

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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Come Join Us For Our

Gospel Meeting

September 10-12

(Thursday through Saturday – Spanish)

@ 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Hall, Speaking

September 13-17

(Sunday through Thursday)

Sunday Services – 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

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Singing Through The Storm

Roger Shouse

Huddled in a storage closet in the music room of their school, a group of children and their teachers endured a violent and terrifying storm. Before the day ended, the storm would level towns, take lives, and in seconds cut a path of destruction that will take years to rebuild. But in that storage closet a most remarkable story of faith and courage took place. It is a story of one of - Sharon Hodges.

Sharon is a pre-school aide at Henryville, Indiana Elementary. On March 2nd, a series of extremely powerful and violent storms crossed Southern Indiana. Many schools released their students early that day, fearing the approaching storms. Henryville kept their children until the end of the school day and then sent them home.

Sharon, her fellow teachers and staff, remained at the school. A few kids were there for after school programs. As the storms approached, sirens sounded. Sharon, four teachers and eleven children from three years old to a senior in High School, huddled in that closet in the music room. A voice over the loud speaker shouted, "It's here!"

The roar of the tornado was deafening. They could hear debris hitting the roof. Windows throughout the school were blown out. Some of the walls collapsed. Hallways, which would have been the supposed place of safety had the school been full of students, caved in with brick, glass and steel flying everywhere.

In that little closet with Sharon, the adults tried to shelter the children. In the midst of those terrifying moments, the children were screaming in fear. Teachers tried to calm them. Sharon, our Sharon, who loves to sing, started singing, "Jesus Loves Me." She continued to sing. Immediately following the first tornado, there was a second. The winds ripped destruction through Henryville. Sharon sang. Soon the other teachers were singing, then the children joined in. A sense of reassurance filled that storage closet.

The tornadoes passed. The teachers led the children through the destruction to the office area as massive hail and blinding rain fell. Every child was safe.

Sharon says that she was never scared and never thought that she would die. She also claims that she

didn't do anything special. But she did. In a moment of crisis, at the most terrifying moment, she naturally leaned on her Savior who, indeed, does love us.

It's easy on a sunny, calm day to think, "This is what I would do if it happened to me." But to be caught in the moment, in a life and death situation, and to immediately remember, "Jesus loves me" - what a great story and example for all of us.

Sharon was not the only one to do that. Years before, in a place very far from Southern Indiana, in a dark prison cell, a beaten and bloodied apostle Paul and his friend, Silas, at midnight sang praises to God. They, too, faced a life or death situation. As they sang, other prisoners listened. When an earthquake opened the prison doors, no one ran for freedom. The calming reminder of our Savior has an impact. Acts 16, where this is found, shows that these events led to Paul teaching one of the guards about Jesus and his obedience that very night.

There are two powerful lessons for us:

First, some of the best moments for showing Jesus come in the height of a storm. For Sharon it was a tornado. For Paul it was prison. For others it may be at the hospital or at the funeral home. In the midst of a storm, priorities change. Fear has a way of shaking a person to see what really matters. Reminding ourselves and those around us of this profound lesson, i.e., God loves us and is still on the throne of Heaven, is an incredible opportunity.

Second, never make light of singing hymns. It calmed a prison years ago. It calmed a closet full of students and teachers just a few days ago. We can view singing as just something we do until the truly important things begin. Don't think that way. There is something special about singing. Singing is something that all can do, even those who understand little, if anything, about music. Singing is one of the earliest ways we learned important things like the alphabet, or more importantly, the books of the Bible.

"Yes Jesus Loves Me." He loves me even when the wind blows. He loves me when the storm has destroyed what I cherish. Nothing shall separate us from the love of God. Paul listed a variety of things in Romans 8, including tribulations, distress, persecution, famine, peril or sword. I would add to that list, tornados and prisons.

"Jesus love s me," sung from a prison cell in Philippi, a storage closet in an Indiana elementary school, in a

church building or on my pillow at night - the profound thoughts of that song echo true. They calm fearful hearts and they assure the faithfulness of God.

Thanks, Sharon. Your story is impressive, inspiring and worth telling. You helped connect a closet of scared people to the God that calms storms, raises the dead, and prepares His home for us. "Yes, Jesus Loves Me!"

-via *Family Report*; Temple Terrace, Florida.



A Worthy Cause

Norm Webb. Jr.

Solicitations are common at my front door and on my telephone. Every organization you can imagine is seeking a donation: cancer, heart disease, police, fire, veterans, politicians, schools, etc. Now and then the individual who is down on his luck calls needing money for groceries, food, rent. Most are worthy causes, but I have to be selective, otherwise the Webb family would become the next organization looking for support. So I have to decide who is most worthy, most deserving? Which ones will use my money most effectively, most wisely? Sometimes it is a hard choice.

In Revelation 4:11, we read of heavenly beings, 24 elders and 4 living creatures, bowing down, casting their crowns before the throne of God and saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created." Listen to what they are saying. God is worthy to receive any glory and honor and power that we might have available to give him.

In the next chapter, but same scene, the same heavenly beings, joined by a million of angels, say in a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Listen to what they are saying. Jesus is worthy to receive all the power, all the wealth, all the wisdom, etc. that we might have.

I used to think of this verse in general terms - that

God and His Son are worthy of my songs and prayers and praise, but they are worthy of so much more than that. They are worthy to receive all that I have. Every nickel, every possession, every piece of knowledge I attain, every ounce of power in my body, every minute of work for the company, every word that I speak belongs to them. They are **THE** worthy cause. I should not have to sit back and consider whether they should be selected to make the list of worthy causes. They don't just make the list, they reign the list.

So every day I question - why am I doing this? Is there some way that my activity, my thought, my work, my authority, my learning, my speech etc. is being used to bring glory and praise to God and His Son?

And why are they so worthy? Simple - they created me and they redeemed me. I owe them everything. They are truly **THE** worthy cause.

-via *Items*; Athens, Alabama.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Ella Melvin	James Abernathy
Lona Killen	Reba Byram
Marjorie Dunnivant	Irene Inman
Jeanette Weir	Gwen Bullock
Essie Hardison	Carl Hargrave
Abby Gilbert	Linda Ordonez
Don Osborne	Ava Brooke Campbell
Phillip Harwell	Gene Carpenter
Ann Bush	Pam Perry
Ben Hinkle	Al Pollard
Anita Willis	Helen Rushing
Matt Poff	Una King Currier
Charles Burns	Analynn Tegg
Eli Williams	

In The Hospital:

Ray Kennedy; UAB Hospital – Birmingham
Sharon Nave; Decatur General Hospital – Decatur

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Jennifer Threet, rm. 81 Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102

Nelva Reed, rm. 111 Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
 Helen Trousdale, rm. 43 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
 Robert Johnson, rm. 18 Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
 Gayle Mills, rm. 15 Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
 Mable Crafts, rm. 100 Mattye Murray, rm. 2
 Judith Groce, rm. 21 Terry Camp, rm. 91

Limestone Health Facility:

Frances Bowers, rm. 104 Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Limestone Lodge:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

Shut-In:

Hazel Brooks, at home

Wynell Casteel, at home

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

BRIDAL TEA: Annessa (Smith) Jenkins, the bride of **Brent Jenkins** will be honored with a bridal tea on *Sunday, September 20th*. from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the *Gathering Place* at New Haven. All of the Market Street ladies are invited and there is an invitation on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

PICTURES: Remember we are currently making pictures for our directory in Classroom 20 in the east wing. If you have not had your picture made, or need to have it re-made, please do so after services today.

JERRY "BUDDY" PEPPER (1935 – 2015): It is with sadness that we note the passing of brother Buddy Pepper. He passed away on Tuesday morning. Buddy love the church and he loved the Lord. We have missed his presence among us for several months now. Buddy was a joy to be around and we will miss him. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to Corneila and all the family in the passing of Buddy. His funeral was on Thursday afternoon at the McConnell Funeral Home. He was laid to rest in the Athens Memory Gardens.

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.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of August 30th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 136
 Morning Worship 174
 Evening Worship..... 135

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 123

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Larry Mitchell
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Joel Hamm
 Assisting Marty Adams
 Serving James Johnson Danny Johnson
 Bart Brown Jason Conn
 Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Evening Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Russell Melvin
 Preaching Jordan Lovell
 Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
 Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, Setember 6th:

Usher Delmer Carter
 Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, September 9th:

Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Bible Reading..... (1 Corinthians 10:1-14)
 Seth Todd
 Prayer Tommy Coblenz
 Invitation Jordan Lovell
 Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Sunday, September 13th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Norman Brown
 Preaching Gardner Hall
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Mike Ogles
 Assisting Marcus Morris
 Serving Cody Kennedy Seth Todd
 Matthew Vaughn Heath Dollar
 Closing Prayer Russell Melvin

Evening Worship

Announcements Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
 Preaching Gardner Hall
 Lord's Supper Mike Ogles
 Closing Prayer Tony Thomas

Other Assignments for Sunday, Setember 13th:

Usher Larry Mitchell
 Work Sound System Landon Adams