

# The Mars Hill Messenger

December 21st, 2025

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Pantry Items:** Mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, brownie mix

**Youth Event:** On Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade class will have a family night out. We will leave from the building. Time TBD.

### Security Blanket

Most of us at one time or another have been afraid. We have been insecure about things in life. Maybe life does not make sense, and we don't know where to go for security. As a young child a security blanket is something we turn to. We don't really ask for it for security, it just becomes what calms us and makes us feel better. In the Charlie Brown Christmas TV show, Charlie Brown has certain insecurities and questions if anyone really knows what this life is all about. What gives us purpose in life? His friend Linus at one point says he knows and goes on stage and begins to quote from Luke 2. That was a big deal even at this time to quote Bible on a TV show. Linus always has his security blanket with him and when he got to the part that says, Fear Not, he drops his blanket and finishes the Bible passage. That seems to be a significant detail in this story. Linus drops his security blanket when he is talking about Jesus. Interesting enough though, he picks it back up when he finishes and leaves the stage and continues to carry it around. What in the world would make you drop your security blanket?

Where's your security,  
Keith

<b><u>Church Leadership</u></b>  <b>Elders</b> Thomas Martin (501) 626-7704  Steve Shock (501) 328-7072  <b>Deacons</b> Ralph Hunter (501) 428-0466  Dan Blair (501) 514-1440  Minister Keith Almond (501) 472-5629  Our website: churchofchristmarshill.org  Our Facebook: Mars Hill Church of Christ	<b><u>Bible Lessons</u></b>  <b><u>Sunday, Dec. 21st</u></b> Lesson 87 Mark 11  <b><u>Wednesday, Dec. 24th</u></b> No service  <b><u>Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> Lesson 88 Mark 11:15-33  <b><u>SERVICE TIMES</u></b> Sunday A.M - 9:30 Sunday A.M. - 10:15 Sunday P.M. - 5:00 Tuesday – Ladies' & Men's Bible Class - 10:00 A.M.. Wednesday - 6:30 P.M. Thursday -9:00 PM – Men's Zoom Bible Study  <b><u>Greystone Rehab</u></b> <b><u>Services</u></b> Sunday – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday – 10:30 a.m.	<b><i>Family News</i></b>  Tim Sweeney and the family.  Wade Haynie recovering from shoulder surgery.  Mark Padgett is having surgery after the holidays so keep him in your prayers with the discomfort he is having.  Jason Bronson is recovering from surgery this week as well.  Gary Lambert is scheduled for his surgery on Dec. 23rd  Extended Sick List: Don Riley, Roy Bulice, Phil Autry  <b><u>At a Glance</u></b>  Today: Sunday, Dec. 21st, after services will wrap the gifts and food will be provided. Please consider donating to this wonderful cause. See Maggie Waltrip.  No Wednesday night service December 24 <sup>th</sup> .  Ted and Marty Knight will be with us on Sunday, January 4 <sup>th</sup> to present their mission efforts and help bring in the New Year.
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## Service Schedule for December

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Sunday AM		12.7.25	12.14.25	12.21.25	12.28.25
Sound Room		Caleb Shock	Clay Wynn	Rustin Barnett	Thomas Martin
Welcome		Mark Mauney	Keith Almond	Thomas Martin	Mark Mauney
Song Leader		Thomas Martin	Mix	Caleb Shock	Curtis Sawrie
Scripture		Curtis Sawrie	Dan Blair	David Hall	Gary Lambert
Bread		Alex Waltrip	Clay Wynn	Curtis Sawrie	Dan Blair
Cup		Mark Padgett	Randy Riddle	Steve Shock	Tom Sweeney
Offering		Randy Riddle	Rustin Barnett	Tom Sweeney	Wade Haynie
Assist		Bart Davenport	Alex Peach	Tom Hedrick	Austin Coil
Assist		Ben Garrison	Jason Bronson	Jeremy Smith	John Foster
Assist		Rustin Barnett	Danny Lawrence	Alex Peach	Bart Davenport
Prayer		Tom Sweeney	Curtis Sawrie	Bart Davenport	Caleb Shock
Prayer		David Hall	Jeremy Smith	John Foster	Mark Padgett
Announcements	Caleb Shock				
Sunday PM		12.7.25	12.14.25	12.21.25	12.28.25
Announcements	Caleb Shock				
Singing		Randy Riddle	Thomas Martin	Wade Haynie	Caleb Shock
Table		Rustin Barnett	Wade Haynie	Thomas Martin	Michael Hunter
Table		Thomas Martin	Michael Hunter	Caleb Shock	Rustin Barnett
Prayer		Doug Ellison	Caleb Shock	Dan Blair	John Foster
Prayer		Mark Padgett	Steve Shock	Tom Sweeney	Mark Padgett
Wednesday PM	12.3.25	12.10.25	12.17.25	12.24.25	12.31.25
Announcements	Caleb Shock				
Singing	Caleb Shock	Thomas Martin	Michael Hunter	No Service	Singing
Prayer	Clay Wynn	Dan Blair	John Foster		
Prayer	Rustin Barnett	Austin Coil	Thomas Martin		

### December Daily Bible Reading

<u>Monday 22</u>	<u>Tuesday 23</u>	<u>Wednesday 24</u>	<u>Thursday 25</u>	<u>Friday 26</u>
Matthew 19,20	Matthew 21	Matthew 22	Matthew 23	Matthew 24