

# The Mars Hill Messenger

January 16, 2022

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| <p><b>Sunday,<br/>January 16, 2022</b><br/><b>SOUND ROOM</b></p> <p>Clay Winn<br/><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p>Steve Shock<br/><b>SCRIPTURE READING</b></p> <p>Curtis Sawrie<br/><b>LEAD SINGING AM/PM</b></p> <p>Bob Johnston<br/><b>LEAD PRAYER AM/PM</b></p> <p>John Foster<br/>Rodney Partee<br/><b>LORD'S TABLE</b></p> <p>Doug Ellison, b. (AM/PM)<br/>Wade Haynie, c. (AM/PM)<br/>Dan Blair, o.<br/>Byron Sawrie</p> | <p><b>Wednesday<br/>January 19, 2022</b><br/><b>LEAD SINGING</b></p> <p>Harmon Sawrie<br/><b>LEAD PRAYER</b></p> <p>Ralph Hunter<br/>Harold Moody</p> <p><b>Bible Class Lessons</b><br/><b>Sunday, January 16:</b><br/>Lesson #363:<br/>Paul: Acts 21<br/>Adults: Life of Christ<br/><b>Wednesday, January 19:</b><br/>Lesson #362 "Paul:<br/>Acts 22<br/>Adults: Life of Christ<br/><b>Sunday, January 23:</b><br/>Lesson #361: Paul:<br/>Acts 23<br/>Adults: Life of Christ</p> | <p>Dale Haynie is scheduled for surgery tomorrow.<br/>Wade Haynie is slowly improving.<br/>Gladys Widner is currently in rehab.<br/>Rodger and Saundra Harlan have been sick.<br/>Stanley Gordon is not doing well.<br/>Lee Adkisson is scheduled for surgery tomorrow.</p> <p>Carlton Clayton, Roy Bulice, Ova Lea Leighton, Martha Walker, Paula Stocks, Charlene Lasley</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>At A Glance</b></p> <p><b>February 14</b> – Preacher's/Leader's Meeting. 10 a.m. Greenbrier C of C<br/><b>March 11-12</b> – Men's Retreat hosted by Downtown C of C. Camp Areopagus. Theme: Act Like Men<br/><b>April 23-23</b> – Ladies Sewing Weekend at Camp Areopagus<br/><b>July 10-14</b> – Mars Hill VBS 2022</p> |
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**Sympathy:** Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Melanie Gordon. Mike Widner's cousin, Mark Widner, passed away this past week. We extend our love and sympathy to this family.

**Elder Selection:** Members of the congregation are asked to please revisit the men you think are qualified to serve as elders of the congregation. Submit those names to David for discussion at the next Men's Meeting.

**Sunday Evening Worship:** Mars Hill members are urged to take advantage of 5 p.m. worship service each week.

**Minutes:** Minutes of last Sunday's business meeting are available on the table in the foyer.

## Assumptions!

Assumptions. Even when we keep them to ourselves, they tend to work on us from the inside. They can limit what we do. "We've tried that before. It didn't work then. It won't work now." They can damage our relationships and our effectiveness. "I've seen people like that before. They will never change." Assumptions tend to give us tunnel vision and put up walls that block the possibility of growth and reconciliation.

We form most of our assumptions from our own experiences, our own losses, and our own wounds. "I just don't see how anything good could come out of this!" Really? I'm thankful we serve a God who is not limited by our assumptions.

In His wisdom, our God can bring up a boy raised in the backwater village of Nazareth and show the world that He is, in fact, the Savior of the world! The assumption of the impossibility of this was voiced by Nathaniel, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46).

Through faith in God the walls of assumption fall. It is through faith that we trust in God's ability to work great things when we can't see any possibility. It is this God who, when confronted by my petty and limiting assumptions, says (as does Philip in John 1:46), "Come and see."

~David