session at

Areopagus. 4-6th Graders.

June 23-29 – Jr. High Session at Areopagus.

7-8th Graders

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., April 21: Lesson #140 – Review: Joseph, Moses, Joshua

Wed., April 24: Lesson #141 – David: Psalms 139

Sun., April 28: Lesson #142 – 2 Samuel 1

Wed., May 1: Lesson #143 – 2 Samuel 2

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

The Mars Hill Messenger

April 21, 2019

The Resurrection Changed Everything

For Christians all over the world, every Sunday is Resurrection Sunday. We meet each week, among other things, in order to celebrate the wondrous fact that Jesus died rose from the dead. Jesus's resurrection really did change everything. It changed the cross from a tragedy into a triumph, and it changed physical death from something feared to something even welcomed. This was the most powerful divine event in the history of creation, and it ushered in a new age of the Holy Spirit's activity and power in saving and transforming lives.

When considering if Christianity is true, it all boils down to whether Jesus rose from the dead. The lives of Christians today demonstrate that the resurrection is still changing people. It changes fear into love, despair into joy. The resurrection changes people from being spiritually dead to being alive to God. It changes guilty condemnation into a celebration of forgiveness and freedom. It changes anxiety into a hope that goes beyond the grave. It can change our sinful hearts so they want to follow the Lord Jesus, and the power of the resurrection is relentlessly killing sin in every true Christian. The resurrection is far from being something we only benefit from in the future!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (Colossians 3:1). We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4). God . . . made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him (Ephesians 2:5–6).

Baffled Brothers?

The topic of the class was “The ABC’s of Acts.” The teacher was Jeff Boyd, a student at Abilene Christian University, who drove to Coahoma, TX on weekends to serve as youth minister for the Coahoma Church of Christ. I was a member of the class and a member of the church youth group. My Dad served as the preaching minister for the church.

I remember that Jeff introduced the study with a challenge for all of the students: Read the chapter to be studied during the week before the Sunday school class. For chapter 1, we were instructed to try to think of words that begin with the letter “A” to help us remember what was discussed in that chapter. I took the challenge. I read the chapter several times during the week. One of the things discussed in Acts 1 is how an apostle was appointed to replace Judas. I came up with this phrase that contained words that all begin with the letter “A”: “Authority Above All Appoints Another Apostle.” I remember beaming when I shared this phrase with the class on the following Sunday morning. We had a lot of fun with that exercise!

Then we were ready to study Acts 2. I don’t remember what “B” words I came up with that week, but I will never forget what my friend and fellow youth group member, Joe Don Williams, proposed as a phrase to remember some of the contents of the chapter: “Baffled Brothers Babbling Because Blaze Bestowed Blessings.” Wow! I was amazed and dumbfounded. Joe Don was *THE* wordsmith! What a creative way of recalling the reaction of the crowd on Pentecost Day when the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles and enabled them to speak in other tongues (languages) about Jesus!

Why do I tell you about the experiences in Bible class? Because this happened almost 40 years ago, and I have never forgotten it. Why not? Was it the amazing abilities that my friends and I had to create memorable word phrases? No, it was much more than that. I remember it vividly because of the relationships that I valued and enjoyed during that time in my life. Jeff Boyd was a great youth minister. My closest friends – Joe Don, Jim Bob, John, Shanna, Valerie, Brian, Zac, and more – were members of that youth group. What was the bond that united us together? It was Jesus. We were all members of the youth group, part of the family of God, the church.

Jesus died for you and me so that we can be saved from our sins and receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). We accept His offer of salvation and eternal life when we place our faith and trust in Him (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 for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as we walk in the light of His Word, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from our sins (1 John 1:7-9).

When we are baptized into Christ, we are born (born again) into the Family of God, the church (Galatians 3:26-27). That’s when the Lord adds us to the church (Acts 2:41, 47). I want you to know that one of the greatest spiritual blessings that is found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3) is being a part of the Family of God – a family that loves you, supports you, helps you, and even corrects you when you need it.

I am no longer a “baffled brother.” I am a brother that belongs to the Family of God. I am so thankful for my Lord and for the church that He purchased with His blood (Acts 20:28).

I would love for **YOU** to be a member of God’s family. More importantly, Jesus wants **YOU** to be a member of His family, and He died to make it possible.

Won’t **YOU** trust and obey Jesus and be added to His family today?

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Roy Bulice is having some serious health issues.

Ronnie House is recovering from surgery to place a port for peritoneal dialysis.

Lou Riley is experiencing some health problems.

Dorothy Glover is recovering from a broken arm.

Linda Wood, Bob Johnston’s sister-in-law, is recovering from surgery to repair an aneurism.

Judy McCannon, Bob Johnston’s sister, is experiencing breathing problems and kidney failure.

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, Ronnie Kirkland, Charlene Lasley, Martha Green, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes

FAMILY NEWS

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Tomorrow. 7 p.m.

Ladies’ Sewing: Next Friday and Saturday at Camp Areopagus. For more information see Treva Widner.

Building Fund: Next week’s contribution will go toward our building payment. Please be as generous as possible.

Kid’s Konnection: Each Sunday evening at 5:00 our children are urged to meet at the front of the auditorium. A special class for them meets each Sunday evening. Today’s Lesson: Acts 14: “Not God’s But Men.”

Wednesday Meals: Everyone is invited to a meal each Wednesday at 6 p.m. The last meal this Spring will be May 15th. We will begin them again in the fall. Money for the meals is running short. If anyone would like to contribute to them please see Bob Johnston or Debbie Moody.

Summer Camp: If your child plans to attend a Summer Camp session at Areopagus please register them now. www.campareopagus.org.

Regardless of the view of our present culture, sin is still awful and sinful. That’s why God’s best, His only begotten Son, took your place! (John 3:16)

No one is smart enough. No one is good enough. No one is anything enough to get to Heaven on their own.

He’s called the Lamb of God because He perfectly fulfilled every type and picture of the Old Testament Passover lamb. Aren’t you glad that He’s your Savior?