

The Mars Hill Messenger

May 2, 2021

<p>May 2, 2021 <u>SOUND ROOM</u> Clay Winn <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Curtis Sawrie <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> Bob Johnston <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Thomas Martin <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Curtis Sawrie Alex Waltrip <u>LORD'S TABLE</u> Dan Blair, b. Steve Shock, c. Wade Haynie, c. Doug Ellison May 5, 2021 <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Michael Hunter <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Mike Widner Doug Ellison</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYERS NEEDED</p> <p>Patti Jones, Rodger Harlan, Harold Moody, Gladys Widner, Roy Bulice, Kim Wells, Shelia Riddle, Bernice Wells, Ova Leah Leighton, Carlton Clayton, Martha Walker, Alex Lafferty, Charlene Lasley, Connor Spedowski</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">At A Glance</p> <p>May 2 – Graduating Seniors Celebration. Congratulations Matti Hendrix and Ethan Johns May 4 – Area-Wide Sr. Citizen’s Gathering. Camp Areopagus. 10:30 a.m. May 10 – Preachers/Leaders Meeting. 10 a.m. Greenbrier C of C June 6-9 – Middle School Camp Session at Areopagus June 13-16 – Gospel Meeting. Atkins C of C. Theme: “Questions in Christianity” June 14-17 – Day Camp Session at Areopagus June 20-26 – Junior High School Camp Session at Areopagus June 27-July 3 – Sr. High School Camp Session at Areopagus July 15-17 – Gospel Share Youth Camp (6-12th Grades) August 6-8: Christ Quest. Mt. Home C of C August 27-28 – Ladies’ Sewing Day at Areopagus November 7 – Daylight Savings Time ends</p> <hr/> <p>Sermon: The Virtues of Love (1 Corinthians 13:4) Adult Bible Class Lesson: Is The Rapture A Biblical Concept?</p>
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Ladies’ Sewing Group: The group needs used adult size t-shirts for making diapers. There is a box in foyer for your donations.

Graduating Seniors Celebration: Today we honor our graduating Seniors: Matti Hendrix and Ethan Johns.

Sr. Ministry Gathering At Areopagus: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

Summer Camp Sessions At Areopagus: Register at www.campareopagus.org.

Supplies for Camp Sessions: If you are able, please help keep the cost of the camp sessions as low as possible by purchasing a case of name-brand soft drinks and/or a case of bottled water.

FROM YOUR ELDERS

In Ephesians 4.2-3 the apostle Paul wrote “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Paul could have been writing to any congregation of our Lord’s church in existence in 2020 or 2021. The world we live in has undergone some drastic changes in the last 14 months and the world’s reactions to these changes have ranged all over the human spectrum including anger, fear, sadness and indifference.

As Christians worshipping together at Mars Hill we’ve had to deal with results of those changes, especially in the way we worship. As elders, Steve and I have felt the burden of helping us all deal with those changes in the best way possible. In every situation we have attempted to monitor the facts, listen to the experts, gather feedback from you and then make the best decision for our congregation. We are extremely grateful for the love, support and grace that has been shown to us throughout this process. It seems our congregation has embraced the principles Paul encouraged in the Ephesian brethren.

Change continues to be on our horizon and therefore an ongoing challenge for us as a congregation. We will continue to solicit your opinions and ideas as we make these changes. In talking with many of you over the last few days we realize some people’s ideas on what is best are opposed to other ideas being presented and difficult choices have to be made. Again, we are extremely grateful for the love, support and grace that has been shown to us and we ask for your continued patience, forbearance and understanding as we make adjustments, sometimes at the last minute.