

# The Mars Hill Messenger

December 19, 2021

<p><b>Sunday, December 19, 2021</b> <b><u>SOUND ROOM</u></b> Clay Winn <b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b> Mark Mauney <b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> Thomas Martin <b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b> Curtis Sawrie <b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b> Steve Shock Gary Lambert <b><u>LORD'S TABLE</u></b> Wade Haynie, b. Doug Ellison, c. Dan Blair, o. Bob Johnston John Foster Michael Hunter</p>	<p><b>Wednesday December 22, 2021</b> <b><u>LEAD SINGING</u></b> Harmon Sawrie <b><u>LEAD PRAYER</u></b> Harold Moody Rustin Barnett</p> <p><b>Bible Class Lessons</b> <b>Sunday, December 19:</b> Lesson #356: "Paul: Romans 5-6" <b>Wednesday, Dec. 22:</b> Lesson #357 "Paul: Romans 7-8" <b>Sunday, December 26:</b> Lesson #358: "Paul: Romans 9-10</p>	<p>Dennis Martin is recovering from a heart procedure. Lou Riley is in the Searcy Hospital recovering from a fall. Ova Lea Leighton is very ill. Stanley Gordon is improving. 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> <p><b>At A Glance</b> <b>January 2:</b> Congregational Potluck after worship <b>January 2:</b> Area Wide Teen Devotional. Downtown Morrilton C of C. 5 p.m. <b>January 9:</b> Evening worship service resumes. 5 p.m. <b>January 9:</b> Men's Business Meeting. 3:30 p.m. <b>January 10:</b> "Unspoken Reality of Addiction" Seminar. Downtown Morrilton C of C. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <b>January 21-22</b> – Youth Outreach University <b>July 10-14</b> – Mars Hill VBS 2022</p>
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**Sympathy:** Carmen Ausbrooks' brother-in-law, Richard Davis, passed away on Wednesday. Our love and sympathy are expressed to the family.

**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 submissions to the January 9<sup>th</sup> Men's Business Meeting.

**Congregational Potluck:** After worship on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sunday Evening Worship:** On Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, our 5 p.m. Worship Service will resume.

## Maybe God Is Tired Too!

I grow weary of people who make commitments then do not fulfill them. They promise to return a phone call but I never hear from them. They promise to repay a loan but I never receive a payment. They promise to lend a helping hand but I never see them. Such things cause me to be cynical and untrusting. I don't like being that way. But maybe I shouldn't be so quick to criticize.

Maybe I should first ask, "How am I doing on my pledge to Christ?" In coming to Christ, I pledged to love him more than my earthly family (Luke 14:26). Am I putting his spiritual family ahead of my earthly family, or does his family take second place?

In baptism I promised that I would die to the old life (Romans 6:1-4). Am I living the new life or the old? I claim to be of those called for the purpose of proclaiming his excellencies (1 Peter 2:9). Am I fulfilling that purpose? I call myself a Christians and claim to be following in his steps (1 Peter 2:21). Would an impartial observer notice any resemblance?

It is easy to condemn others for not keeping their commitment. It is a different matter to look at my own life to see how my actions look in light of my claims. Am I living up to my commitment?

~David