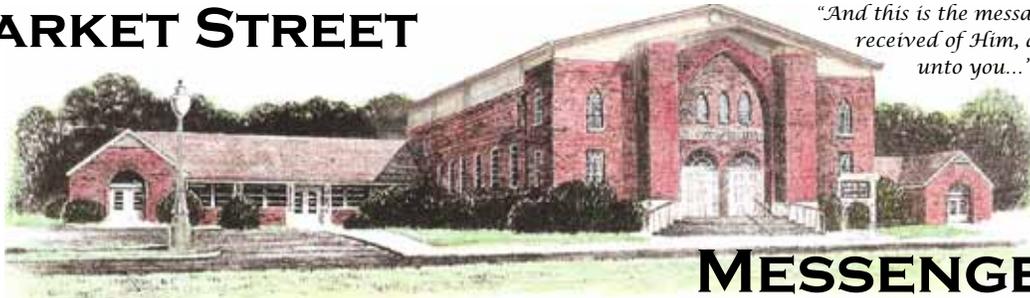


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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Contentment and Family Happiness

Gary Henry

Living as we do in a world of increasing financial prosperity, it's easy to get caught up in the assumption that more money is what we have to have in order to be more happy. We take it for granted that a higher standard of living will bring with it more peace of mind, greater joy, and a measure of relief from the problems that hurt our families. The only problems money will solve, however, are money problems. And since most of our more serious problems have nothing to do with money, we should not be so foolish as to think that a higher standard of living will make our homes any happier.

It may be un-American to say so, but a greater abundance of this world's goods may make our families more unhappy! Though we never seem to foresee it, more money often brings with it worse problems than we had to start with. As Solomon observed, "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep" (Ecclesiastes 5:12). The happiest families are not the wealthiest; they are the families that are grateful for whatever they have, whether much or little, and are able to enjoy life whether or not they ever have any more than at present. It is not wealth itself, but having a godly attitude toward wealth that produces peace of mind and gladness in the family.

We can't read the Bible very thoughtfully if we've not noticed that in the history of God's people the times of greatest prosperity were the times of spiritual decline. In Deut. 8:11-20, the people of Israel were warned about this surprising possibility. While logic and common sense might have predicted that the more the people were blessed by God, the more thankful and reverent they would be. But human nature often defies logic, and the actual history of Israel reflects what most of us are familiar with in our own experience. The more we have, the more we take it for granted and the unhappier we seem to be. It all just bears out the truth of the adage that "hunger is the best sauce."

Lately, lots of folks around the country have jumped on the "simple

lifestyle” bandwagon, no doubt as a reaction to the materialistic excesses of recent decades. Perhaps the social pendulum is swinging back in a more modest direction. But fads notwithstanding, there really is a grain of truth in the “less is more” slogan. Sometimes “the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light” (Luke 16:8). If secular-minded people are discovering the emotional disadvantages of affluence and making the necessary adjustments, why do we who profess to love the Lord have such a hard time dealing with scriptural warnings about wealth? If we’ll listen to Thomas Kinkade in *Simpler Times* (a quite wonderful book), why won’t we listen to the apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19?

Haven’t we all known families that were quite poor but tremendously happy? How can this be? The key is obviously contentment. And what is contentment? It is a peaceful satisfaction with the blessings God has already provided, regardless of what may or may not be gained in the future. Deep, rich family relationships thrive in the natural soil of contentment and simple gratitude, not in the hothouse of unrestrained greed. And if we’ve not yet learned this lesson, our families are probably suffering as a result of our ignorance. Paul wrote that “godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content” (1 Timothy 6:6-8). If contentment is important in general, it is especially important to the family. Among the many evil aspects of covetousness, one of the worst is that it is a family killjoy!

-via *Windows of Heaven*; Moulton, Alabama.



“In None Other Is There Salvation”

Dan Richardson

“And in none other is there salvation; for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

This story begins in Acts 3:1, when Peter and John heal a lame man “in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth”

(3:5) at the door of the temple. Attracting a multitude, Peter had opportunity to preach Jesus (3:11-26). They were seized and brought before the high court of the Jews for interrogation (4:1-7). Peter’s defense before the tribunal was to proclaim the power in Jesus’ name, by which this lame was healed, but more importantly, by which all are saved from sin (4:8-12). From Peter’s sermon (3:11-26), we note these facts pertaining to Jesus.

1) **He Is The Glorified Servant (13-18)**. The Jews crucified Jesus, but the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob— their God – glorified His Servant by raising Him from the dead. He was despised and rejected, bearing our griefs and afflictions which only we deserved because of our sin (Isaiah 53:3-9). His sacrifice was no accident, nor the result of man thwarting heaven’s will, but it was accomplishing God’s eternal purpose to redeem sinful man in His Son: “Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand” (Isaiah 53:10). Jesus was glorified because He accomplished what the Father sent Him to do – be a sacrifice for sin (John 17:4-5).

2) **He Is The Prophet Like Moses (22-24)**. Through Jesus, God speaks to us today (Hebrews 1:2). His message can be known (John 8:32); Peter said, “To Him shall ye hearken” (3:22a). His word is complete, all-sufficient to accomplish its divine purpose: man must obey “in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you” (3:22b; Isaiah 55:10-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). And, His gospel is authoritative – those who don’t “hearken” will be destroyed (3:23). It is God’s power to save the sinner (Romans 1:16; James 1:21; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

3) **He Is The Seed Of Abraham (25-26)**. God promised Abraham He would bless all nations in his “seed” (Genesis 22:18). The inspired apostle Paul would later explain this as having reference to the blessings for mankind in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:16) – blessings which are, a) universal – for “all the families of the earth” (25a: Galatians 3:28); b) spiritual – “in turning away every one of you from your iniquities” (3:26); and c) conditional – because they were commanded to “repent... and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out” (3:19; cf. Acts 2:38).

God’s assurance to us of our salvation in Christ is founded in the truth of His resurrection from the dead (26). This fact is substantiated by 1) The miracle worked

on the lame man, confirming the truthfulness of the sermon preached (cf. Mark 16:18, 20). 2) Eyewitness testimony (15). The apostles had seen the risen Savior (Acts 1:21-22). 3) The testimony of Old Testament scripture (24-25; cf. John 5:39). Truly, in none other is there salvation. Have you obeyed Him?

~via *Search*; Sikeston, Montana.



For What Are You Working?

Phillip Mullins

When your life is over, what do you hope to have accomplished?

Droves of people believe that by becoming wealthy that they accomplish much. Yet, have you considered what is at the end of the road for a wealthy person? Ecclesiastes 2:18 says, "Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me." Pile up all the cash and things that you can, but in the end you will leave it all behind.

For some, leaving something for posterity is exactly the thing for which they are working. Yet, speaking of the one who inherits wealth, Ecclesiastes 2:19 states, "And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled..." Leave a fortune behind and the odds are is that it will be ruined in a few years.

Then there is a more noble approach. Instead of possessions that will rust, what about leaving behind ideas and knowledge that people will treasure for decades to come? Again, Ecclesiastes 2:16 tells us, "For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool!" Many people have died believing their words or works would live on. Yet, very few people in history are remembered and what few who are remembered are often misrepresented or misunderstood.

The bottom line is that you cannot count on, accomplishing anything in this world which will really last.

Yet, there is something that will last for which we can work and hope. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:19- 20).

There is something permanent for which we can all labor. It is eternal life with God in heaven for eternity. Are you looking for something that will really last? Then look to Christ, He offers everlasting life.

Does it sound too good to be true? For certain it sounds too good not to investigate to see whether it is true or not. Open the Bible and see for yourself.

~via *Messages*; Kingsport, Tennessee.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Bobbie Adcock
Mitzi Carruth
Jim Whitt
Ella Melvin
Gilbert Hardy
Essie Hardison
Carl Hargrave
Gwen Bullock
Donald Cole
Abi Gilbert
Betty Hamm
Linda Ordonez
Phillip Harwell
Ann Bush
Ben Hinkle
Anita Willis
Matt Poff
Charles Burns
Eli Williams

Tony & Patsy Thomas
Mot Dollar
Reba Byram
Robert & Mot Beasley
Irene Inman
Marjorie Dunnivant
Jeanette Weir
Ava Brooke Campbell
Will Weir
Helen Rushing
Elizabeth Howard
David Richardson
Gene Carpenter
Pam Perry
Al Pollard
Una King Currier
Margaret Frost
Analynn Tegg

In The Hospital:

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111 Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Mattye Murray, rm. 2 Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Judith Groce, rm. 21 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36

Terry Camp, rm. 91 Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
 Gayle Mills, rm. 15 Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
 Mable Crafts, rm. 98 Helen Trousdale, rm. 43

Limestone Health Facility:

Mildred Landers, rm. 103
 Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Lodge:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Shut-In:

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

OUT OF TOWN: The Rogers: Mark, Kim and Peyton have been in Vernon this past week... **The Coblentz:** Tommy and Marcella have been visiting with family in Birmingham this week... **Kerry Cox and Ida Nell Griffin** have returned home from the trip with the ABS Senior class.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday afternoon at 5:30.

CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET:

From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice activated, so this will require you to say something and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delay in the start up of the message.

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 Nov. 22nd

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 149
 Morning Worship 198
 Evening Worship..... 160

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 122

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.
 Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 29th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer Joel Hamm
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Larry Mitchell
 Assisting Marty Adams
 Serving James Johnson Bill Claxton
 Russ Wulfekuhl Keenon Currier
 Closing Prayer Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Hunter Cox
 Preaching Song Service
 Lord's Supper Larry Mitchell
 Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 29th:

Usher Marvin Putman
 Work Sound System Terry Andrews

Wednesday, December 2nd:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Bible Reading..... (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)
 Seth Todd
 Prayer Tony Thomas
 Invitation Marty Adams
 Closing Prayer James Johnson

Sunday, December 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Russell Melvin
 Assisting Terry Andrews
 Serving Jason Conn..... Bart Brown
 Tommy Burns Russ Wulfekuhl
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Russell Melvin
 Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 6th:

Usher Larry Mitchell
 Work Sound System Landon Adams