

***Mars Hill  
Church of  
Christ***

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***Service Times***

***Sunday***

***9:45 A.M. - Bible Study***

***10:30 A.M. & 5:00 P.M. - Worship***

***Wednesday***

***7:00 P.M.***

***Ministers***

***Chris Moran***

***Bill Bagents***

***Youth Minister/Song Leader***

***Mark Marks***

***Elders***

***Bill Bagents,***

***Tim Morrow, David***

***Underwood Jr.***

***Deacons***

***Mark Marks, Randy Medley***

***Office Secretary***

***Lisa Collum***

***Televisit With the Bible***

***Comcast Channel 3***

***Tues. 8:00 P.M., Wed. 8:30***

***P.M., Sunday 8:30 A.M.***

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***A Prayerful Heart***

I love that God has allowed His children a way to communicate with Him. I love passages of Scripture that continue to remind us that God is near to us and His ear is always open for whatever reason we may call upon Him. I love the assurance and hope that can be found in passages like Matthew 11:24 that says, "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

However, with this hope and assurance, we also have to be mindful of passages like James 4:3 that says, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures."

As Christians, prayer is one of the greatest spiritual blessings we have. It is one the humblest acts God has sanctioned, yet one of the most powerful. As we pray, I appreciate the fact that God knows what we are in need of long before we petition our desires to Him. I also appreciate the fact that all things transpire according to the timing and the will of God.

This past week, Hubert Powell blessed me with an anonymous poem he came across in his personal studies. This poem comes from *McGee's Commentary on the Book of Genesis*. I hope it will serve as a blessing to you as it has for me.

~Chris

He prayed for strength that he might achieve;  
He was made weak that he might obey.

He prayed for health that he might do greater things;  
He was given infirmity that he might do better things.

He prayed for riches that he might be happy;  
He was given poverty that he might be wise.

He prayed for power that he might have the praise of men;  
He was given infirmity that he might feel the need for God.

He prayed for all things that he might enjoy life;  
He was given life that he might enjoy all things.

He had received nothing that he asked for, all that he hoped for;  
His prayer was answered; he was most blessed.

# “For We All Stumble in Many Things”

You’ll recognize those famous words from James 3:2. The older I get, the more I can identify with them.

I recently literally stumbled as I tried to step down from preaching to the floor as the invitation song began. No real harm was done and nothing was broken, but it made for quite a distraction at just the wrong time in front of many witnesses. Upon reflection, it might be one way that the Lord is trying to help me with Romans 12:3.

During graduation exercises this year, I let two pages of the script stick together, totally missing a fine young man’s presentation of two prestigious awards. Thankfully, a colleague noticed my error and set me up to correct it. I’m told the audience never even knew, but I know that confession is good for the soul (James 5:16-20).

After graduation and lunch, I came back to the office to work for a while. I put some canned colas into the fridge—except for the one that I dropped. As it exploded it wet two walls, a file cabinet, a fire extinguisher, two umbrellas, and me. And after all that, there were still two swallows left in the can. It took half an hour to clean up.

One of our students has been named Travis all his young life. He still doesn’t know why I often call him “Justin.” Neither do I. Of course that brings us back to James 3:2, “For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.” I have no illusions of personal perfection.

On Mother’s Day, we led worship at the nursing home. On my way out the front, I removed my coat due to the warm weather. Immediately, a friend said to me, “Let me be your mother. Tuck in your shirt.” Part of the shirttail had escaped, and I had no clue.

My work computer is well-used, having been with me for more years than it should. Even after all our time and conversations, it still does what I tell it to do rather than what I really want it to do. Problem is that the new one will do just the same.

I still mow the lawn and trim the hedges. I count it a major blessing to still have all my fingers and toes. The one finger does look a bit funny, but it works OK.

I’m told that I will be switching to an iPhone soon. When I hang up on you, don’t answer, and/or dial you by mistake, please don’t be surprised. All that—and worse—is bound to happen.

I haven’t yet left the house wearing different colored socks or two different shoes, but I assume that might happen soon. When it does, I hope I’ll find it as entertaining as others will. I shouldn’t be the only one who misses the fun.

“For we all stumble in many things.” As that keeps us from being as boring as we might otherwise be, it also makes us grateful to God and others who graciously forgive. Bill

# News and Notes

Delbert Knight has chosen to step down from the eldership because of health issues. We cannot express how grateful we are to Delbert for his decades of leadership and example. He and Betty will continue to bless our work at Mars Hill. We know they will appreciate our ongoing prayers.

Our Summer Series has enjoyed a fine beginning. Please remember our potluck (5:45) and singing (7:00) this Wednesday evening. Our next guest speaker will be Justin Guin from the Double Springs Church of Christ on July 2.

Monday Night for the Master will be July 7 at 5:30. Please relay your ministry ideas to one of the elders or deacons.

A work day has been scheduled for 8:00AM on Saturday June 28. All are welcome to participate.

Our next fifth Sunday will be June 29. All contribution over the budget will assist the mission work of Gary Reaves in Cusco, Peru. We will lead worship at Montreat Apartments at 1:30. Our young men will lead our evening worship.

Brinley Robertson went to UAB on June 18<sup>th</sup> for additional testing. Results will not be known for a few weeks. Please continue to pray for Brinley, her sister Brie, and her parents Lance and Megan Robertson. Brinley is now 14 months old and smiles all the time.

We express our sympathy to Randy Medley in the passing of his brother-in-law Terry Hayes.

Hallie Givens requested prayers Wednesday night.

We rejoice with June Smith her grandson Ethan Sak was baptized last week.

## Upcoming Opportunities:

- June 22-28 Camp Maywood (grades 4-12)
- June 25 Potluck and Singing
- June 28 Congregational work day
- June 29 We will lead worship at Montreat Apartments at 1:30, young men lead evening Worship
- July 2 Summer Series with Justin Guin
- July 7 Monday Night for the Master
- July 8 Elders and Preachers Meeting
- July 9 Summer Series with Jack Wilhelm
- July 13 Songs of Summer at UNC Christian Student Center (grades 9-12)
- July 13-20 TITUS Camp at HCU
- July 16 Summer Series with Danny Pettus
- July 16-22 Church office closed
- July 20 Doug Kashorek speaks at 5:00, Songs of Summer
- July 23 Potluck and Singing
- July 27 Songs of Summer
- July 30 Summer Series with Adam Richardson



## FACTS AND FIGURES

Sunday Class Attendance	80
Morning Worship Attendance	130
Evening Worship Attendance	88
Wednesday P.M. Attendance	96
Weekly Contribution	\$7,595.16
Budget	\$7,435.44
1 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	\$6,117.96

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

A.M.

Denise Golden, Cheyanne Golden, Erin Ross

P.M.

May Ortega, Danielle Teets

### PICK UP CARDS

Matthew Teets

Ian Teets

### Continue Praying For

Wayne Rhodes	Jesse & Debbie Sain
Leighana Ray	Bob Milstead
Coriene Riedout	Amelia Daly
Barbara Springer	Vida Clemmons
Pearl Kimbrough	Don & Hautie Pounders
Cherie Gresham	Earline Price
Tony Hollingsworth	Thomas Tidwell
Martha Nichols	Jean Pollard

### Keystone Assisted Living

Blanche Horsman (room 103)

### Columbia Cottage

Mildred Gross (room 40)

### Merrill Gardens

Howard Lewis (room E-158)

Vernon & Dottie Shuffett (room D-153)

### Lauderdale Christian

Dot Coker (room 5)

### Mitchell Hollingsworth

Wadean Hinton (room 616)

Louise Graham (room 409 A)

Nelson Sparks (room 304-A)

### At Home

Charles Hoard, Bud Pilkinton,  
Julia Buffler, & Susan James

### SERVE COMMUNION

1. R. Fowlkes	4. B. Wynne
2. R. Medley	5. M. Dooley
3. S. Marks	6. A. Britnell
<u>ALTERNATES</u>	
1. R. Underwood	2. R. Skipworth

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Announcements:	Lawrence Alexander
Bible Reader:	Ronnie Roberts
A.M. Opening Prayer:	Kevin Dillon
A.M. Closing Prayer:	Ed Rogers
P.M. Opening Prayer:	Sam Marks
P.M. Closing Prayer:	Don Harriman

### For Food and Food Group Needs

Call Jane Blalock 256-366-0441

Or

Martha Hill 256-766-2215

## PANTRY ITEMS

CEREAL    POWDERED MILK    JELLY

## EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Sara Goldman (HCU)

Donald Minor, Barbara Wynne's brother

Leigh Ann Peters, grandniece of Doris & Meg

Bob Comer, Nancy Jones' brother

Doris Berry, sister of Phyllis Underwood

James Leo Hogan, Polly Underwood's brother

Randy Parrish

Willodean Blalock, mother of Mack

Ruth Fowlkes, Robert Fowlkes's mother

Novella Anderson

Harold Coonrod, father of Debbie Newton

Joy Kelley, friend of June Smith

Richard & Faye Hollingsworth, parents of Shari and Tony

Joel Lewis, grandson of Howard Lewis

Bobbie Peck, friend of Betty Beadle is now at Keystone

Ann Hill, friend of Debbie Newton

Megan Robertson and Brinley, Phyllis Underwood's niece

Jack Broadfoot, brother of Bob Broadfoot

Paula Chaney, niece of Lorraine Hanback

Shane Green, relative of Doris LaPlante & Meg Phillips

Don Harris, former principal at Forest Hills

Harry Price, son of Earline Price

Michael & Krisi Wray and baby Charlie, niece of Alana Marks

Sherry Moore, Niece of Martha Nichols

Danny & Kathy Cook, parents of Brad Cook

Marsha Sanders, friend of June Smith

Julie Ford Tavlock, friend of Troy Rogers

Mary Linville, neighbor of Meg Phillips

Clark Burns, grandson of Don & Jean Pollard

Clovis Hamm, father of Phyllis Underwood

Jewel Morrow, mother of Tim Morrow

Kevin Adams, friend of Hellon Johnson

Connie Waddell, relative of Jackie Lewis

John Grigsby, brother-in-law of Ed Rogers

Pride Sherrill, friend of Tony Hollingsworth

Lavonne Bain, aunt of Jane Blalock

Hollis Swinea, brother of Becky Danley

Cecil Stacy, brother of June Smith

Katie Long, great niece of June Smith

Marold Pigg, nephew of Margaret Marks

Donald Goodman, brother-in-law of Ann Clemmons

Brenda Collum, friend of Meg Phillips & Doris LaPlante

Harry Campbell, brother-in-law of Thomas Tidwell

Pete Inman, uncle of Pam Eckl

Teresa Pollard Smith, daughter of Don & Jean Pollard

Lisa Lawson, niece of Thomas Tidwell

Elijah Hudson, friend of Dawn Downey