

**August 11, 2019**

**Nursery**

Winnie Joslin

**SOUND ROOM**

Caleb Shock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clay Winn

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mike Widner

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Michael Hunter

Thomas Martin

**LORD'S TABLE**

Stanley Gordon, b.

Jade Smith, c.

Harmon Sawrie, c.

Clay Winn

Tom Hedrick

Gus Smith

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Rodger Moore

Dennis Martin

**LORD'S TABLE**

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

**August 14, 2019**

**LEAD SINGING**

Harmon Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Wade Haynie

Bart Davenport

**DEVOTIONAL**

Gary Lambert

**August 18, 2019**

**Nursery**

Winnie Joslin

**SOUND ROOM**

Dan Blair

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clay Winn

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark Mauney

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Rodger Moore

Dennis Martin

**LORD'S TABLE**

Mike Widner, b.

Jack Hancock, c.

Bart Davenport, c.

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

Caleb Shock

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Colton Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

James Moore

Mark Mauney

**LORD'S TABLE**

Tom Hedrick

Roy Bulice

**August 21, 2019**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

**DEVOTIONAL**

Mike Widner

**At A Glance**

**August 11** – Congregational Lunch. Peyton Creek Fish House following the a.m. worship

**August 17** – Ladies' Sewing Day at Camp Areopagus

**August 18** – Back-To-School Bash. 5 p.m.

**August 25** – Contribution to the Building Fund

**August 25** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

**September 9** – Preacher's Meeting. 10 a.m.

**September 11** – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

**September 18** – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

**September 25** – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

**September 29** – Potluck Meal after a.m. service. Early evening service

**September 29** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

**September 29-October 2** – Harding University Lectures. Theme: Fan the Flame  
**September 29** – Contribution to the Building Fund

**September 29** – Potluck Meal following the a.m. service. Early evening service.

**October 5** – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Brotherhood Door Knocking Campaign

**November 16** – Fund Raiser for Camp Areopagus. Time: Noon. Lunch and Painting holiday door hangers.

**January 24-26** – Youth Outreach University

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., August 11: Lesson #170 – 1 Kings 9

Wed., August 14: Lesson #171 – 1 Kings 10

Sun., August 18: Lesson #172 – Song of Solomon; 1 Kings 11

Wed., August 21: Lesson #173 – Ecclesiastes

**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

**August 11, 2019**

**Parking On Someone Else's Nickel**

In the old days, cities regulated downtown parking with meters. You park, drop in a nickel or dime and get some time on the meter. Then you'd go into the store and be sure to be back before the meter ran out of time.

However, occasionally, you could find a spot with time left on the meter. In that case, you would "park on someone else's nickel!"

Someone has said: "We eat from orchards we did not plant. We drink from wells we did not dig. We reap from fields we did not sow. We are warmed by fires we did not kindle. We are sheltered by roofs we did not build. We are blessed by moneys we did not give."

In the Lord's Church, each person has job. That's Paul's point in 1 Cor. 12. We have a responsibility to our congregation to use our talents to help the Lord's Church grow. Are you using your talents, time and resources for the Lord? Or are you simply parking on someone else's nickel? Consider these verses:

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11).

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to

help them" (Hebrews 6:10). "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" (Romans 12:1).

**Those involved in providing our devotional time on Wednesday evenings are asked to please help us be ready to begin our Bible Study time by 7:15.**

## My Teachers

The school term starts this week. Whew, we made it through another summer! Seriously, this time of the years causes me to think back to important people who I've been blessed to learn from.

I like math. Some may think I'm weird for doing so, but I do. I like math. I've enjoyed learning through the years about how to solve mathematical equations, I even have a math degree. I decided to dedicate my life to another field of study and service. (I'll come back to that in a moment). But I like math!

I've been asked how I came to like math. Was there someone who sparked my interest? My answer has always been "yes"; it was Mr. Daniel, my math teacher at Beebe High School. After more than 40 years, I still think back about Mr. Daniel and my love for math. What did he do to kindle a love for math in me? I don't remember many specific things that he did, but I think I've "factored" (a good algebra term) it down to two things: he challenged me to learn math and he cared about me. I've come to recognize that those are two great qualities in teachers. I'll always be indebted to Mr. Daniel who instilled in me a love for solving math equations. He made a difference in my life.

I have had – and continue to have – many teachers in my life. I'm especially grateful for those who have taught me and continue to teach me the truths of God's Word. In the end, that's the Subject that matters most. My teachers have been my parents, my grandparents, my wife and children, countless Bible school teachers, Bible professors at Harding University, mentors, fellow ministers, dear friends, and even complete strangers (through their writings). I am blessed to be able to personalize what Paul wrote to Timothy: "you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:14-15). I continue to learn from the Master Teacher Himself (Jesus) and His Spirit-guided apostles and prophets in the inspired Word of God.

I'm eternally grateful for my teachers who have taught me the way of salvation. They have cared enough about me to challenge me to learn God's Word and to follow Him.

I want to issue a challenge to you. Read God's Word. Study it deeply. Read it as if your life depends on it. It does. "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4). Don't miss the main Subject: "the salvation of man through Christ to the glory of God."

The Truth is: God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Timothy 2:4-6). God will save 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).

Don't take my word for it. Read and study God's Word for yourself. Read it and heed it. You'll never regret it. And, like me, you will be eternally grateful to those who have helped you to learn the way of salvation through Christ.

-- David

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Kenneth Baxter** is in Salem Place Rehab Facility room R28.

**Clay Johns** is recovering from knee surgery.

**Extended Sick List:** Roy Bulice, Amy Smith, Ronnie House, Dorothy Glover, Karen Lambert, Shelia Riddle, Nell Bostic, Paula Stocks, Martha Walker, Alex Lafferty, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Barbara Fowlkes, Phillip VanWinkle, Charlene Lasley, Martha Green, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones

## FAMILY NEWS

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Today at 3:30 p.m.

Congregational Lunch: Everyone is invited to go to the Peyton Creek Fish House after services this morning.

Back-To-School Bonanza: We want to encourage our K-6<sup>th</sup> Graders as they begin their school year. We will enjoy a special Kid's Konnection session at 5 p.m. followed by Roper's Pizza and a fun activity for the parents and their children. Yes, invite your family and friends to join! All we ask is that you let us know you plan to eat with us after services this evening. Sign up in the foyer.

Ladies' Sewing Day: Next Saturday at Camp Areopagus. See Treva Widner if you have questions.

Back-To-School Bash: Next Sunday at 5 p.m. Meal to follow. Please help by signing up to provide food for the Bash. You will find the list on the table in the foyer.

Named-Brand Soft Drinks: Please help restock our supply of drinks used at the many different events we have.

Wednesday Meals: The meals will begin again on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. They will be served each week at 6 p.m. If you would like to help with the preparation and serving of a meal, please sign the sheet on the table in foyer. If you are willing to contribute to the purchase of food for the meals please see Bob Johnston. Everyone is invited to attend and bring family and guests.

## The Inn-Keeper

The deeds by the Good Samaritan would be akin to the Teacher or Preacher who cleans up yesterday's deeds or disaster by applying the Good News, the Gospel, building belief, then baptizing one into Christ to wash away any sins causing any pains or anxiety (Read Mark 16:15f; Acts 2:38; 8:36-39; Gal. 3:26f). One would then be in the Inn (or the church-1 Corinthians: 12:13) for further care and recovery. The Innkeeper would be like a skilled nurse, who supplies daily care and attention for the further recovery to take on the divine nature (Note 1 Peter 1:22-2:2; 2 Peter 1:3-4).

The Innkeeper had the challenging duty of physically strengthening an unstable soul. In the church the challenge is to morally and spiritually strengthen souls, who are recovering from multiple wicked ways. Every congregation is an Inn with souls struggling to take on the divine nature. They desperately need help for godly growth. Are You a good "Innkeeper?"