

# The Mars Hill Messenger

August 22, 2021

<p><b>Sunday, August 22, 2021</b> <b><u>SOUND ROOM</u></b> Clay Winn <b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b> Dan Blair <b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> Steve Shock <b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b> Dan Blair <b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b> Gary Lambert Alex Waltrip <b><u>LORD'S TABLE</u></b> Thomas Martin, b. Ralph Hunter, c. Byron Sawrie, o. Michael Hunter</p>	<p><b>Wednesday August 25, 2021</b> <b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b> Randy Riddle <b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b> Mark Mauney Doug Ellison</p>	<p>Mike Widner is recovering from a heart procedure. Mary Mcgonical has been hospitalized this week. Carlton Clayton will undergo eye surgery on Tuesday. Kim Wells is recovering from surgery. Melanie Gordon is undergoing cancer treatments. Gail Harlow, Ralph Hunter and Dorothy Glover's sister, is having heart problems.</p> <p>Roy Bulice, Shelia Riddle, Ova Lea Leighton, Bernice Wells, Martha Walker, Gunner Smith, Gladys Widner, Charlene Lasley, Paula Stocks, Steven Moore</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>At A Glance</i></b></p> <p><b>August 22</b> – Bible School Promotion Day <b>August 25</b> – Wednesday Series at Higden C of C. Speaker: David Riley <b>August 27-28</b> – Ladies' Sewing Day at Areopagus <b>August 31 – Sept. 2</b> – Personal Evangelism Seminar. Foothill C of C.</p>
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**Guest Speaker:** We welcome Eddie Cloer of Truth For Today World Mission School. He will report about the 2022 Challenge during the Bible Class period and preach during the worship service.

**Gifts for Baby Blair:** A Pack-and-Play has been set up in the foyer to collect diapers and wipes for Dan and Sara Beth's baby that is arriving soon.

**Magi Boxes:** Magi Boxes will be assembled soon for distribution around the world. Please bring items needed for the boxes as you come to services each week.

**Ladies' Sewing Weekend:** The Ladies' Sewing Weekend is next weekend at Camp Areopagus. All ladies are invited to share in this important activity. See Treva Widner for more details.

## The Rest of the Story

Do you remember Jonah being swallowed by the great fish? The reluctant prophet finally preached repentance to Nineveh, capital of the Assyrian empire. The Ninevites repented, and the city was spared from destruction.

Unfortunately, that is not the end of the story. The Assyrians returned to their wicked ways, so the Lord announced their doom through His prophet, Nahum, about a century after Jonah's time. The Lord warned the Assyrians of another city He had destroyed due to its sin. "Are you better than No-Amon that was situated by the river, that had the waters around her, whose rampart was the sea, whose wall was the sea?" (Nahum 3:8). No-Amon was the Egyptian city of Thebes and had only recently been destroyed despite having fortifications and allies to protect her. God brought her down!

Assyria couldn't rely on the past better behavior of her ancestors. Her current conduct condemned her! "Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. It's victim never departs . . . There is a multitude of slain, a great number of bodies, countless corpses – they stumble over the corpses – The mistress of sorceries, who sells nations through her harlotries, and families through her sorceries" (Nahum 3:3-4).

Why did God wait a century? "The Lord is slow to anger" (Nahum 1:3). He gave them more than enough time to repent.

Let us thank Him for His longsuffering, but never take it for granted, for "the day of the Lord will come!" (2 Peter 10). Our ancestors' faithfulness will not save us either. We will be judged according to our own works (Revelation 20:12-13).

David