

MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

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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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David A. Cox, Editor

Praying Like David

Al Diestelkamp

If like me you sometimes find yourself becoming dissatisfied with your personal prayers to God and want to do something about it, it would be good to go to some of the Psalms of David. Many of the Psalms are actually prayers that can be adapted to fit our own life situations. Such is the case with Psalm 143.

1. Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness.

There are at least twelve New Testament passages which assure us that God hears and answers prayer (i.e., 1 John 5:14-15). Why then do we ask God for what He has already promised? It's not because we don't believe God will keep His promise. It's like a child asking his parents to protect him even though they have assured him time and again that they are there for him. Or it's like a wife asking her husband if he still loves her even though he vowed to do so "till death they do part."

2 Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for in Your sight no one living is righteous.

This is a confession of fault from "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). Like David, we must acknowledge that none of us is able to prevail in front of a just judge. As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). It is true that one day we will all have to stand before God in judgment (Hebrews 9:27); but like David, I don't seek justice; I seek mercy.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead.

4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

This was likely a time when David was in exile, hiding from King Saul. He felt as if he had been crushed. He was forced to dwell in "darkness" of caves that are more suited as graves. He felt overwhelmed!

How blessed we are by the lack of physical persecution. Not all Christians in the world can say this. But keep in mind that we, too, have

no assurance that such persecution will not come to us in future days. Are we prepared?

5 *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.*

6 *I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.*

Maybe David longed for the "good old days" when he was lauded as a hero in Israel. You know, when he stood before a giant and said, "I come to you in the name of the Lord..." (see 1 Sam. 17:45-47); or when women danced in the streets, singing, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousand's" (1 Sam. 18:7). Like David, we need to thirst for God's help and "spread out our hands" in prayer.

7 *Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.*

8 *Cause me to hear Your loving kindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.*

When David felt his own spirit failing, he called on God not to hide His face from him. He feared an untimely death and called on God's loving kindness to take him through the night. He expressed trust in the Lord and asked to know which way to walk. No matter the circumstances, we need to trust the Lord and ask for guidance in the way we walk.

9 *Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter.*

10 *Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.*

David depended on God as his shelter and asked to be "led" in the right way. King Saul was not David's only enemy. Like us, he had a much more formidable enemy in the person of Satan. Even if one is able to escape his human enemies by his own wit and might, he would be foolish to think he can defeat Satan by himself.

It is imperative to recognize who our real enemy is. Our only hope in defeating him is to seek God's help. We might take "shelter" in God and rely on Him to lead us in uprightness.

11 *Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness's sake bring me soul*

out of trouble.

12 *In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.*

David had confidence that God in His mercy would save him from his enemies because he served God. For us, God has put an end to the force of our enemy through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Consider David's words in other Psalms:

Psalms 25

4 *Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths.*

5 *Lead me in your truth and teach me, for You are God of my salvation.*

Psalms 86

11 *Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in your truth.*

God will judge the world in justice, but He offers mercy to all who serve Him. Let us serve God by being "doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

~via **Think On These Things**; Corland, Illinois..

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God Is and God Cares

Earl Kimbrough

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handiwork, but the Bible alone reveals God's nature and character. It declares him to be infinite and eternal, without beginning or end. He is shown to be the ultimate source of all things, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe and all that exists therein. The text proclaims three crucial facts about God and our relation to Him.

1. **God Is.** He really exists! There is a God, the Supreme Being, the supreme reality. His existence is subject to intelligent faith (Romans 1:19). The evidence for God's existence is so abundant that people are without excuse in denying Him (Psalm 19:1-4). It is the fool

that says in his heart there is not God (Psalm 14:1). God not only exists now, but he has always existed and will continue to exist forever (Isaiah 57:15).

2. **God Cares.** He cares for his creatures and He blesses them in accord with their response to him. His role as a renderer of rewards is demonstrated from the beginning. By faith Enoch walked with God and God took him away to eternal blessing. Noah by faith found favor with him to the saving of his family and Abraham was rewarded with divine blessings for himself and his children, both physical and spiritual. The rewards that God bestows on the faithful are both temporal and eternal. One who does not believe that God is a rewarder has no basis to walk with him daily, to pray to him continually, and to worship him regularly.

3. **Man's Active Faith Is Essential.** One cannot please God without active faith in Him and His perfect goodness. Apart from living faith, one cannot properly do what God requires in seeking Him (Matthew 6:33; 7:7,21; James 2:14-26). Where faith is lacking, there is no incentive to seek God. The fountain of all service to him is a firm belief that He is and that He genuinely cares. He is a loving rewarder of all who earnestly seek him. Isaiah encouraged ancient Israel to: "Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And he will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6).

David no doubt had the truth that God is and God cares in mind when he counseled Solomon concerning the Lord, saying: "If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him He will cast you off forever" (2 Chronicles 28:9)

~via *Biblical E-Sights*; Vol. 3 No. 5.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Market Street church of Christ



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

News & Notes

THE SICK:

JoAnn Gilbert
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Margaret Frost

Gayle Ball
Eli Williams
Gene Carpenter
Charles Burns
Al Pollard
Ava Brooke Campbell
Ben Hinkle
Una King Currier
Betty Hamm

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. 45	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
Faye Allen, rm. 75	

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 or Away From Home:

Hazel Brooks, at home

Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville

Wynell Casteel, at home

Marjorie Dunnivant, in Huntsville in assisted living

Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle

Essie Hardison, at home

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

BAPTISM: We rejoice over the decision that *Micah Baker* made in being baptized on Wednesday night. We appreciate the good heart that Micah has demonstrated in being born again. We want to encourage him as he has encouraged us. May Micah be blessed with a long life to serve the Lord.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Bradleys:* Steve and Marilyn are in Texas... *The Rogers:* Mark, Kim & Peyton have been in Vernon, but are now back home... *Ida Nell Griffen* is now back home after being out of town visiting with family over the holidays.

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

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 Jan. 3rd

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 134

Morning Worship 174

Evening Worship..... 147

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 142

Fifth Annual Singing

February 26, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Steve Klein



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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, January 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Terry Andrews
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Russell Melvin
Assisting Mike Ogles
Serving Steve Usery Nathaniel Adams
..... Heath Dollar Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer James Johnson

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Russell Melvin
Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 10th:

Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, January 13th:

Song Leader Tony Thomas
Bible Reading (1 Corinthians 16:13-24)
..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer Hunter Cox
Invitation David Cox
Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Sunday, January 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Nathaniel Adams
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Kenneth Smith
Assisting Tommy Coblentz
Serving Cody Kennedy Bart Brown
..... Keenon Currier Kenneth Adams
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 17th:

Usher Heath Dollar
Work Sound System Terry Andrews