

# The Mars Hill Messenger

October 31, 2021

<p><b>Sunday, October 31, 2021</b> <b><u>SOUND ROOM</u></b> Curtis Sawrie <b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b> Gary Lambert <b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> Michael Hunter <b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b> Troy Buchanan <b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b> Rodney Partee Rustin Barnett <b><u>LORD'S TABLE</u></b> Doug Ellison, b. Wade Haynie, c. Alex Waltrip, o. Byron Sawrie</p>	<p><b>Wednesday November 3, 2021</b> <b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b> Harmon Sawrie <b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b> Mark Muaney Dan Blair</p> <p><b>Bible Class Lessons</b> <b>Sunday, October 31:</b> Lesson #342: "Paul: 1 Corinthians 13-14" <b>Wednesday, Nov. 3:</b> Lesson #343 "Paul: 1 Corinthians 15-16" <b>Sunday, Nov. 7:</b> Lesson #344: "Paul: Acts 19:21-20:2a</p>	<p>Carlton Clayton's eye surgery is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. Stanley Gordon is recovering from surgery. Bob Johnston is recovering from surgery to his hand. Mary Mcgonical is recovering from surgery to her esophagus. Melanie Gordon will undergo aggressive cancer treatments. Tamara Wise is recovering from surgery.</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><b><i>At A Glance</i></b> <b>November 2</b> – Senior Citizens Gathering at Areopagus. 10:30 a.m. <b>November 3</b> – Monthly Birthday Celebration after meal <b>November 7</b> – Daylight Savings Time ends <b>November 8</b> - Preacher's Leader's Meeting. 10 a.m. Greenbrier C of C. <b>November 9</b> – Area-Wide Meal and Singing. Harding St. C of C. 5:30 p.m. <b>November 14</b> – Homecoming. 2:30 p.m. N. Main C of C. Stuttgart.</p>
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**Sympathy:** Emma Lafferty, Ethan Lafferty's mother, passed away this week. Our love and sympathy are extended to the family

**Birthday Celebration:** Everyone is invited to enjoy cake and ice cream after the meal on Wednesday to celebrate the birthdays of those born in November.

**Sr. Citizen's Gathering:** Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Camp Areopagus. Speaker: Bill Green. Meal: Hamburgers, fries, baked beans. Everyone welcome.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends:** Next Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back.

**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.

## Definitions Matter!

English Dictionary definitions can help but also mislead when used to determine the meaning of words in Bible. In the word of God, the immediate context as well as the overall teaching of Scripture will provide the meaning God intended. Dictionary definitions are fine as far as they go. However, in studies of Bible words, definitions from an English dictionary may or may not reflect the meaning intended by the Lord. Consider Jesus' simple statement, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16a).

Any standard English dictionary will have several meanings for the word believe, including putting one's trust in someone based on evidence; but another dictionary definition is to have an opinion, as in "I believe Pete is a better singer than Bob." In God's word, is opinion on equal footing with trust in someone based upon evidence? Of course not!

The word baptize, in most dictionaries is defined as to apply water in a religious ceremony by such means as immersion, pouring, or sprinkling. Are all these means taught in God's word? Is one means as good as another means? Of course not! The meaning of the word baptize in this passage is determined by the overall teaching about baptism in the Bible. The baptism that saves is a burial according to God's word (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:38-39).

The word saved may mean rescued from physical peril, rescued from sin and its consequences, or preserved from decay. Which definition reflects Jesus' meaning? How is that to be determined? Again, context and the overall teaching of Scripture are the determining factors! Applying this principle clearly indicates Jesus is talking about rescue from sin and its consequences.

Context and overall teaching of Scripture. Apply this principle every time you read and study God's word and God's precious message to us will become amazingly clear.