

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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Christ Died To Save All!

David A. Cox

When talking to people about their souls salvation sometimes the response is given that “I have sinned in such a way that God could not or would not forgive me.” Sin is a terrible thing and every one of us should order our lives in such a way as to not be servants of sin, but of righteousness (Romans 6:16-18). However, the problem for many in receiving the forgiveness of their sins is simply due to the fact that they can not forgive themselves, or that they do not understand God's power and willingness to save.

God's desire to save can be seen in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Christ declared to His disciples that He “came to seek and save that which is lost” (Luke 19:10). Paul writing to Timothy, reminded him that Christ “came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” (1 Timothy 1:15). These expressions “God sent” or “came” implies that there was a pre-existence of Christ before coming into the world. God's desire to save was so great that God sent “His only begotten Son” to save man. In the gospel of John we read, “in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God” (John 1:1-2). Then John tells us that “the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Indeed, this is the declaration of the fact that Jesus Christ came into the world. John declared, “we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth...And of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (John 1:14-17). Here we are shown God's willingness to save man. We must understand God's willingness to save and by the grace of God man can be saved.

As we think about being saved by grace, let us remember that it was by the coming of Christ into the world that the grace of God came into the world to bring salvation (Titus 2:11). But in order for this grace to

save, man must have faith in God's word; that God will forgive sins when man has done what He has required (Ephesians 2:8,10). Since "grace...came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17), we can see that in order to avail ourselves of this grace we must come into contact with Christ. The scriptures teach that fellowship or come into contact with Christ coming when man comes into contact with the death of Christ, thereby being cleansed by His blood.

In Acts 2, a group of Jews had gathered at Jerusalem for a religious observance, Pentecost. It was on this occasion that Peter preached to them about the Christ whom they had crucified. As Peter concluded his sermon we read, "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:37-38). Imagine the feeling that these Jews felt recognizing that they were sinners and had crucified the Son of God. Their sin was terrible. The Hebrew writer speaking of those that fall away because of sin says, "they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Hebrew 6:6). They that fall away are not actually guilty of crucifying Christ, but their sins put them in the same condition. What did Peter tell those that had actually crucified the Son of God? "Repent and be baptized" (v. 38).

As we have noticed earlier, Paul referred to himself as the chief of sinners. And Paul was a man that committed many terrible sins in persecuting the church and consenting to the death of the disciples. But what was he told to do in order to receive the forgiveness of his sins? Ananias told him to "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

Again in Romans 6, Paul begins by asking the question, "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" He answers saying, "God forbid." Paul then mentions that they had died to sin. Beginning in verse 3, Paul tells them, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). To the Galatians Paul wrote, "For we are all children of God by

faith in Christ Jesus. For as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27). These two passages teach us a great deal about how man comes into contact with Christ and the grace that bringeth salvation. When we are baptized into Christ and into His death, we become children of God and have put on Christ.

The grace of God is what man relies on to be saved, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The scriptures teach that as men were convicted of their sins by hearing the good news preached, men responded by faith, repenting of their sins, confessing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and being baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2,8,16, 22). Christ died for the sins of all. But those that will avail themselves of the gracious gift of God's Son and the cleansing power of His blood by humbly submitting to what God requires (the good works ordained by God - Ephesians 2:10) will receive forgiveness of sins.

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Give Him Your Best

Bubba Garner

If we're not careful, the passage of time can turn that which is special into that which is ordinary and commonplace. Once we have been engaged in some activity for a lengthy period, we often grow accustomed to doing mediocre work—whether it be at school, on the job, or even in our hobbies and other areas of interest. We do the bare minimum, just enough to get by. What if everyone worked this way? What if brain surgeons and airplane mechanics approached their daily activities with the spirit of levity with which we often approach our own responsibilities?

Solomon said, "whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). He speaks to the need of giving our best no matter what we are doing. This gives us a greater sense of accomplishment, and also

finds favor with God. We must not allow the worship service to become some customary event in which we simply “go through the motions.” We should have the same genuineness and sacredness the disciples had the first time they ever met on the Lord’s Day and the first time they ever observed the Lord’s Supper.

The Lord rebuked the priests of the Old Law because they offered the lame, blind, and sick for sacrifice. Not only that, they were complaining about what little they did offer by saying, “my, how tiresome it is!” (Malachi 1:8,13). The Lord told them He would rather have no sacrifice at all than for them to pollute and defile His altar with substandard ones. “Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar!” (Malachi 1:10).

I shudder to think this might be a picture of what we are offering. What service do we render when we don't make preparation? Especially for the period of worship by not getting sufficient rest, or not preparing for Bible class, or not having a readiness of mind? What great sacrifice do we make when we spend more on Sunday dinner than we do on the Sunday contribution? He gave the best of heaven and deserves the best of what we have to offer in return. This is true no matter how long you have been a Christian and regardless of how many times you have taken the Lord’s Supper.

Just as His care for us is ageless, our devotion to Him ought not to dim or tarnish with the passage of time. I wonder if the Lord would rather we “shut the gates” of our worship than to continue giving Him second-rate service. Give Him your best today; give Him your life, give Him your soul, give Him your all.

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



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Beacon of Truth

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:

Irene Mitchell	Gwen Bullock
Betty Hasting	Gilbert Hardy
Wynell Casteel	Wayne Gooch
Mary Ruth Gardner	Abby Gilbert
Carrie Miller	Una King Currier
Betty Faye Holt	Charles Burns
Mike Wulfekuhl	Ava Brooke Campbell
Phillip Harwell	Jeffery Miller
Matt Poff	David Hartsell
Marie Bates	Eli Williams

In The Hospital:

Frances Bowers; HealthSouth; Huntsville; rm. 324

Athens Convalescent Care:

Hazel Toone, rm. 16	Virginia Miller, rm. 62
Mary Holt, rm. 98	Beulah Pope, rm. 100

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B	Mae Bragg, rm. 57
Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B	Albert Norton, rm. 36
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
Billy Sutton, rm. 37	

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 29-E

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
 Lola Colwell, at home
 Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74
 Ruby Davis, Valley View Health, Madison, rm. 51-A

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. They are engaged in a study called "*The Barnabas Factor*". If you are a lady, and are able to meet with them, please join them in this study. It will do you good.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group one will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group tonight.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. If it is where you can come, please come participate in this good work.

OUT OF TOWN: *The McLemores: Alvis and Ann* have been out of town on vacation this past week... *Tommy Coblentz* has been out of town this past week... *Nancy Abernathy* is in Arkansas this week.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Jackson Drive church* in is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Paul Earnhart* will be the speaker in this meeting. Services will begin Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m.... The *Westview church* in Hartselle is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Steve Klein* will be the speaker in this meeting. Services will begin Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: The Children's Bible each Sunday afternoon at 4:40 and last about 15 minutes. It will be in the auditorium and will end about 5 minutes before the beginning of our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to be present.

THE RECORD: *For the Week of October 14th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	118
	Morning Worship	163
	Evening Worship.....	108
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	98



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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Todd Williams
Prayer	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Larry Mitchell
Assisting	Wayne Vaughn
Serving	Stefan Fudge..... Danny Johnson
.....	Mot Dollar Delmer Carter
Closing Prayer	Terry Andrews

Evening Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer	Dan Reed
Preaching	Todd Williams
Lord's Supper	Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 21st:

Usher	Dwaine Allfrey
Work Sound System	Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, October 24th:

Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Bible Reading.....	Isaiah 51:17-23
.....	Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer	Jack Cannon
Invitation	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Marion Michell

Sunday, October 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Wayne Vaughn
Song Leader	Stefan Fudge
Prayer	Kenneth Smith
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Marcus Morris
Assisting	Tommy Coblentz
Serving	Landon Adams Harold Davis
.....	Marion Pepper Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer	Joel Hamm

Evening Worship

Announcements	Wayne Vaughn
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer	Jordan Lovell
Preaching	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Marcus Morris
Closing Prayer	Jonathan Keenon

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 28th:

Usher	Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System	Marty Adams