

December 22, 2019

Nursery

Brittney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Curtis Sawrie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Gary Lambert

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Sean Vines

Clay Winn

LORD'S TABLE

Steve Shock, b.

Dan Blair, c.

Curtis Sawrie, c.

Byron Sawrie

Caden Johns

Wyatt Bradshaw

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caden Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

LORD'S TABLE

Tom Hedrick

Stanley Gordon

December 24, 2019

LEAD SINGING

All Men

LEAD PRAYER

Doug Ellison

Connor Marsh

DEVOTIONAL

Michael Hunter

December 29, 2019

Nursery

Brittney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Curtis Sawrie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Caden Johns

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Carlton Clayton

Jack Hancock

LORD'S TABLE

Rodney Partee, b.

Jerrod Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan, c.

Sean Vines

Clay Winn

Mike Widner

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Harmon Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Tom Hedrick

Stanley Gordon

LORD'S TABLE

Harold Moody

Caleb Shock

January 1, 2020

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Ralph Hunter

Michael Hunter

DEVOTIONAL

Thomas Martin

At A Glance

December 15 – Holiday Potluck

December 24 – Meal at 5 p.m.; Song Service at 6 p.m. No Bible classes.

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

December 29 – Weekly contribution will go to the Building Fund

January 13 – Preacher's Meeting. Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m.

January 14 – Area-Wide Fellowship Supper.

January 24-26 – Youth Outreach University

January 26 – Weekly contribution will go to the Building Fund

June 1-4 – Day Camp Session at Areopagus

June 7-11 – Middle School Session at Areopagus

June 14-20 – Jr. High Session at Areopagus

June 21-27 – Sr. High Session at Areopagus

July 5-10 – Gospel Gathering

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., Dec. 22: Lesson #207 – Revelation 2

Wed., Dec. 24: No Classes

Sun., Dec. 29: Lesson # 208 – Revelation 3; 22:16-21

Wed., Jan. 1: Lesson #209 – Review

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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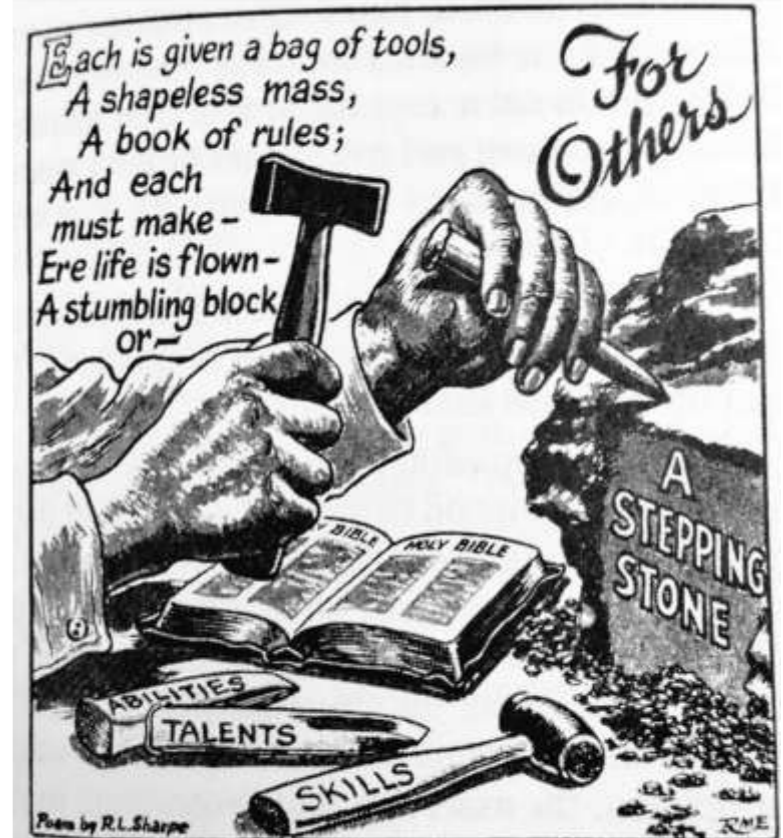
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Missions

- 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

December 22, 2019



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.

The Gospel Call

God has charged us with the responsibility of taking His saving gospel to the world. By means of the gospel, God calls sinners to salvation (2 Thessalonians 2:14). Consider some truths about this calling:

It is a high calling. “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). Paul refused to allow worldly concerns or his sinful past to tie him down. God calls us to make progress, to improve, to become better than what we are now. He calls us to be more like Jesus each day.

It is a hopeful calling. Paul prayed that the Ephesians might know “the hope of His calling” (1:18), and emphasized that they had been “called in one hope of your calling” (4:4). The hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2) ought to motivate us to persevere and to evangelize. Worldly people expend vast amounts of energy pursuing lesser hopes; why should not God’s people strive to “lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called” (1 Timothy 6:12).

It is a holy calling. (God) “called us with a holy calling” (1 Timothy 1:9). That is, we are called into a life of holiness. Thus Paul told the Romans (1:7) and the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 1:2) what kind of saints (holy people) they are: “called saints.” The word “called” is not a verb, but an adjective. Paul is not saying merely that they are referred to as saints, but that they are saints by calling; God has called them to holy living.

It is a heavenly calling. Christians are “partakers of the heavenly calling” (Hebrews 3:1). Whereas the Israelites of old were called to inherit the land of Canaan, we look forward to sharing in God’s rest in Heaven (Hebrews 4:1-10). Through disobedience, many Israelites forfeited their inheritance. With their fate as our warning, “let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest” (4:11).

It is a humble calling. “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called” (1 Corinthians 1:26). We are not saved because we are so smart, so good, or so aristocratic. To the contrary, the gospel tells us that we are lost in sin, and that we must humble ourselves before Jesus and put our obedient trust in Him in order to be saved.

The calling of the gospel is a humble, heavenly, holy, hopeful, high calling. Let God use you today to call someone to salvation!

The Plastic Years

They pass so quickly, the days of youth, And the children change so fast. And soon they harden in the mold, And the plastic years are past.

Then shape their lives while they are young. This be our prayer, our aim:

That every child we meet shall bear the imprint of His name

--Martha Snell-Nicholson

PRAYERS NEEDED

Rodger Harlan has been sick this week.

Roy Bulice is having problems with his legs.

Carlton Clayton has been very sick this past week.

Phil Autrey is having problems with his heart.

Wade Haynie is recovering from surgery to improve blood flow to his legs.

Alice Kirkland, Dennis Kirkland’s mother, has been moved to the Baptist Rehab in NLR.

Jesse Ellison is recovering from surgery to repair issues in his neck.

Charlene Lasley, Sandra Harlan’s mother, is suffering with bronchitis.

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

FAMILY NEWS

Kid’s Konnection: No Kid’s Konnection today.

Tuesday: The mid-week service will be held on Tuesday this week. A meal will be served at 5 p.m. and a song service will begin at 6 p.m. There will be no Bible classes.

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

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.

Retreat: A Men and Boys Retreat is being planned for Friday evening, January 31st, through noon on Saturday, February 1st, at Camp Areopagus if there is enough interest. If you are interested in attending please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Take Time to Visit

I’ll visit her another day; I just can’t take the time

I’ve other things to do this day; I know she’ll be just fine.

After all, my elderly friend will not be expecting me.

And aren’t there lots of other friends whom she will get to see?

But I will go another time. It doesn’t have to be this soon.

Wait! Doesn’t Paul say, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10)?