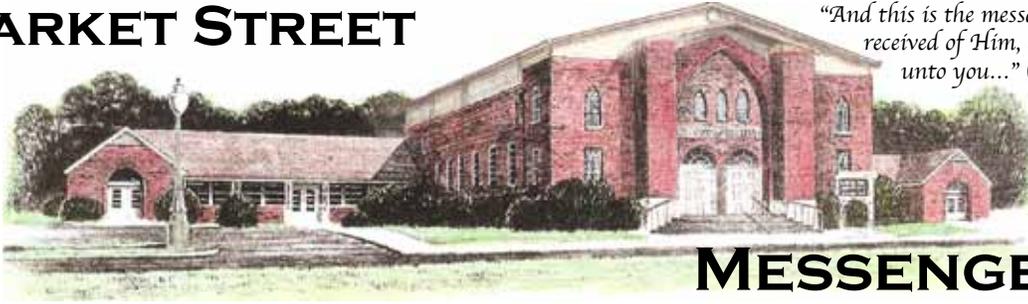


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Things Which Are Precious

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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

Most of us could make a long list of things which are precious in our lives; wives, husbands, children, parents. These are precious because they are irreplaceable. They are so precious that nothing can compare with their worth. Others might include accomplishments that could never be duplicated. Many things are precious to people. The apostle Peter spoke of several precious things in his letter to believers. These of which Peter spoke are much more precious than family members or any accomplishments here on earth.

Trials are precious. "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold, which is perishable even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6-7). Peter tells us that trials shape our faith, and that they are more precious than gold. Gold perishes - possessions are unreliable. Faith will, however, sustain us until the appearance of Jesus. Faith will be our confidence even as life changes or as death approaches.

The blood of Jesus is precious. In 1 Peter 1:18-19, Peter says we are "redeemed by the precious blood of Christ..." The Jews offered animal sacrifices and yet their sins were not taken away (Hebrews 10:4). Jesus' blood differed from all other sacrifices. His gift was without blemish. His sacrifice was perfect.

The faith of others is precious. 2 Peter 1:1 "...to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours." This verse teaches that everybody can have saving faith--that faith which leads to salvation through the Gospel (Rom. 10:17).

God's promises are precious. "Whereby, we are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises..." 2 Peter 1:4. God always keeps His promises. He cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2). Let us trust in God and believe Him — He who has promised us eternal salvation if

we would follow Him and abide in His teachings. Say friends, what is precious to you?

-via *Westview Family News*; Athens, Alabama

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Pay Attention

Frank Himmel

A man was killed on the local freeway yesterday. Police report that he first got his car entangled in the cable barrier in the median. He managed to get out safely, but he then walked into oncoming traffic--all the while talking on his cell phone!

This article is not about how distracting and dangerous cell phones are to drivers. It is about allowing ourselves to be distracted on the journey through life. Bad things happen when we are not paying attention, among them.

Sin. “Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Satan is subtle. He tries to catch us off guard. If we are not careful, sin is the result, with all its ugly consequences. 1 Corinthians 10:12 sounds a warning to overconfident brethren who think they can toy with temptation and not be affected: “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.”

Lost opportunities. “So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). What if we are not looking for those opportunities? What if we are focused mostly on self? We will be goats in Jesus’ shepherd picture of the judgment: “Lord, when did we ever see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You” (Matthew 25:44). The goats went to eternal punishment (v. 46).

False teaching. Paul warned the Ephesian elders, “I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things,

to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert...” (Acts 20:29-31). Our shepherds must be watchful, yet each of us is responsible to avoid the wolves. John wrote, “For many deceivers have gone out into the world... Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward” (2 John 7-8).

Lack of readiness. “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming” (Matthew 24:42). May God help us all not to be distracted by the scenery or “fall asleep at the wheel” in His service.

-via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama.

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Our Daily Need For Christ

Roger Shouse

Seems like it happens more and more to me. It must be because people know that I am a preacher. And I suppose it comes with the territory as is often said. What I am talking about is this: people asking me to pray for them. I get that request repeatedly.

I view it as an honor that people ask me to pray for them. Some people must think that what I say in prayer is more powerful than what they can say. Or most likely, they know that the more people praying the better it is. I have had people call me on the phone and after pouring out their hearts about a troubled life, ask me if I will pray for them. I always do. Sometimes I get an email from someone I have met while traveling and they ask me to remember them in prayer. I always do. I’ve been asked by friends, elders in other congregations, and family members visiting a loved one in the hospital. Will you pray for me? What a touching request!

Just today I met with someone who owns a business. The market has been soft for them and they over purchased some equipment. Payments were high, income was low. This person told me that things were

desperate and some of the equipment needed to be sold. I was asked, "Will you say a prayer that someone will buy this stuff?" Something about that request grabbed by attention. I have tried to talk to this person about Jesus and have gotten no response. I have invited this person to come and worship with us. Nothing. Zero. No interest. But on this day, the subject of prayer was brought up and it wasn't by me. This person is so desperate that he realizes that he needs to call in help. He needs prayers. Yet, I wonder if his equipment is sold, will there be any prayers of thanksgiving to God or will there be a renewed interest in learning more of the God of Heaven and earth? Or, is God the last resource for a desperate and discouraged person? Could it be that after everything else has been tried and nothing seems to work, then and only then, is prayer something that ought to be tried?

I did pray for this person. I prayed for something more important than the selling of his equipment. I prayed for the salvation of his soul. I prayed that he would see that God is not to be used just when we need Him and then discarded when we get what we want. God deserves better than that.

We sing a song that says, "I need Thee every hour..." but I wonder if we really feel that way. The early disciples seemed to have a good understanding of this:

- Jesus told them to pray for their *daily* bread (Matthew 6:11)
- The Lord wants us to take up our cross *daily* (Luke 9:23)
- The Bereans searched the Scriptures *daily* to see whether those things were so (Acts 17:11)
- The apostles taught *daily* (Acts 5:42)
- The Hebrews were told to encourage one another *daily* (Heb. 3:13)

We need the Lord every day. We need the Lord to guide our steps every day. We need the Lord to forgive our sins every day. We need the Lord to strengthen us every day. We need to pray every day.

Our faith need to be a *daily* faith. Not a Sunday morning faith. Not a "get me out of trouble" faith. And not a faith that changes like the weather. *Yes, I need Thee every hour!*

-via *Think On These Things*, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Peyton Rogers	Bobby McGuire
Judy Vaughn	Gwen Bullock
Wynell Casteel	Jerry Taylor
Charles Burns	Matt Poff
Una King Currier	Bruce Mordecai
David Hartsell	Ronald Harrison
Phillip Harwell	Abby Gilbert
Ava Brooke Cambell	Shelia Dunnivant Douglas

In The Hospital:

Barbara Piper, Millenium Health Care - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Beulah Pope, rm. 100	Matty Murray, rm. 60
Harvey Pope, rm. 100	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Dyral Allfrey, rm. 80	Ann Moore, rm. 49
Mary Ursery, rm. 65	

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B	Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B
Albert Norton, rm. 36	Frances Bower, rm 116
Jack Cannon, rm. 112	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E	

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
Mary Ruth Gardner, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are going to begin a study on "*Proverbs*". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Gwen Bullock* in the passing of her grandson, *David Cole*. He passed away Wednesday in an automobile accident. May the Lord bless sister Bullock and all the family at this time of loss.

TEACHERS MEETING: There will be a teachers' meeting next Sunday afternoon, April 7th, at 4:00 concerning the VBS for this summer. I hope that all of our teachers will be able to be present.

OUT OF TOWN: *Nancy Abernathy* has been in Arkansas this past week visiting with family... *Keenon Currier* has been in Auburn this week visiting with Brettlyn... are in Gatlinburg, Tennessee this weekend... *Hunter Cox* has been Tampa, Florida this past week... **The Namms:** *Joel, Sharma, Clayton and Ragen* have been in Florida during spring break.

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

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: *Tommy Greene* has expressed his desire to be a part of the work at Market Street. We are glad for the decision that Tommy has made and we want to extend a warm welcome to him.

GOSPEL MEETING: The *South Cullman church* in Cullman is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Tim Stevens* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Anderson church* in Anderson is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Bill Hall* will be the speaker in this meeting ...The *Danville Road church* in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Joshua Webber* will be the speaker in this meeting.

SINGING: There will be a singing on Friday night, April 5th, at the *South Cullman church* in Cullman at 7:00 p.m.

THE RECORD: Attendance for Week of March 24th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 121
Morning Worship 160
Evening Worship..... 102

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 100

Gospel Meeting

April 14-17, 2013

(Sunday through Thursday)

Mark W. White, Speaking

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 31st:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Kenneth Smith
Serving Mot Dollar Stefan Fudge
..... Danny Johnson Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer Ronnie Locke

Evening Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Tommy Coblenz
Preaching Todd Williams
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 31st:

Usher Marvin Putman
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, April 3rd:

Song Leader Todd Williams
Bible Reading Isaiah 64:1-12
..... Nathaniel Adams
Prayer Dan Reed
Invitation Jordan Lovell
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Sunday, April 7th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Dwaine Allfrey
Assisting Ronnie Locke
Serving Tommy Burns Marion Mitchell
..... Harold Davis Brandon Griswold
Closing Prayer Jonathan Keenon

Evening Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Tommy Coblenz
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 7th:

Usher Delmer Carter
Work Sound System Marty Adams