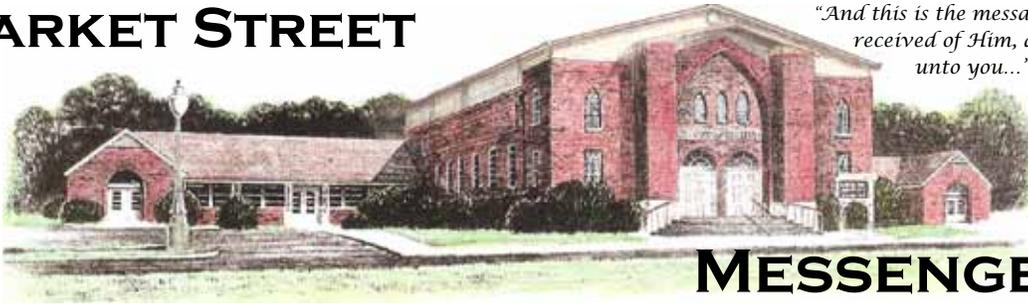


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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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

Every Joint Supplies

Paul Smith

I ran across this piece some months ago, and wish to pass it along to each of you. The author is unknown to me or I would give credit where credit is due. Enjoy and profit. As the story goes, a congregation built a new church building, and people came from far and wide to see it. They admired its beauty! Up on the roof, a little nail heard the people praising everything about the lovely structure--except the nail! No one even knew he was there, and he became angry and jealous. "If I am that insignificant, nobody will miss me if I quit!" So the nail then released its hold, slid down the roof, and fell in the mud.

That night it rained and rained. Soon, the shingle that had no nail blew away, and the roof began to leak. The water streaked the walls and the beautiful murals. The plaster began to fall, the carpet was stained, and the pulpit Bible was ruined by water. All this because a little nail decided to quit!

But what of the nail? While holding the shingle, it was obscure but it was also useful. Buried in the mud it was just as obscure, but now it was useless and would soon be eaten up by rust!

The Moral of The Story – Every member is important to the church! Like the nail, you may feel obscure at times, but just like the nail, your absence is felt. Make sure you're a help and not a hindrance to the future spiritual and numerical growth in this body. Remember:

We Are Members of the Same Body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). Please never forget, as members of the body of Christ, we belong to each other and we need each other. Each member of the body has a function to perform so that the body as a whole will grow and remain healthy. Each part is needed, and no one part should think it's more important than any other part. Remember, a spiritually healthy church is one in which the various members know their God-given gifts and use them to serve and edify others in that local body.

We Are Soldiers in the Same Army (Ephesians 6:10-18). The church

is an army to fight against Satan, the hosts of darkness, and sin; not to fight each other. And please understand that in the Lord's army each individual soldier (Christian) is expected to wage war and fight. However, our weapons must never be carnal, or our struggle will be useless and eventually deadly. And just as there are leaders in the physical army, there are to be leaders (shepherds, overseers) in the spiritual army. Only when the soldiers are in their proper place and obeying divinely appointed orders, can an army expect to withstand the attacks of the enemy. What I'm saying is good military strategy depends on teamwork. We need at times to ask God to help us be "big people" and return good for evil, so that what is weak may be healed rather than driven further to despair (Hebrews 12:13). The time is too short, the price is too high. Please remember, spiritual enemies can only be defeated by spiritual means. "Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm" (Ephesians 6:13).

-via *Cedar Park Bulletin*; Cedar Park, Texas.



Living Stones...

Carl McMurray

"And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house..."
(1 Peter 2:4)

Jesus is presented here as a "living stone." He is the cornerstone, for a foundation of apostles and prophets that form the basis for a spiritual building. In that building Christians are also "living stones." A number of reasons come to mind why the Lord chose this particular terminology for His people.

Stones are strong as building materials. Wood warps and rots without proper treatment. The old "soddies" of pioneer days were famous for dropping dirt and insects in the home. Tents and canvases must be constantly repaired and replaced. Stone has always been a preferred building material, and still is (in brick and block) because

it resists the storm and the extremes of temperature. No matter what comes along, stones placed with the right mortar just keep doing their job. With all of the Bible's encouragements to be steadfast, I wonder if the Lord intended for us to do our job like stones, living stones. We need to remain strong.

Stones are pretty useless by themselves. Laying out in a field they are in the way. They will turn the ankle of man or horse or even demand that one walk around them if they are large enough. They will tear up plow or disc, depending on what century you happen to live in. In our age, and I suppose every age, there have been those who try to convince themselves and others that they just don't need other Christians. They claim to have a relationship with the head, but not the body. How foolish. As part of the Lord's team we are able to really develop and find ourselves and our talents. Out in the field by ourselves, we are just in the way and become a problem to all concerned.

Stones are missed, when they are gone. I've watched the construction of a house down the road from me for 30 years, as long as I've been coming to where I now live. The house has been sold to new people and had a pool installed, but it has never been finished. There is one spot, up near the roof on one corner, where the white stones have never been put in and the black material underneath is visible. When stones are missing from a wall, there is a hole there because nothing else will do that job. When Christians are missing they also are missed. No one can take the place of what YOU bring to God's service. God bless His "living stones."

-via *Good News*; Anderson, Indiana.

Beacon of Truth

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Woe Is Me

Mike Thomley

Every now and then most of us get depressed. We start feeling sorry for ourselves because we look around and see others who seem to have all the things we want and they are enjoying life. We think of all the problems, mishaps and shortcomings in our own lives. We fail to see any valuable contribution we can make.

The phenomenon is not new. It is almost as old as the world. When considering Biblical examples, Elijah comes quickly to mind (1 Kings 19:9-10). One of the interesting characteristics of Elijah's misconception about his circumstance is how it affected his work for the Lord. He had just unquestionably defeated and put to shame wicked Jezebel and the prophets of Baal and had shown God to be the almighty power in the world. Now he has hidden himself in a cave and trembles in cowardly fear because he thinks everyone is out to get him. Ironic isn't it? Consider: If Elijah was the only faithful servant of God in the world (as he thought), would his fear of man be justified? The man who has just shown the world the power of God, now shrinks back because he is afraid of the power of men. If anyone should have known that earthly power and might are insignificant in comparison to God's power, it was Elijah. Are we guilty of the same inconsistencies today? Do we sit around, at times, licking our wounds and feeling sorry for ourselves? Do we cry, Oh, Lord, it's so hard. The world is so wicked, the church is full of hypocrites, false doctrine is thriving. My family is giving me a hard time. Nobody appreciates the good I do. There are only a few of us, what can we do? Paul said that he could do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13). He also said because we are at war with Satan and his forces, we must be prepared for battle (Ephesians 6:10-18). The outcome of the conflict has been determined (1 Corinthians 15:57), therefore, we should never be overtaken by depression or despair when it seems as if Satan has the upper hand. The revelation John received while he was in exile on Patmos is nothing more than a reassurance that God continues to maintain control and will, at His discretion, punish the wicked for their vile deeds. Elijah soon discovered life wasn't as bad as it seemed. Interestingly, we, too,

see things in a new light when we endure or when we see things through. When life seems unexplainable and impossible to endure, remember Paul's encouragement in Romans 8:26-31. If God is for us, who is against us?

-via *Guideposts*; Birmingham, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Anita Wheeler	Mot Dollar
Jim Whitt	Betty Pepper
Joe Hinkle	Ella Melvin
Reba Byram	Gilbert Hardy
Lona Killen	James Abernathy
Irene Inman	Marjorie Dunnivant
Jeanette Weir	Essie Hardison
Gwen Bullock	Carl Hargrave
Abi Gilbert	Donald Cole
Linda Ordonez	Ava Brooke Campbell
Phillip Harwell	Gene Carpenter
Ann Bush	Pam Perry
Ben Hinkle	Al Pollard
Anita Willis	Helen Rushing
Matt Poff	Una King Carrier
Charles Burns	Analynn Tegg
Eli Williams	David Richardson
Sharon Nave	Betty Hamm
Elizabeth Howard	Brittany Murrell

In The Hospital:

Ray Kennedy; UAB Hospital – Birmingham

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Helen Trousdale, rm. 43	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Judith Groce, rm. 21	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Mable Crafts, rm. 100	Matty Murray, rm. 2
Terry Camp, rm. 91	

Limestone Health Facility:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 107
Mildred Landers, rm. 103
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Lodge:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

Shut-In:

Hazel Brooks, at home
Wynell Casteel, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Cornelia Pepper and all the family**, in the passing of her sister-in-law, **Maggie Hodges**, a week ago Saturday. The funeral was a private family service.

CONGRATULATIONS: We want to congratulate **Cody Kennedy & Makayla Melvin** on their marriage this past Friday in Mooresville. We wish the very best for them in their lives together as husband and wife.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: **The Jordan Park church** in Bethel, Tennessee beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be **Jimmy Haynes** will be the speaker in this meeting...**The Sardis Springs church** is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be **Justin Roberson**...**The Westview church** in Hartselle is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be **Stephen Russell**.

OUT OF TOWN: **The Bradleys:** *Steve and Marilyn* are in Houston, Texas visiting family...**The Morris':** *Marcus and Bonnie* are in the mountains this week...**The Kennedys:** *Cody and Makayla* are in South Carolina to leave on a cruise...**The Coxes:** *David and Kerry* are in Arab today were David concludes a meeting at the **North Parkway church**.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on will not be conducted this week.

PICTURES: Remember that 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.

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 Oct. 11th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 130
Morning Worship 180
Evening Worship..... 134

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 137

Remember Our Service This Afternoon at 5:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 18th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Larry Mitchell
Assisting Keith Hinkle
Serving Marvin Putman ... Matthew Vaughn
..... Landon Adams Seth Todd
Closing Prayer Marty Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Russell Melvin
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 18th:

Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, October 21st:

Song Leader Tony Thomas
Bible Reading..... (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)
..... Danny Johnson
Prayer Jason Conn
Invitation Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Sunday, October 25th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Russell Melvin
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Terry Andrews
Assisting Steve Usery
Serving Tyler Cox Keenon Currier
..... Russ Wulfekuhl Bill Claxton
Closing Prayer Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Tony Thomas
Prayer Norman Brown
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 25th:

Usher Keith Hinkle
Work Sound System Marty Adams