

The Mars Hill Messenger

December 8, 2019

Who Benefits From Your Attendance?

I personally do not understand why some church members only come on Sunday mornings. After all, we worship the same God on Sunday evening as we do on Sunday morning. We study from the same Bible on Wednesday evenings as we do during all other service times. Maybe if those folks could see just who benefits from everyone coming to every service, they would desire to come more often. Let's take a look at who benefits when members come to every service.

* God benefits. We come here to honor and worship Him. The more that we are here, the better our singing of praises to God and the more glory is given to Him. I realize that God doesn't need us, but imagine how disappointed He must be when we decide not to come to a service in His honor.

* The church benefits. When we gather together, encouragement and edification take place. The more that are here, the better the fellowship and the greater the opportunities for showing our love and concern for one another. When we choose not to come, the church suffers.

* Your family benefits. Coming to services is a family activity that can always be done together. The more of your family that are here, the better the influence and the closer your family will become. When we opt not to come, our family loses.

* You benefit. By bringing yourself, you are putting yourself in a position to increase your spirituality. The more that you are here, the greater the opportunity for you to grow and mature in Christ and find areas of greater service. When you don't come, you are harming yourself.

"And let us consider one another to provoke one another to love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together..." – Hebrews 10:24-25

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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Ralph Hunter	428-0466
Rodney Partee	328-7380
Clay Winn	472-5928

Evangelist

David Riley	796-2052
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Youth Minister

Dan Blair	514-1440
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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

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 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

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., Dec. 8: Lesson #203 – 1 John 5
 Wed., Dec. 11: Lesson # 204 – 2 – 3 John
 Sun., Dec. 15: Lesson # 205 – Jude
 Wed., Dec. 18: Lesson #206 – Revelation 1

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Nursery

Brittney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Gus Smith

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Clay Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Rodney Partee

Jerrold Partee

LORD'S TABLE

Bart Davenport, b.

Connor Marsh, c.

Ralph Hunter, c.

Michael Hunter

Thomas Martin

Wade Haynie

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Carey Wells

Ethan Johns

LORD'S TABLE

Sean Vines

Clay Winn

December 11, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

DEVOTIONAL

Doug Ellison

December 15, 2019

Nursery

Brittney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Harmon Sawrie

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Ethan Johns

Rodger Harlan

LORD'S TABLE

Dennis Martin, b.

Clay Johns, c.

John Foster, c.

James Moore

Mark Mauney

Steve Dixon

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Rodger Harlan

Sean Vines

LORD'S TABLE

Mike Widner

Jack Hancock

December 18, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Caden Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Bob Johnston

David Hall

DEVOTIONAL

Ralph Hunter

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.

Elders/Deacons Meeting

December 1, 2019

1. General Fund Balance: \$ 81,053.75
 - A. \$2,100 in outstanding checks
2. Goodie Baskets that are being prepared for widows and shut-ins was discussed.
 - A. Teens will help with deliveries
3. Information was provided about the Building Fund and payments
 - A. A check will be cut from the General Fund to the Building Fund before the end of December to reduce the balance owed.
4. Calendar
 - A. Potluck and Early Service on December 15th.
 - B. Tuesday, December 24th, Singing at 6 p.m.
 - C. January 1st will have regular Bible Study.
5. Kid's Konnection was discussed.
 - A. Rodney will be away December 22
 - B. Help will be needed after January 1st.
6. Men's Retreat
 - A. January 31 - February 1
 - B. For men and boys
8. Teen Party on December 22
9. Y.O.U. is scheduled for January 25-26.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Roy Bulice is recovering from a procedure to remove gall stones.

Phil Autrey is having problems with his heart.

Dale Edwards had a defibrillator installed this past week.

Lou Riley is recovering from a procedure to replace stints in her kidneys.

Wade Haynie will undergo surgery on December 19th to remove blockage to his legs.

Jesse Ellison will undergo neck surgery on December 18th.

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 Fowlkes, Barbara Knight, Charlene Lasley, Martha Green, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones

FAMILY NEWS

Calling All Kids: Lunch, paint, and a movie for K-6th Graders today.

Goodie Baskets: Your help is needed in providing things for Goodie Baskets. There is a list on the table in the foyer. Please sign up for things you are willing to provide. Bring the items by Wednesday. If you have questions see Kimberly Sawrie.

Ladies' Purse Exchange: Friday 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: Next Sunday after the morning service. Meat for the meal is provided. Everyone is encouraged to invited their family and friends to join us for worship and the meal. The afternoon worship service will be held immediately following the meal. No 5 p.m. service.

December 24th: The mid-week service will be held on Tuesday, December 24th. 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.

Kid's Konnection: Kid's Konnection meets each Sunday at 5 p.m.

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.

Use What You Have

Shamgar had an ox goad; David had a sling;

Dorcas had a needle; Rahab had some string;

Samson had a jawbone; Aaron had a rod;

Mary had some perfume; All were used by God.