

# The Mars Hill Messenger

November 21, 2021

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, November 21, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SOUND ROOM</u></b></p> <p>Clay Winn</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b></p> <p>Curtis Sawrie</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b></p> <p>Bob Johnston</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b></p> <p>Curtis Sawrie</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b></p> <p>Dan Blair Rodney Partee</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LORD'S TABLE</u></b></p> <p>Michael Hunter, b. Steve Shock, c. Doug Ellison, o. Mark Mauney</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday November 24, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b></p> <p>Song Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b></p> <p>Song Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bible Class Lessons</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, November 21:</b> Lesson #348: "Paul: 2 Corinthians 7-9"</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Nov. 24:</b> Lesson #349 "Paul: 2 Corinthians 10-11"</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 23:</b> Lesson #350: "Paul: 2 Corinthians 12-13"</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 is undergoing 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> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>At A Glance</b></p> <p><b>December 3-5</b> – Facing Life's Issues of Grief Seminar. Greenbrier C of. C. <b>December 11</b> – Area-Wide Ladies' Craft Day at Areopagus. <b>December 13</b> – Preacher's/ Leader's Meeting. Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m. <b>December 18</b> – K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Goodies Delivery and Singing <b>January 21-22</b> – Youth Outreach University</p>
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**Baptism:** Abby Wilkerson was baptized Monday evening. We welcome Abby to the family of God and look forward to working faithfully with her in the Lord's work.

**Business Meeting:** After services this morning.

**Tuesday Song Service:** This week only our mid-week service will be moved to Tuesday at 7. This will be a song service.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Camp Areopagus. Lunch will be provided. See Sara Beth Blair for detail.

## THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS; DON'T LET GREED STEAL THANKSGIVING

Look with me at a verse in Romans: "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculation, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:21-22).

When Paul says, "they knew God," he is not saying that all people know God in a way that makes them His people. The letter of Romans will explain that true believers will have to come by faith to Christ in order to be correctly related to God and to have their sins forgiven. Paul is saying that creation has so revealed the existence of God that every man and woman knows God is there. To say He is not there is like saying that oxygen does not exist, while all the time we are breathing it in. Denying that God exists is a man's right, but, according to this passage, it is a technique used by a person to provide themselves with freedom to sin and commit vile acts. But there is no getting away from God; this is "futile" and "foolish."

If He exists, Paul says we must honor Him and give Him thanks, or we will be among those people who, while "professing to be wise, they have become fools." Giving thanks is expected from all who recognize God exists. It doesn't secure one's salvation, but it is a foundation for a fuller faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ. "In Him," Paul says to philosophers in Athens, "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

So, when the turkey is being served this week, thank God for all He has done for you. And while the last pieces of the pumpkin pie are being eaten late on Thanksgiving evening, turn your heart toward God again and sincerely express your gratitude because He is the One who has done everything for you.