

The Mars Hill Messenger

September 12, 2021

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, September 12, 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SOUND ROOM</u></p> <p>Dan Blair <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Rodney Partee <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> Doug Ellison <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Curtis Sawrie <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Rustin Barnett Harold Moody <u>LORD'S TABLE</u> Wade Haynie, b. Clay Winn, c. Alex Waltrip, o. Bryon Sawrie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday September 15, 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LEAD SINGING</u></p> <p>Michael Hunter <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Steve Shock Thomas Martin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bible Class Lessons</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 12: Lesson #328 "The Rich Man and Lazarus; Sin, Faith, and Duty" Wednesday, Sept. 15: Lesson #329 "Raising Lazarus" Wednesday, Sept. 19: Lesson #330 "Zacchaeus; Parable of the Money"</p>	<p>Stanley Gordon is not doing well. Dale Haynie is undergoing tests on his kidneys. Mary Mcgonical's surgery has been postponed. Carlton Clayton is recovering from eye surgery. Paula Stocks will be undergoing tests on her liver. Melanie Gordon is undergoing cancer treatments.</p> <p>Roy Bulice, Ova Lea Leighton, Bernice Wells, Martha Walker, Gunner Smith, Gladys Widner, Charlene Lasley, Steven Moore, Gail Harlow, Michelle Koone, Leroy Kirkland</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>At A Glance</i></p> <p>September 13 – Preacher's/Leader's Meeting. 10 a.m. Greenbrier C of C September 26 – Wacky Packs for Grades 1-4 after services. September 26-29 – Harding Lectures. Theme: Courageous Faith In Troubled Times October 23 – Winnie Roast at Areopagus for Grades 1-4 November 7 – Daylight Savings Time ends</p>
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Wacky Pack Day: Sunday, September 26th, after services. For kids, parents, and teachers of Grades 1-4. Wacky Packs from Sonic, fun, and fellowship.

Magi Boxes: After services next Sunday the Magi boxes will be packed. Any help will be appreciated. Children are especially invited to help with the packing. Lunch will be provided. No more donations will be accepted after today.

Celebration of Life: A Celebration of Life will be held under the pavilion at the Mars Hill building on Saturday, October 2nd. A meal will be served at noon and the memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. All are requested to wear purple or camouflage.

Advice From A Cookie

"He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son" (Revelation 21:7). I enjoy Chinese food and the other day, after a meal, I opened the fortune cookie. I kept this saying as it inspired me. Work awhile ... endure awhile ... believe always ... and never turn back. I just had to change awhile to always.

Work always! Serving God and carrying out Jesus' mission is our work. When do we rest? The Hebrews writer tells us our rest is in heaven (Hebrews 4:1-11). Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4). While we have health and life, we are to work God's works. When death comes the time to work is over.

Endure always! Endure no matter what comes along in this life (which, compared to eternity, is less than the blink of an eye). The letters to the seven congregations in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 have promises that encourage us to endure until the end.

Believe always! Do not lose trust in God's promises and Jesus' sacrifice. We will have doubts and we need to work through our times of doubt. Trust in God's faithfulness. "For I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day" (II Timothy 1:12b).

Never turn back! Jesus said, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62b). Don't be like the Israelites who looked back to Egypt. Be like Paul; forget what is behind and press forward to the goal!