

The Mars Hill Messenger

December 12, 2021

<p>Sunday, December 12, 2021 <u>SOUND ROOM</u> Clay Winn <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Mark Mauney <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> Doug Ellison <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Thomas Martin <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Dan Blair Bob Johnston <u>LORD'S TABLE</u> Steve Shock, b. Michael Hunter, c. Curtis Sawrie, o. Wade Haynie Rustin Barnett Mike Widner</p>	<p>Wednesday December 15, 2021 <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Randy Riddle <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Ralph Hunter Wade Haynie</p> <p>Bible Class Lessons Sunday, December 12: Lesson #354: "Paul: Acts 20:2-3; Romans 1-2 Wednesday, Dec. 15: Lesson #355 "Paul: Romans 3-4" Sunday, December 19: Lesson #356: "Paul: Romans 5-6"</p>	<p>Ova Lea Leighton has been very ill. Stanley Gordon is not doing well. Melanie Gordon is undergoing cancer treatments.</p> <p>Carlton Clayton, Mary Mcgonical, Dale Haynie, Roy Bulice, Ova Lea Leighton, Martha Walker, Paula Stocks, Gladys Widner, Charlene Lasley, Steven Moore, Michelle Koone, Leroy Kirkland</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">At A Glance</p> <p>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: Sunday 5 p.m. Services to resume January 2: Area Wide Teen Devotional. Downtown Morrilton C of C. 5 p.m. January 9: Men's Business Meeting. 3:30 p.m. January 21-22 – Youth Outreach University July 10-14 – Mars Hill VBS 2022</p>
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Sympathy: Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Bernice Wells who passed away on Wednesday. Carey Wells, Connie Wells, and Beverly Riley and in our thoughts and prayers.

K-4th Grade Goodies Delivery and Singing: Next Saturday 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. Pizza will be served for lunch. For more details see Debbie Moody.

Elder Selection: Every member's participation is requested in the selection of elders for the congregation. Please pray, read and consider the qualifications for elders found in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, and then speak with the men you think meet these qualifications. Following your discussion with those men, if you feel that person should be considered and that person is willing to serve, please submit their name in writing to David Riley. He will deliver the submission to the January 9th Men's Business Meeting.

Sunday Evening Worship: On Sunday, January 2nd, our 5 p.m. Worship Service will resume.

Bless The Lord, O My Soul

Most of the time I pray that God will bless me; but David urged himself to bless (praise, speak well of) the Lord. "And all that is within me, bless His holy name!" (v. 1b). He must have wanted others (us) to join him in praise; He even called upon the angels to bless the Lord (vv. 20-22). David had a deep awareness of God's grace. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (v. 2). What specific benefits?

- David knew all too well the effects of sin. They made him liable to the death penalty! Yet God forgave him when he repented. "Who forgives all your iniquities" (v. 3a).
- David was no stranger to life threatening disease. But the Lord restored his health. "Who heals all your diseases" (v. 3b).
- David lived in constant danger and survived only by God's protection. "Who redeems your life from destruction" (v. 4a).

Despite the turmoil in his life, David praised the Lord for taking such marvelous care of him. Read the rest of this psalm! Think about how it relates to you. You may find yourself singing David's words "Bless the Lord, O my soul"!

~David