

The Mars Hill Messenger

November 17, 2019

We'll See You After School!

When I was in third grade, I had two boys threaten to beat me up after school one day. They were the Ciccarelli twins – tough guys (it still sends a cold chill down my spine even when I type their name)! I couldn't understand it. Why did these boys want to beat up a charming, precious little third-grader (according to my mother)? It didn't make sense to me; I barely knew them. But one thing I knew was that they were going to be waiting for me after school.

And sure enough, after school there they stood waiting. However, I had all day to think about their threat, and I took action. I rounded up all my friends, and we all walked home from school together. In fact, we walked right past the Ciccarelli brothers, and they didn't say a word.

Now, to the point of this story. Why is it that a third-grader may know how to deal with bullying and opposition better than grown Christians? What do I mean? Well, when the Devil begins to pick on some Christians, and make their lives difficult, what's one of the first things that some Christians do? They stop attending church services. They withdraw from everyone. Instead of drawing on the strength of their brothers and sisters in Christ, they choose to face their enemy all alone.

As a third-grader, I knew that I was going to get "beat up" if I was found all by myself. So, I surrounded myself with friends, and avoided the beating. Seems there's a lesson in there for us. "

--Steve Higginbotham (via Bulletin Gold

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Deacons

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Rodney Partee	328-7380
Clay Winn	472-5928

Evangelist

David Riley	796-2052
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Youth Minister

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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**

At A Glance

November 17 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.
November 17-20 – Gospel Meeting. Mars Hill. Speaker: Steve Reeves
November 26 – Thanks-Singing. 7 p.m.
December 1 – Jim Corner of WBS speaks at Mars Hill.
December 8 – Kids' lunch, paint, movie, and gift exchange
December 15 – Holiday Potluck
December 29 – Ted Knight report at a.m. service
January 24-26 – Youth Outreach University

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., Nov. 17: Lesson # 198 – 2 Peter 1-2
 Wed., Nov. 20: Gospel Meeting. No Classes
 Sun., Nov. 24: Lesson #199 – 2 Peter 3
 Wed., Nov. 27: Lesson # 200 – 1 John 1-2

November 17, 2019

Nursery

Heather Partee

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thomas Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

Rodger Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Dennis Martin

Clay Johns

LORD'S TABLE

Rodney Partee, b.

Jerrold Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan, c.

Sean Vines

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

Mark Mauney

LORD'S TABLE

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

November 20, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Tom Hedrick

Stanley Gordon

DEVOTIONAL

Gospel Meeting

November 24, 2019

Nursery

Heather Partee

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thomas Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

Carlton Clayton

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

Mark Mauney

LORD'S TABLE

Mike Widner, b.

Jack Hancock, c.

Tom Hedrick, c.

Stanley Gordon

Jade Smith

Gus Smith

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Harmon Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

LORD'S TABLE

Curtis Sawrie

Byron Sawrie

November 27, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Ethan Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Jade Smith

Gus Smith

DEVOTIONAL

Bob Johnston

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.

Are We Like Sheep?

Out near Camp Areopagus, there is a flock of sheep. Earlier this week as I went to check on things at the camp, I traveled by the field in which this flock is housed. In a corner next to the fence, I noticed several sheep grouped together. There, tangled up in the fencing, was a little black lamb. A man, I'll call him the shepherd, was walking on the other side of the fence toward the sheep, on his way to rescue the poor little lamb.

Right away I saw a lesson in that sight. Are you like the sheep who was in trouble, or are you like the other sheep along the side? At times we all might be like both. If you are in need of help, do you call to others for help, or are you the one who will gather around when one is in distress?

If you do not let anyone know there is something wrong in your life, then no one will know. We must use our distress signals just like the little lamb baa-ing for help.

On the other hand, when you see one of your brothers or sisters in trouble spiritually or in need of something, do you step up to help? We should "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

When we see our brother or sister needing help spiritually or physically, we should lend a supporting hand. We should be by their side to comfort or talk to them when they are sad or overwhelmed with burdens. Cheer them on if they need some encouragement. If you can't do anything, call for someone else to help. Be like those other sheep who do all the baaing. They are calling to the shepherd for help. We should all call for help to the shepherd, to our Lord Jesus Christ.

"He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs in his arms;
He will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young"
(Isaiah 40:11).

David

Before Adam and Eve sinned, God walked with them in the cool of the day. Too many of us now are satisfied with a brief visit Sunday morning.

Announcement made at a congregational meeting: "If you will fill out your temperature preference form and drop it in the collection plate, we will average all of the preferences and adjust the thermostats accordingly."

PRAYERS NEEDED

Vanessa Ellison is recovering from a procedure on her shoulder.

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

Gospel Meeting: Our evangelistic effort begins today. Brother Steve Reeves will preach at 9:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and at 1 p.m. There will be a meal after the morning service. Everyone is invited to share in the meal. All are encouraged to support the Gospel Meeting with your attendance and by inviting others to come hear God's word proclaimed.

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

Elderly Financial Exploitation Presentation: Next Sunday, Vanessa Ellison will share information on fraud and scams used today to target the elderly and how to avoid becoming a victim. This is good information for all ages. Lunch will be served. Please sign up by November 17th if you plan to attend.

Thanks-Singing: Our Annual Thanks-Singing will be held Tuesday, November 26th, at 7 p.m. We will invite the area congregations to join us. Each Mars Hill member is asked to invite and bring as many guests as possible.

Thanksgiving Meal: Before the singing on Tuesday, November 26th, a potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m. The meat is being provided. Everyone else is asked to bring the other food dishes. Also, be sure and invite your family and friends to share the meal and the singing.

Calling All Kids: Lunch, paint, and a movie for K-6th Graders on Sunday, December 8th. Bring a \$5 gift to exchange. Sign the sheet in the foyer letting us know you plan to attend.

WBS: Jim Conner of World Bible School will be at Mars Hill on Sunday, December 1st. He will provide information about WBS during the Bible Class period and deliver the sermon that morning. WBS is a way every member of the Lord's church can be a personal soul winner. Please be in Bible class on this day to hear how you can be a part.

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.

Building Loan: The \$3,400 monthly payment for November was made this past week. There is approximately \$10,000 available for a balloon payment at the end of December. Everything donated the remainder of the year will go directly against the principal. If you wish to give toward this end of the year payment please see Thomas Martin.

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