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#### At A Glance

**September 22** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 pm.

**September 22-25** – Gospel Meeting. N. Main C of C, Stuttgart. Tommy Brooks, speaker

**September 22-25** – Gospel Meeting. Foothills C of C. Speaker: B.J. Clark

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

**September 28** – Girl’s Bake Day. 1 p.m.

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

**September 29** – Teacher’s Appreciation

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

**September 29** – Contribution to the Building Fund

**October 2** – Organizational Meeting for National Door-Knocking Campaign

**October 5** – 1st Annual Brotherhood Door Knocking Campaign

**October 6** – Ted Knight will speak at a.m. service. Josh Moore will speak at p.m. service

**October 6** – Baby Shower for Kaitlyn Winn at Debbie Moody’s home. 2-4 p.m.

**October 6-8 –** Gospel Meeting. Springfield C of C. Speaker: David Riley

**October 8** – Fellowship Supper. Harding St. C of C. 5 p.m.

**October 12** – Movie Night: Wonder. 5 p.m.

**October 14** – Preacher’s Meeting. Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m.

**October 15** – Senior Citizens Gathering at Camp Areopagus. 10:30 a.m.

**October 20** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30

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

**November 17** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

**November 26** – Thanks-Singing. 7 p.m.

**December 1** – Jim Corner of WBS speaks at Mars Hill.

**December 15** – Holiday Potluck

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

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., Sept. 22: Lesson # 182 – 1 Kings 20

Wed., Sept. 25: Lesson # 183 – 1 Kings 21

Sun., Sept. 29: Lesson #184 – 1 Kings 22

Wed., Oct. 2: Lesson # 185 – 2 Kings 1

**September 29, 2019**

**Nursery**

Brittney Wells

**SOUND ROOM**

Caleb Shock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gary Lambert

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Harold Moody

**A.M. SERVICE**

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Harmon Sawrie

John Foster

**LORD’S TABLE**

Caden Johns, b.

Wyatt Bradshaw, c.

Rodney Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan

Jarrod Partee

Sean Vines

**P.M. SERVICE**

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Tom Hedrick

Stanley Gordon

LORD’S TABLE

Bart Davenport

Connor Marsh

**October 2, 2019**

LEAD SINGING

Caden Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

DEVOTIONAL

Jarrod Partee

**An Idol Before The Living God**

An American tradition is that if you have a rabbit’s foot good luck will come your way. I am not sure where this idea came from, but mankind has so often looked to find a magic potion of some sort that will help them in times of trouble.

The Jews thought they had the ultimate “lucky charm.” When the Philistine army came against the Israelites and the Jews were losing the battle. They brought out their “rabbit’s foot!”  It was the Ark of the Covenant and they believed it would help them win.

It didn’t work! “The ark of God was captured” (1 Sam. 4:12). That ark had its purpose, but God never wanted it to be thought of as a good luck charm.

The Philistines couldn’t decide what to do with the ark, but they finally took it into the sacred house where their god, Dagon, was kept. The next morning their idol, Dagon, was found lying face down “bowing” itself before the ark of God. So, they stood Dagon upright again. Early the next morning they came into their temple, and this time Dagon had fallen again and his head and both of his hands were broken from his body. (1 Sam. 5:1-5). Dagon’s shattered head and helpless hand showed the foolishness of idolatry.

What does this have to do with us? While we may not think we serve idols, Paul showed that whatever we covet becomes our idol (Col. 3:5). It is sad to see so many thinking that a man’s life consists of how many material possessions he can get (Luke 12:15). Houses, cars, clothing, electronics, traveling and vacations have become the gods of so many.

Hasn’t our God shown in recent events that these gods are unable to help us in times of trouble? By the way the rabbit’s foot didn’t help that crippled rabbit even though he still has three lucky charms!

David

**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.**

# Missions

* **Ted & Barbara Knight (U.S.A., Romania)**
* **Main Street Church of Christ (Stuttgart, Arkansas)**
* **Youth Outreach University**

**Youthourreachuniversity.com**

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

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Ralph Hunter 428-0466

Rodney Partee 328-7380

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# Evangelist

##### David Riley 796-2052

**Youth Minister**

Dan Blair 519-1173

**September 22, 2019**

**Nursery**

Brittney Wells

**SOUND ROOM**

Clay Winn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gary Lambert

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Caden Johns

**A.M. SERVICE**

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Stanley Gordon

Jade Smith

**LORD’S TABLE**

Steve Shock, b.

Dan Blair, c.

Curtis Sawrie, c.

Steve Dixon

Byron Sawrie

Curtis Sawrie

**P.M. SERVICE**

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Sean Vines

Clay Winn

LORD’S TABLE

David Hall

Doug Ellison

**September 25, 2019**

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

Mark Mauney

DEVOTIONAL

Rodney Partee

##### The Mars Hill

###### Messenger

**September 22, 2019**

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# 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.

Tuesday

Ladies’ Bible Class……10:00 a.m.

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

**Vanessa Ellison** is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

**Billy Morris**, Winnie Joslin’s brother, is in ICU suffering from blood clots in his head.

**Maynette Stroud** of Robinson and Center has been diagnosed with cancer.

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

**FAMILY NEWS**

Kid’s Konnection: 5 p.m today. Lesson: Matthew 5:4 – “Blessed are they that mourn.”

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

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

Potluck Meal and Early Service: Everyone is invited to share in a potluck meal after the morning service next Sunday. The evening service will be held immediately following the meal. There will be no 5 p.m. service. Invite your family and friends to join us.

Teacher Appreciation: Anyone who has ever served the congregation as a teacher in any capacity will be honored at the potluck meal next Sunday. Everyone will want to be present to show our deep appreciation to these special individuals.

Girl’s Bake Day: Next Saturday at 1 p.m. Food and Scripture – What at great combination!

Brotherhood Door-Knocking Campaign: On Saturday, October 5th, every member of the congregation is urged to meet at the building at 9:30 a.m. Following assignment and prayer we will go into the community to meet our neighbors and inform them about our service times. Everyone’s help is needed.

Organizational Meeting for Brotherhood Door-Knocking Campaign: Every participating in the Door-Knocking Campaign is asked to meet at the building at 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 2nd. We understand if you aren’t able to attend this meeting and you can still be a part of the campaign on October 5th. However, if possible, please attend this organizational meeting to receive important information and be ready for the work. Plan to enjoy the Wednesday meal on that date. Just please let Bob know if you are planning to eat.

Baby Shower: All the ladies are invited to a Baby Shower for Kaitlyn Winn on Sunday, October 6th at the home of Debbie Moody 2-4 p.m. Kaitlyn is having twin girls. Diapers, Baby Wash, Powder, etc. are suggested.

Senior Citizen Gathering: All Senior citizens are invited to Camp Areopagus on Tuesday, October 15th. We will enjoy a devotional period beginning at 10:30 a.m. Brother Charles Bane will deliver the devotional message. A meal will be provided following the devotional period. All the area congregations are being invited to participate and you are encouraged to invite any one you wish to come enjoy the gathering.

Wednesday Meal: Everyone is invited to share a meal each Wednesday 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.

**The Christian and His Baptism**

We often use passages about baptism to show unbelievers the need to be baptized into Christ. Certainly, baptism was taught to those who had not yet been baptized. The various occasions in the book of Acts show this. Baptism was an essential part of the becoming a Christian. If we are teaching the truth about Jesus, the Kingdom, and salvation, baptism will be a part of this teaching.

But there is something else to consider. When we look into the rest of the New Testament to read about baptism, we need to recognize that these writings were written to those who had already been baptized into Christ.

For example, in Romans 6, Paul is not telling the Romans that they need to be baptized, he is reminding them about the importance of the fact that they were, already, baptized. “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin” (Rom 6:3-6). Galatians 3 is written to believers: “But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal 3:26-27).

Several other passages like Colossians 2:11-14, 1 Corinthians 12:13, 1 Peter 3:21 can be added to the list. These are passages written to those who had already submitted themselves to the Lord. Why is this so important?

1. These passages are not singling out some of the Christians who were baptized and separating them from others who were not baptized. These passages assume that they were all baptized.
2. While we want to teach non-Christians to be baptized into Christ, as in Acts, it is just as important that we be reminded of why we were baptized in the first place. We need to be reminded of the commitment we made and what baptism meant to us. We put on Christ. We appealed to God for a good conscience. We were united with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. We were baptized into one body. We put our faith in the working of God.
3. These passages also show us that we have a point in time to look back to so that we are reminded of the significance of what we did. We can think back on our baptism no matter how mature we become in Christ and remember why we did what we did.

The next time you read the epistles and come across these passages about baptism, don’t just think about what the non-Christian needs to do. Think about what you did and why you did it. You will always have that anchor to keep you grounded.

David