

# The Mars Hill Messenger

February 20, 2022

<p><b>Sunday, February 20, 2022</b> <b>SOUND ROOM</b> Clay Winn <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> Dan Blair <b>SCRIPTURE READING</b> Thomas Martin <b>LEAD SINGING AM/PM</b> Various Men <b>LEAD PRAYER AM/PM</b> Curtis Sawrie Eddy Jones <b>LORD'S TABLE</b> Doug Ellison, b. (AM/PM) Wade Haynie, c. (AM/PM) Steve Shock, o. Josh Foster</p>	<p><b>Wednesday February 23, 2022</b> <b>LEAD SINGING</b> Harmon Sawrie <b>LEAD PRAYER</b> Mike Widner Steve Shock  <b>Bible Class Lessons</b> <b>Sunday, February 20:</b> Lesson #373: Paul: Colossians 3-4 Adults: Life of Christ <b>Wednesday, February 23:</b> Lesson #374: "Paul: Ephesians 1-2 <b>Sunday, February 27:</b> Lesson #375: Paul: Ephesians 3-4 Adults: Life of Christ</p>	<p><b>Sick</b> Lou Riley will have a pacemaker installed on Wednesday. Dale Haynie has been moved back to the Rehab Center in Cabot. Stanley Gordon is having many health issues. Lee Adkisson is scheduled for surgery February 28th. Harold Rowe, Winnie Joslin's nephew, is recovering from surgery. Tommy Morrison, Mary Morrison's brother, is sick. Miranda Sweeney is undergoing more tests. Carlton Clayton, Roy Bulice, Ova Lea Leighton, Martha Walker, Gladys Widner, Paula Stocks, Charlene Lasley, Kenneth Johnston</p> <p><b>At A Glance</b> <b>March 11-12</b> – Men's Retreat hosted by Downtown C of C. Camp Areopagus. Theme: Act Like Men <b>March 13</b> – Daylight Savings Time begins <b>March 13</b> – Let's Be Friends. K-4<sup>th</sup>. Subject: Bullying. 3-4:30 p.m.</p>
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**Consideration for Eldership:** Three men's names were submitted for consideration to serve us in the eldership of the congregation: Steve Shock, John Foster, and Thomas Martin. Brother John has withdrawn his name from consideration. Members of the congregation are asked to give prayerful consideration to Steve and Thomas for this work. If you know of any reason either of these men should not serve in this capacity, please let this be known. If there are no scriptural objections to them serving, they will be installed on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday Services:** The time for Wednesday services will be 6:30 p.m. beginning this Wednesday, February 23rd.

**Minutes:** Minutes of last Sunday's Men's Business Meeting are available on the table in the foyer.

## There Is Just One Question

On his second missionary journey, Paul preached Christ in Philippi, a city in Macedonia. There he encountered a slave girl who was afflicted with a demon. Her masters made a lot of money from the ability the demon gave her to tell fortunes.

When Paul cast the evil spirit out of the girl, how do you suppose her masters reacted? Were they glad the poor girl was no longer demonized? Absolutely not! Their only concern was that *"their hope of gains was gone"* (Acts 16:19).

In retaliation, they drug Paul and Silas before the local authorities on charges of disturbing the peace and anti-Roman teaching (16:20, 21). Paul and Silas endured a painful beating with rods, followed by confinement in a dungeon with their feet in stocks.

In Acts 19, we read of Demetrius and his fellow silversmiths who made and sold shrines of the goddess Diana, whose temple was in Ephesus. Paul's preaching, however, was leading so many people out of idolatry that the market for silver shrines was drying up!

When Demetrius called a meeting of his fellow silversmiths, what was his primary concern? Money! *"Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade"* (Acts 19:25). They stirred up a mob that screamed for two solid hours, *"Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"*

What if we were so busy leading people to Jesus that the porn-peddlers, drug pushers, liquor stores, and casinos saw their profits drying up? The gospel still has the power, there's no doubt about that. The only question is "Do I have the courage and dedication to preach it?"