

# The Mars Hill Messenger

September 19, 2021

<p><b>Sunday, September 19, 2021</b> <b><u>SOUND ROOM</u></b> Clay Winn <b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b> Rodney Partee <b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> Dan Blair <b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b> Troy Buchanan <b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b> Steve Shock Alex Waltrip <b><u>LORD'S TABLE</u></b> Doug Ellison, b. Ralph Hunter, c. Michael Hunter, o. Harmon Sawrie</p>	<p><b>Wednesday September 22, 2021</b> <b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b> Randy Riddle <b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b> Dan Blair Gary Lambert</p> <p><b>Bible Class Lessons</b> <b>Sunday, Sept. 19:</b> Lesson #330 "The 10 Lepers" <b>Wednesday, Sept. 22:</b> Lesson #331 "Marriage and Divorce" <b>Sunday, Sept. 26:</b> Lesson #332 "James and John Sought Positions"</p>	<p>Stanley Gordon is not doing well. Bob Johnston will undergo test on his hand in October. Dale Haynie is waiting on results from tests. Mary Mcgonical's surgery has been postponed. Carlton Clayton is recovering from eye surgery. Gladys Widner, Mike Widner's mother, is in Conway Baptist Hospital. Melanie Gordon will undergo surgery on September 27th. Colen Horn, Pat Cox's, grandson is recovering from an accident.</p> <p>Roy Bulice, Ova Lea Leighton, Bernice Wells, Martha Walker, Paula Stocks, Gunner Smith, Charlene Lasley, Steven Moore, Gail Harlow, Michelle Koone, Leroy Kirkland</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>At A Glance</b></p> <p><b>September 26</b> – Wacky Packs for Grades 1-4 after services. <b>September 26-29</b> – Harding Lectures. Theme: Courageous Faith</p>		

**Sympathy:** Michelle House's step-father passed away last week. We extend our love and sympathy to the family.

**Magi Boxes:** After services today the Magi boxes will be packed. Any help will be appreciated. Children are especially invited to help with the packing. Lunch will be provided.

**Wacky Pack Day:** Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, after services. For kids, parents, and teachers of Grades 1-4. Wacky Packs from Sonic, fun, and fellowship.

**Celebration of Life:** A Celebration of Life will be held under the pavilion at the Mars Hill building on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

## Don't Surrender Your Peace!"

In the midst of life's uncertainties, Jesus promises a peace that the world can never take away. Speaking to His disciples on the night of His betrayal, Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33). While the peace of Christ cannot be taken away, it can be surrendered through unbelief and disobedience.

True peace is found in Jesus who said, "in Me you may have peace." The Bible's list of things that produce peace is quite different from world's. Material wealth does not make for peace. Neither does power, influence, or sensual gratification. Such pursuits will surely end in frustration as might be best described by Solomon as "striving after the wind." It is only in relationship to the Prince of Peace, that true satisfaction may be found (Isa. 9:6 cf. Eph. 2:14).

Such peace is built upon the words of Jesus who said, "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace." His words must not be overlooked in our pursuit of peace. In his profession of faith in the Lord, Peter plainly confessed, "You have words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:68). Accepting or rejecting the words of Jesus provides the basis for determining our eternal destiny (Jn. 12:48). In promising the apostles the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, "He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you" (Jn. 14:26). What follows is Christ's precious promise: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (vs. 27).

The peace promised by our Lord cannot be taken from us so long as we are protected by the power of God through faith in Christ (1 Pet. 1:5). However, as already stated, we can surrender our peace by abandoning our relationship to Christ. Make sure that you are not pressured in that direction by the uncertainties so prominently highlighted by the world around us.

–Glen Elliott–

"Yes, we love peace, but we are not willing to take wounds for it, as we are for war." John A. Holmer *Wisdom in Small Doses*.

"You may either win your peace or buy it: win it, by resistance to evil; buy it, by compromise with evil." John Ruskin, *The Two Paths Lecture*.