

The Mars Hill Messenger

January 9, 2022

<p>Sunday, January 9, 2022 SOUND ROOM</p> <p>Clay Winn ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Steve Shock SCRIPTURE READING</p> <p>Rodney Partee LEAD SINGING</p> <p>Thomas Martin LEAD PRAYER</p> <p>Gary Lambert Eddie Jones LORD'S TABLE</p> <p>Curtis Sawrie, b. Harmon Sawrie, c. Rustin Barnett, o. Jerrod Partee Mike Widner Byron Sawrie</p>	<p>Wednesday January 12, 2022 LEAD SINGING</p> <p>Harmon Sawrie LEAD PRAYER</p> <p>Ralph Hunter Harold Moody</p> <p>Bible Class Lessons</p> <p>Sunday, January 9: Lesson #361: Paul: Acts 20:3-38</p> <p>Wednesday, January 12: Lesson #362 "Paul: Acts 20:3-38</p> <p>Sunday, January 16: Lesson #363: Paul: Acts 21</p>	<p>Dale Haynie is in St. Vincent's Hospital undergoing tests. Wade Haynie has been ill with upper respiratory issues. Moey Mauney is recovering from Covid. Gladys Widner was released from the hospital on Friday. Rodger and Sandra Harlan have been sick. Lana Davenport and Bart Davenport are improving. Stanley Gordon is not doing well. Melanie Gordon is hospitalized. Lee Adkisson will undergo hip replacement surgery tomorrow.</p> <p>Carlton Clayton, Roy Bulice, Ova Lea Leighton, Martha Walker, Paula Stocks, Charlene Lasley</p> <p>At A Glance</p> <p>January 9: Evening worship service resumes. 5 p.m. January 9: Men's Business Meeting. 3:30 p.m. January 10: Preacher's/Leader's Meeting. 10 a.m. Greenbrier C of C January 10: "Unspoken Reality of Addiction" Seminar. Downtown Morrilton C of C. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. January 21-22 – Youth Outreach University</p>
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Elder Selection: Names of men to be considered for the eldership of the congregation should be turned in to David this morning.

Men's Business Meeting: Today at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: Today our 5 p.m. Worship Service resumes.

Know Your Enemy!

The Apostle Peter reminded his fellow Christians of who their enemy really is. It was not those Jews who were seeking to exterminate Christianity. It was not the Roman Empire. It was not the culture in which they were forced to live. It was not those living around them. Their enemy was the devil: "Be sober and vigilant. For your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Most have lost sight of the enemy. To them, the enemy is everything and everyone but the devil. Their enemy is an individual who has hurt their feelings or mistreated them. The enemy is anyone who disagrees with them. Their enemy is a system they consider unfair, etc. As a result, they play right into the enemy's hand.

Listen closely! The devil does not seek to simply take a bite out of you. He seeks to swallow you whole! This is why Peter urges his Christian brethren to be "alert and sober minded."

Christians must identify their enemy and not be "ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11). We do this by being aware and staying involved. Whenever a Christian chooses to love and not hate, to forgive and not resent, and to have a compassionate servant heart, the devil misses a meal! So, know your enemy and resist him!

~David