

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

December 1, 2019

Nursery

Brittney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodger Moore

SCRIPTURE READING

Jade Smith

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

LORD'S TABLE

Harmon Sawrie, b.

Gary Lambert, c.

Harold Moody, c.

Caleb Shock

David Hall

Doug Ellison

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Ethan Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Curtis Sawrie

Byron Sawrie

LORD'S TABLE

Caden Johns

Wyatt Bradshaw

December 4, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

DEVOTIONAL

David Hall

At A Glance

November 24 – Weekly contribution will go to the Building Fund

November 24 – Elderly Financial Exploitation Presentation after a.m. service

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 13 – Ladies' Purse Exchange at the home of Winnie Joslin. 6 p.m.

December 15 – Holiday Potluck

December 29 – Ted Knight report at a.m. service

December 29 – Weekly contribution will go to the Building Fund

January 24-26 – Youth Outreach University

January 26 – Weekly contribution will go to the Building Fund

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., Nov. 24: Lesson #199 – 2 Peter 3

Wed., Nov. 27: Lesson # 200 – 1 John 1-2

Sun., Dec. 1: Lesson # 201 – 1 John 3

Wed., Dec. 4: Lesson #202 – 1 John 4

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

November 24, 2019

Thanks-Sing 2019

TUESDAY

Meal at 6 p.m.
Singing at 7 p.m.

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.

It's Just A Little Thing!

Little things matter. Our Lord Himself said, *“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much”* (Luke 16:10).

In Eden, it was simply fruit. Sure, God said not to eat that particular kind (Genesis 2:16, 17), but who's going to get all worked up over a piece of fruit? Is fruit really that important to God? You might want to check with Adam and Eve on that; they have first-hand experience. But don't look for them in Eden. It seems God expelled them from their paradise home – something about eating forbidden fruit . . .

In the wilderness it was sticks. Sure, God told Israel not to perform ordinary labor on the Sabbath (Exodus 31:12-17), but who's going to get all worked up over a few sticks? Are sticks really that important to God? We could ask the man in Numbers 15:32-36 if only we could find him under that pile of rocks . . .

Those today who are bent on restructuring the Lord's church into a denomination claim that the changes they are making are really no big deal. Matters such as gender roles, instrumental music in worship, and the frequency of the Lord's Supper are “non-issues” according to them – they just don't matter and are not even worthy of discussion. We who insist on strict adherence to God's word in these and all other areas receive disdainful looks and change-the-subject comments like “just tell the lost about Jesus,” or “feeding the hungry is what's really important.”

Jesus certainly did say that some matters are “weightier” than others (Matthew 23:23). He illustrated this fact in the very next verse, denouncing His critics “who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!” However, corrupting the worship of God and disregarding his teaching regarding gender roles can scarcely be classified as “gnat” issues! The New Testament's instructions on gender roles have their basis in the creation itself (1 Timothy 2:12-14); and worship throughout both testaments has always been a crucial matter where reverence for God precludes any tampering.

Put a frog in a pan of water and place it over a very low flame. In time, the water temperature goes up one degree. The frog doesn't even notice. It goes up another degree . . . and then another . . . Long before he catches on, the poor frog is dead!

Little things matter!

David

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah 5:20

PRAYERS NEEDED

Roy Bulice has been hospitalized this past week. He is able to be at home now.

Beverly Riley has been very sick this week.

Debra Nealy is at her daughter's home in Monticello recovering from a fall.

Rodger Harlan has been very sick this past week.

Debbie Hawks, Kevin Hawks' step-mother, is recovering from surgery to remove 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

Elderly Financial Exploitation Presentation: Today 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.

Building Fund: Today's contribution will go toward our building payment. Please be as generous as possible.

Thanks-Singing: Our Annual Thanks-Singing will be held Tuesday 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 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.

WBS: Jim Conner of World Bible School will be at Mars Hill next Sunday. 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.

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.

Ladies' Purse Exchange: Friday, December 13th, at 6 p.m. at the home of Winnie Joslin. All ladies are invited. Bring a purse and \$1 ornament for exchange. The meal will be provided.

Holiday Potluck: Sunday, December 15th, after the morning service. Everyone is encouraged to invited their family and friends to join us for worship and the meal on that date.

Building Loan: 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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