

MARKET STREET



“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

I'm Am Praying For You

R. J. Evans

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men” (1 Timothy 2:1).

Paul wrote two letters to Timothy, as a young evangelist he referred to as “my true son in the faith” (1 Timothy 1:2). Both of the letters are filled with instructions and admonitions that would come under the category of a “charge” (1 Timothy 1:18) that Paul was giving his “son in the faith.” Among other things, Paul charged him to study the Word (2 Timothy 2:15); live the Word (1 Timothy 4:12); preach the Word (2 Timothy 4:2). But as noted from our text, Paul charged him “first of all” to pray for others.

Over four years ago, when I was battling for my life in my fight against cancer, there were no sweeter words than to hear brethren say, “I am praying for you.” I am convinced that I am alive and doing well today because of all the prayers of my brethren from all over the world. I believe this to be especially true in view of the fact that on the day of my surgery, the doctors told Jackie and my sons that I would live 18 months to 2 years.

Prayer is one of the most important duties and privileges of a Christian. And I am convinced that praying for others (“intercessions”) should take up a large portion of our prayer time. There are some valid reasons for believing this.

In our text, Paul is giving a command to intercede by prayer for all men. In the next verse he mentions some in particular — “for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (1 Timothy 2:2). Ephesians 6:18 and James 5:16 also commands us to pray for others. Thus, it is a duty commanded by God for every Christian to pray for others.

Our prayers for others manifest brotherly love and an unselfish attitude. These two areas are so important in the life of a Christian. The Apostle Paul said, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or

conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4). This being true, the requests we make for others are just as important as the requests we make for ourselves. When the Lord answers our prayers for others, no doubt, our faith is increased. Jesus said loving our neighbor as ourself is the second greatest commandment (Mark 12:31).

The Apostle Paul prayed for all the churches where he labored. For example, in his letter to the Ephesians, he assured them of his prayers on their behalf. He said I “do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him” (Ephesians 1:16-17). The list of things he asked God to do for the Colossians was similar (Colossians 1:9-12). Epaphras offered fervent prayers for the Colossian brethren. Paul told them, “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God” (Colossians 4:12).

I have no doubt that Christians enjoy many blessings from God because some brother or sister in Christ prayed for them. May we not forget that praying for others should be a big part of our lives. What encouraging words when some faithful brother or sister tells us, “I am praying for you.”

-via *The Auburn Beacon*, Auburn, Alabama



Get Bolted In

Eddie J. Caskey

Shortly before mid-night, on May 2, 1983, residents of Coalinga, California were startled awake by a massive earthquake. Measurements put the magnitude of the quake at 6.5 on the Richter scale. Obviously, thousand of perfectly good homes were destroyed in the quake and its succeeding aftershocks. It was discovered, however, that houses built and bolted to their foundations withstood the quake, whereas, houses that

were not bolted to their foundations moved as much as six to seven inches off their base. Houses in Coalinga would only survive such future tragedies by not only being “built on” their foundations, but also “bolted to” them. In this way, they form, a sort of, living relationship with the foundation.

Similarly, those whose lives are built and bolted to the gospel of Jesus Christ will be able to withstand the constant agitations of life. Jesus said, “...Therefore whoever hears these saying of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock” (Matthew 7:24-25).

Jesus points out that it is not enough to simply “know the facts.” Instead, we must form a “living relationship” with those things we have heard. We must do them. Paul reminds us, “As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ” (Colossians 2:6 -8).

So many today are diligently searching for some scientific truth, and when some great discovery is made, there is reason to celebrate. but these truths do not satisfy the true hunger and thirst of the soul. In Matthew 5:6, Jesus tells us, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” How much greater the joy, then, when those who are starved, desirous of lasting truth, find it! “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:44-46).

Friends, there is much joy in learning and obeying the truth. Much too often, in our hectic, rat-race of a society, we have very little joy or stability. But let us never forget, “When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, but the righteous has an everlasting foundation” (Proverbs 10:25). Are you bolted to the truth?

-via *The Melrose Memo*; Richardson, Texas.

Healing A Broken Home

David Hartsell

After creating the first couple, God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). This marriage relationship incorporates both spiritual and physical aspects in their union. Jesus states, "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matthew 19:6). Nothing gives families more stability and joy than a good marriage; yet nothing destroys a home quicker than a bad marriage. How does a marriage fall to pieces? Can it be restored? These questions need examining.

Look at several steps in a failing marriage. Notice that each builds on the other in a downward spiral. Selfishness begins man's separation from God in many areas, especially in marriage. Each one begins to form an unhealthy independence. Often this begins over material things. "That's my car, money, or bank account." This runs contrary to the "two will become one flesh." This self-willed behavior naturally extends into personal relations. In sexual relations one concerns himself only with his interest and pleasure. This spills over into social situations. One or both want to spend time with "their friends." Intolerance follows. Each begins to observe things in one another that they never saw during the dating period. Their minds begin magnifying the silliness of the other's annoying habits. Disillusionment sets in and each is sickened by the comments and behavior of the other. Soon one or both becomes resigned to, "Well I made my bed. I guess I'll have to lie in it." Sexual relations cease and the marriage reduces to simply housekeeping. The act of marriage helps protect married couples from outside sexual temptations (1 Corinthians 7:3-5). Temptations will come and often the sin of fornication follows (James 1:13-15). Separation follows and a home is broken!

Too many reasons, "I'll just get rid of her and get another wife." Friend, this is a bankrupt policy. Only God's rebuilding techniques offer reconciliation with Him and restoration of the marriage. Someone must have vision of a restored marriage and confidence that God will help in ways he can't understand. Abraham believed the impossible possible with The Lord in the equation (Romans 4:20-21). As the old patriarch, we

must reach up to the Almighty in prayer (James 5:13-15). Determined to please God we humbly repent and reach out to the other for forgiveness. Without this attitude we can not restore our relationship with God or with our spouse (Matthew 18:21-35). Be patient. Give the process time to work. It didn't fall apart overnight and it won't be restored so quickly. At last, always be truthful. Marriage can only prosper through the openness and honesty of each one. Basically, we return to where we began, selfishness. Only by putting your partners desires and need before your own can a Godly marriage truly work (1 Corinthians 7:3-4).

-via *Northwood Messenger*; Northport, Alabama.

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM - 92.5 FM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Gladys Johnson
Marvin Wales
David Gardner
Martha Rice
Jeff Waddell
Barbara Ogles
Joe Collier
Matt Poff
Paige Phillips
Robbie Shoulders
Randy Graviett

Rachel Grubbs
Earl Davis
Mary Ruth Gardner
Una King Currier
Brent Lowman
Wanda Taylor
Sarah Collier
Mary Dean
Phillip Harwell
Don Bowling

In The Hospital:

Jim Currier; Trinity Hospital – Birmingham
Doris Claxton; Valley Rehab. Madison.
Rhett Bailey; St. Jude’s Hosp. Memphis, Tenn.

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65 Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57
Mary Smith, rm. 85 Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

Limestone Manor:

Albert Norton, rm. 96

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
Lola Colwell, at home
Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

- Andrew Deen; Japan
- Whitney Deen; Japan
- Matthew Cox; Iraq

NEW QUARTER IN BIBLE CLASSES: We are beginning a new quarter in our Bible classes today. I appreciate all of those who have taught this past quarter. There will be classes for all ages. The adults will have the auditorium class, a ladies class and class in the little auditorium on the west wing which will begin on Wednesday night. Stuart Wilson will be directing the study on “Denying Self”. I hope that everyone will make every effort to be at these periods of Bible study.

NURSERIES AVAILABLE: There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing and the other is in the east wing.

WORK GROUPS: Tonight will be the night for work group one to meet. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group this evening.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

THE RECORD: *For the Week of June 26th*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 131
Morning Worship 173
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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching David Cox
Lord’s Supper
Presiding Terry Andrews
Assisting Jerry McGlocklin
Serving Marcus Morris..... David Terry
..... Hunter Cox..... Keenon Carrier
Closing Prayer Benton Ball

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Landon Adams
Preaching David Cox
Lord’s Supper Marion Mitchell
Closing Prayer Jonathan Keenon

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 3rd:

Usher Ronnie Locke
Work Sound System Danny Johnson

Wednesday, July 6th:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 26:1-11)
..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Invitation Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Sunday, July 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord’s Supper
Presiding Jonathan Keenon
Assisting Tyler Cox
Serving Stefan Fudge..... Will Chumbley
..... Delmer Carter Mark Rogers
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Evening Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Stuart Wilson
Preaching NA
Lord’s Supper Jonathan Keenon
Closing Prayer Terry Anrews

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 10th:

Usher David Terry
Work Sound System Stuart Wilson