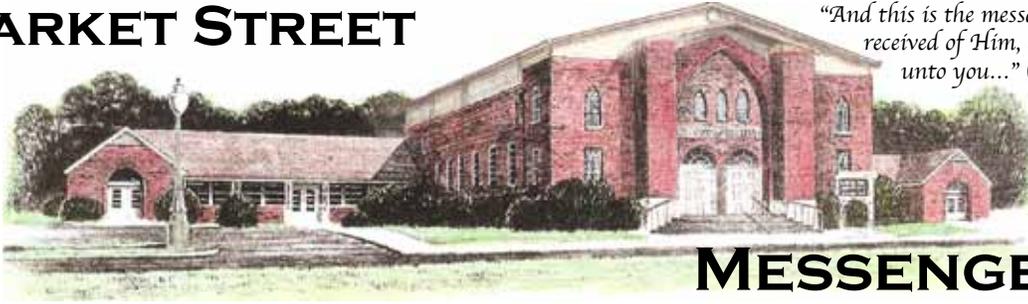


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“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)



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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

“This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:11-12). Those trained in the building of houses, office buildings, and other edifices, etc., realize the importance of the cornerstone. A failure to set the cornerstone will result in a poor foundation; the strength and proportions of the building will be compromised. But imagine the utter impossibility and foolishness of those who seek salvation apart of Christ, the chief cornerstone! Peter using David’s words (from Psalm 118:22), shows that only in the name of Christ, or only to be recognizing Him as the Savior and as one who has all authority, can one be saved. The Jews continued to reject the apostolic witness of Christ’s ambassadors.

This was nothing new; Jesus quoted this same passage of David, applying it to the Jews’ rejection of the Messiah. Their unbelief continued.

The book of Acts is the record of Christ’s apostles seeking to preach the gospel to the whole world. In doing this they were simply obeying the commandment of the Lord (Acts 1:2). As the apostles went forth preaching the gospel, the underlying foundation of their message was Christ and His authority. The same is true today, both in the message proclaimed and the rejection of Christ’s authority. There are many sincere, Bible-believing people, who work and play together all week, but cannot worship together on Sunday. Men work together in civic clubs but cannot work together in serving Christ. What is the problem? The problem is one of authority.

The need for authority is recognized by all in many areas of life. We can see the value of speed limits, stop signs, weights and measurements, and rules for Friday night football games. Even in religion, men will appeal to different sources of authority. Some appeal to the Vicar of Christ

on earth (the pope). Yet, scripture says: “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him” (Colossians 1:16). Some appeal to feelings. Yet, scripture says: “O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in Himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Proverbs. 10:23). Some appeal to additional or latter-day revelations. The scripture says: “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). Some follow their parents, some their religious leaders, some the crowd. Jesus says there is but one way to salvation and that is His way. “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).

-via *TStallings Drive Bulletin*, Nacogdoches, Texas.

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Set The Alarm!

Dee Bowman

Time is an ally. Or it's an enemy. It depends on how it's used. We all have the same amount of time and we are all given the ability to choose how that time will be used. We would do well to use it wisely, rather than in foolish expenditures.

Paul speaks about proper use of our time in Ephesians 5:15-17. “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understanding what the evil will of the Lord is.” I like Richard Littimore's translation of this text. “So watch your behavior carefully likewise people, not foolish ones, making the most of your time, because these are evil days.”

That's a good warning regarding the proper use of

time. “Watch your behavior carefully,” or “see that you walk circumspectly,” as the King James Version says. That takes an amount of time as well as its proper use. It means you have to watch where you're going, take care not to leave God at home when you go out, plan how you can do what you do and still glorify God in the doing. In short, that constitutes the proper use of time.

And this is to be done “likewise people.” Wise people don't waste time. They don't squander this most precious of God's provisions. To waste time is to diminish from planning and developing a godly life. To waste time is to rob yourself of the pleasure to doing the job well. To waste time is to take away the peace that comes from knowing you have spent your time wisely.

Time can be used, consumed, or expended thoughtlessly. Actually it's very easy to waste time. You can throw it away like an old rag, toss it aside like an empty Coke can. The sad thing is, it's so easy to do it. We can waste time almost without even thinking about it.

Further, he says these are “evil days.” The days of our lives work against us if we don't use our time wisely. The days are evil when they are not well spent. That means that “time is of the essence” in our day. *Carpe diem!*

God expects that we manage our time, that we arrange our schedules so that we do what we do well, that we make time for the things that are important, and that we take care not to make leisure time the main object in life. “Time management” has become a cliché, but that should in no wise detract from the significance of the enjoinder. It says what needs to be said. Life, fully lived and wisely spent, requires proper time management.

I'd like you to read carefully a statement by Nicholas Carr, from his New York Times best seller, *The Shallows: What The Internet is Doing To Our Brains*. Read it carefully. It's a statement about the invasion of the Internet and how it has fragmented our thinking. But it is also a statement that implies how we are being gradually but effectively robbed of our time by the computer age.

Before you read, picture yourself with your laptop in your lap, the television on, your phone nearby on any given night at home.

“By combining many different kinds of information on a single screen, the multimedia Net further fragments content and disrupts our concentration. A

single Web page may contain a few chunks of text, a video or audio stream, a set of navigational tools, various advertisements, and several small software application, or 'widgets,' running in their own windows. We all know how distracting this cacophony of stimuli can be. We joke about it all the time. A new email message announces its arrival as we're glancing over the latest headlines at a newspaper's site. A few seconds later, our RSS reader tells us that one of our favorite bloggers has uploaded a new post. A moment after that, our mobile phone plays the ringtone that signals an incoming text message. Simultaneously, a Facebook or Twitter alert blinks on-screen. In addition to everything flowing through the network, we also have immediate access to all other software programs running on our computers-they, too, compete for a piece of our mind. Whenever we turn on our computer, we are plunged into a 'ecosystem of interruption technologies,' as the blogger and science fiction writer Cory Doctorow terms it." (Kindle, location 1580)

Folks, we best take note of how clever the Devil is, how he is robbing us of our time to study, our time to worship and pray, our time to meet with the saints and be encouraged, our time to speak with someone about their soul, our time to have intimate familial relationships, our time to make plans for our own spiritual growth.

It's time to wake up, folks!

-via *The Weatherly Weekly*, Huntsville, Alabama.



Openness

Gary Henry

Hard hearts need to be "opened," and sometimes the only thing that will open them is adversity. For this reason, we need to be careful about our attitude toward adversity.

Hardship tends to have a chastening effect upon us. If our hearts have begun to toughen up with a spirit of pride or self-sufficiency, the unwelcome pain of some serious difficulty can be a salutary thing. It can soften our hearts and open them up by reminding us of the

proper reverence we ought to have toward our Creator, thus restoring our perspective.

Affliction doesn't always soften the heart, of course. Sometimes it has the opposite effect. Concerning those who lived in his day, Jeremiah said, "O LORD, are not Your eyes on the truth? You have stricken them, but they have not grieved; You have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than rock: they have refused to return" (Jeremiah 5:3)

If we've chosen the "victim mentality" as our basic outlook on life, affliction will only make us feel more sorry for ourselves - our hard hearts will only grow harder and more resentful. A time can come when, for all practical purposes, we've lost our ability to "hear" the truth even when God is using adversity to get our attention.

Often, however, pain does have a beneficial effect, at least in the long run. Hardship has a way of scratching the shell around our hearts just deeply enough to let in a little of the truth we've been resisting, and the result is a more receptive, honest response to the circumstances around us. We're wise if we allow adversity to have this effect upon us.

There is a quite important sense in which we are stronger at our most painful moments of weakness. At least this much is true: our greatest opportunities to grow in strength come when we respond to reminders of our weakness with humility and honesty.

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

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Gladys Johnson
Mot Beasley
Tommy Greene
Kim Rogers
Frances Bowers
Wynell Casteel
Jerry Taylor
Matt Poff
Morgan Barksdale

Judy Vaughn
Mot Dollar
Jack Cannon
Bobbie Adcock
Gwen Bullock
Morgan Barksdale
Charles Burns
Una King Currier
David Hartsell

Ronald Harrison Phillip Harwell
 Abby Gilbert Barbara Piper
 Ava Brooke Cambell Shelia Dunnivant Douglas

In The Hospital:

Reba Adams, Athens-Limestone Hospital; room 224
Elizabeth Kate Miller, St. Jude's Hospital; – Memphis

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Beulah Pope, rm. 100 Mattye Murray, rm. 60
 Harvey Pope, rm. 100 Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
 Robert Johnson, rm. 18 Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
 Dyrall Allfrey, rm. 80

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B
 Albert Norton, rm. 36 J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
 Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 29-E

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Shut-In:

Lola Colwell, at home
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at home
 David & Martha Rice, Mobile, Alabama
 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 studying the books of "Proverbs". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember *Mitzi Carruth's* son-in-law, *Joel Smith*, is in Afghanistan serving the U. S. military. Keep him in your prayers.

OUT OF TOWN: *Margaret Carter* and *Mitzi Carruth* are in Texas this week visiting with Mitzi's daughter... *Ida Nell Griffin* has been away visiting with family.

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

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Brookhill church* in Killen is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Don Patton* will be the speaker... The *Weatherly Heights church* in Huntsville is beginning a lectureship on Thursday evening and it will continue through Sunday. The speakers in the lectureship will be: *Jonathan Reeder, Phil Robeertson, Jim Ward and Mark White.*

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer Keith Hinkle
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Larry Mitchell
 Assisting Dwaine Allfrey
 Serving Tommy Burns Keenon Currier
 Kenneth Adams Harold Davis
 Closing Prayer Norman Brown

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Marty Adams
 Prayer Ronnie Locke
 Preaching Jordan Lovell
 Lord's Supper Larry Mitchell
 Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 5th:

Usher Marvin Putman
 Work Sound System Terry Andrews

Wednesday, May 8th:

Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Bible Reading Isaiah 66:14-24
 Tommy Coblentz
 Prayer Joel Hamm
 Invitation Jordan Lovell
 Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Sunday, May 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
 Song Leader Todd Williams
 Prayer Kenneth Smith
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting Ronnie Locke
 Serving Delmar Carter Jonathan Keenon
 Nathaniel Adams Bart Brown
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Marcus Morris
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Marty Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 12th:

Usher Terry Andrews
 Work Sound System Landon Adams