

The Mars Hill Messenger

November 14, 2021

<p>Sunday, November 14, 2021 <u>SOUND ROOM</u> Clay Winn <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Curtis Sawrie <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> Michael Hunter <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Bob Johnston <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Steve Shock Ralph Hunter <u>LORD'S TABLE</u> Rodney Partee, b. Wade Haynie, c. Rustin Barnett, o. Dan Blair</p>	<p>Wednesday November 21, 2021 <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Randy Riddle <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Doug Ellison Mark Mauney</p> <p>Bible Class Lessons Sunday, November 14: Lesson #346: "Paul: 2 Corinthians 3-4" Wednesday, Nov. 17: Lesson #347 "Paul: 2 Corinthians 5-6" Sunday, November 21: Lesson #348: "Paul: 2 Corinthians 7-9"</p>	<p>Carlton Clayton is recovering from eye surgery. Stanley Gordon is recovering from surgery and a fall. Mary Mcgonical is struggling with several health issues. Melanie Gordon will undergo aggressive cancer treatments.</p> <p>Dale Haynie, Roy Bulice, Ova Lea Leighton, Bernice Wells, Martha Walker, Paula Stocks, Gladys Widner, Gunner Smith, Charlene Lasley, Steven Moore, Michelle Koone, Leroy Kirkland</p>
		<p>At A Glance December 3-5 – Facing Life's Issues of Grief Seminar. Greenbrier C of C. December 11 – Area-Wide Ladies' Craft Day at Areopagus. December 13 – Preacher's/ Leader's Meeting. Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m. January 21-22 – Youth Outreach University</p>

Thanksgiving Baskets: Please see the list in the foyer to sign up to bring food items for Thanksgiving Baskets that will be given out by the Vilonia congregation. Please bring the items to the building by next Sunday.

Business Meeting: The men of the congregation will meet immediately after services next Sunday.

Christmas Needs: There is a single soon-to-be mother among our contacts that we are trying to influence toward Jesus Christ. She needs our help. There is a list of items needed on the table in the foyer. If you can help by providing any of those things listed, would you please sign beside what you are willing to provide. You can bring them as you come to Bible studies and worship services. Items will be collected between now and Christmas and delivered during the holidays.

Area-Wide Ladies' Craft Day: Saturday, December 11th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Camp Areopagus. Lunch will be provided. See Sara Beth Blair for detail.

Thanksgiving

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

The older I get, the more I appreciate the simple act of thanksgiving. There is no other verbal act that has the power of a timely and appropriate word of thanks. It is an act that can move me to the highest levels of praise and at the same time an act that can bring me to the lowest depths of humility. It is an act that helps me appreciate what I have and an act that helps me recognize the needs of others. It is an act that can convict me of the tiniest hypocrisy and an act that can bring me massive amounts of joy and contentment.

There are many ways in which a person can express thanksgiving. One of the most effective and satisfying is that of singing. God certainly knew what He was doing when he incorporated singing into His worship. I can experience great sadness while singing or I can ride on waves of joy. Singing is the perfect act of worship to couple with the attitude of thankfulness.

"Count your blessings" is one of our great songs of thankfulness. It is very difficult to look at all of the blessings that surround me on a daily basis and not be thankful. Naming those blessings one by one drives me to thankfulness for each and every one. It moves me to consider the extent to which I should be thankful.

I need to cultivate the attitude of thankfulness as I sing praises to God. I should experience the attitude of realizing my dependence upon God in every song I sing. Whether I'm singing "Praise Him, Praise Him," "Kneel at the cross," "Whate'er You Do in Word or Deed" or "'Tis Midnight and On Olive's Brow" I am acknowledging my dependence upon God. I cannot truly realize this dependence and not be thankful.

I am so thankful (Colossians 3:15)!

~David