

The Mars Hill Messenger

November 28, 2021

<p>Sunday, November 28, 2021 <u>SOUND ROOM</u> Clay Winn <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Curtis Sawrie <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> Dan Blair <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Various Men <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Doug Ellison Gary Lambert <u>LORD'S TABLE</u> Rustin Barnett, b. Rodney Partee, c. Wade Haynie, o. Harold Moody Troy Buchanan Steve Shock</p>	<p>Wednesday December 5, 2021 <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Harmon Sawrie <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Ralph Hunter Mike Widner</p> <p>Bible Class Lessons Sunday, November 28: Lesson #350: "Paul: 2 Corinthians 12-13 Wednesday, Nov. 31: Lesson #351 "Paul: Galatians 1-2" Sunday, December 5: Lesson #352: "Paul: Galatians 3-4"</p>	<p>Moey Mauney is recovering from knee surgery. Carlton Clayton is recovering from eye surgery. Stanley Gordon continues to recover. 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> <p style="text-align: center;">At A Glance</p> <p>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. December 18 – K-4th Grade Goodies Delivery and Singing January 2: Area Wide Teen Devotional. Downtown Morrilton C of C. 5 p.m. January 21-22 – Youth Outreach University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sermon Preview</p> <p>Next Week: The Life of Christ: When the Fulness of Time Was Come (Gal. 4:4-5)</p>
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Business Meeting: Tuesday, 7 p.m.

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.

K-4th Grade Goodies Delivery and Singing: Saturday, December 18th, K-4th Graders, their parents and teachers, are encouraged to join in preparing cookies, delivering them to our elderly and shut-ins, and singing a few songs at each delivery point. For more details see Debbie Moody.

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.

IT'S JUST A LITTLE THING

Little things matter. Our Lord Himself said, "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10).

In Eden, it was just fruit. Sure, God said not to eat that particular kind (Genesis 2:16, 17), but who's going to get all worked up over a piece of fruit? Is fruit really that important to God? You might want to check with Adam and Eve on that.

In the wilderness it was sticks. Sure, God told Israel not to perform ordinary labor on the Sabbath (Exodus 31:12-17), but who's going to get all worked up over a few sticks? Are sticks really that important to God? We could ask the man in Numbers 15:32-36 if only we could find him under that pile of rocks.

Those today who are bent on restructuring the Lord's church into a denomination claim that the changes they are making are really no big deal. Matters such as gender roles, instrumental music in worship, and the frequency of the Lord's Supper are "non-issues" according to them – "They just don't matter and are not even worthy of discussion"; "Just tell the lost about Jesus," or "Feeding the hungry is what's really important."

Jesus certainly did say that some matters are "weightier" than others (Matthew 23:23). He illustrated this fact in the very next verse, reproving His critics "who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!" However, corrupting the worship of God and disregarding his teaching regarding worship can scarcely be classified as "gnat" issues! Worship throughout both testaments has always been a crucial matter where reverence for God is of primary importance. Little things matter!

~David