

The Mars Hill Messenger

December 26, 2021

<p>Sunday, December 26, 2021 <u>SOUND ROOM</u> Clay Winn <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Mark Mauney <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> Steve Shock <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Curtis Sawrie <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Bob Johnston John Foster <u>LORD'S TABLE</u> Rodney Partee, b. Dan Blair, c. Troy Buchanan, o. Wade Haynie Jerrod Partee Harmon Sawrie</p>	<p>Wednesday December 29, 2021 <u>LEAD SINGING</u> Michael Hunter <u>LEAD PRAYER</u> Harold Moody Mike Widner</p> <p>Bible Class Lessons Sunday, December 26: Lesson #358: "Paul: Romans 9-10" Wednesday, Dec. 29: Lesson #359 "Paul: Romans 11-12" Sunday, January 2: Lesson #360: "Paul: Romans 13-14"</p>	<p>Lana Davenport and Bart Davenport are both sick. Lou Riley is at home 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>At A Glance January 2: Congregational Potluck after worship January 2: Area Wide Teen Devotional. Downtown Morrilton C of C. 5 p.m. January 9: Evening worship service resumes. 5 p.m. January 9: Men's Business Meeting. 3:30 p.m. January 10: "Unspoken Reality of Addiction" Seminar. Downtown Morrilton C of C. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. January 11 – Singing and Fellowship Meal. SCH Dining Hall. 5:30 p.m. January 21-22 – Youth Outreach University April 23-23 – Ladies Sewing Weekend at Camp Areopaqus</p>
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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 9th Men's Business Meeting.

Congregational Potluck: After worship next Sunday.

Men's Business Meeting: Sunday, January 9th, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: On Sunday, January 9th, our 5 p.m. Worship Service will resume.

God Has Spoken!

I never thought I'd use the grammar that Ms. Ford at Beebe High School forced on me! I thought those days of diagramming sentences was long past. I won't bore you with the details but I took the final exam in a course of study this past week. One of the questions on the test involved diagramming the first sentence in the letter we call Hebrews. *"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs"* (Hebrews 1:1-4 ESV).

Now that is a long sentence, but here are the basics. Every complete sentence must contain a subject and a verb. In this sentence "God" is the subject. The verb is a "Phrasal Verb" (simply a verb phrase containing a preposition). It is found in verse 2: *"has in these last days spoken."* So, the verb part of the phrase is *"has spoken"*. The preposition part, telling when, is *"in these last days."*

That is the point of the sentence! Let that sink in! God has communicated with the people He created. He did so by various means in the past but now He has done so through Jesus, His Son. And, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles into all truth (John 16:13). That leaves no truth to be revealed today. We have that truth in written form. And, we need nothing more. God has spoken! Now we must listen and submit to Him and teach and encourage others to do the same.

~David