

MARKET STREET

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



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God's Word Provides Hope

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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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Hope is an amazing thing. As Christians, hope is a necessary part of our lives. If we cling to hope in the midst of trials, a difficult situation will become bearable because hope will enable us get through it. Hope helps us to come out on the other side of difficulties unscathed by the world around us. In Romans 8:24, the Bible reads, "For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?" The realization of our hope cannot be seen yet, but the Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul in Romans 15:4 explains to us where this hope is rooted and where to find this hope necessary for life.

In Roman 15:4, the Bible reads, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." The Word of God was written to give us hope in this life. The Scriptures were written to encourage us and build us up in faith, love, and hope. The word "hope" means "to anticipate, usually with pleasure; expectation or confidence." Hope is essential in the life of the Christian. We can rest securely in our future because of the hope the Scripture offers us with Jesus as our guarantor.

As Christians, we have:

- Hope of the resurrection of the dead (Acts 23:6 - Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees & the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope & the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.")
- Hope of the promise (Acts 26:6-7 - And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night & day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king!)
- The hope of the glory of God (Romans 5:2 - Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, & we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.)
- The hope of His calling (Ephesians 1:18 - Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious

- inheritance in the saints.)
- The hope of righteousness (Galatians 5:5 - through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.)
- The hope of the Gospel (Colossians 1:23 - If indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.)
- The hope of salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:8 - But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.)
- The hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2 - In hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began.)
- The blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13 - Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.)

The apostle Paul told the young preacher Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:14-17, “But as for you, continue in what you have learned & have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it & how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” This is why we cling to the word of God, which is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. It gives us the foundation for the hope we have in Christ Jesus. This foundation is a sure foundation based on Christ Jesus and the precious promises He has spoken to us. Therefore, let us hold steadfast to the Word and draw our encouragement from it. We will be blessed with a wonderful expectation of the things which are coming. Knowing these things is what gives us the hope of our future with Christ.

~via *Northside Exhorter*, Tuscon, Arizona.

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

Whole Integrity

Jonathan Banning

Have you ever noticed that most everyone has a unique gait? Some are swift of foot, others plod along. Some kind of bounce as they move along, while others move with more fluidity, and there are those few who walk with an unmistakable swagger. I once met a person who walked on their toes. Their heels almost never touched the ground.

Psalm 15 introduces us to a man “who walks with integrity.” That does not mean he carries integrity in his knapsack or Integrity walks alongside him as a companion. The phrase speaks to his gait, describes his movement, but not in a physical sense. This extends beyond the physical realm. The Lord doesn’t care about the balls of his feet or the swiftness of his pace, but about the quality of his spiritual movement. He cares about our spiritual movement. He wants to find that we walk with integrity.

What does that mean? Integrity comes from the Latin word “integer,” a term we use in mathematics in speaking of a whole or complete number. That’s what integrity describes; something whole, complete or pure. The Lord calls for a walk that is whole. That implies a uniform quality about the walk of integrity. It will not tolerate any deviation. A spiritual walk is composed of hundreds if not thousands of choices every single day. If I walk with integrity all of my choices will line up. They will harmonize and build upon one another, choice after choice, building into a beautiful symphonic whole. One need not wonder why some call the Christian life, “The Well Orchestrated Life.” The man who walks in integrity lays his head down at night, and as he ponders the path he walked that day he sees consistency.

“He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up reproach against his friend” (Psalm 15:3).

He is consistent. Neighbor and foe experience equal treatment. Could you say the same of your walk? “In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord” (Psalm 15:4).

He is consistent. He aspires to be like those who fear God and remembers to deviate from the reprobate path no matter how enticing it may look. Could you say the same? “He swears to his own hurt and does not change...” (Psalm 15:4).

Should his promise lead to hardship he will not break it. He is consistent. "He does not put out his money at interest, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent" (Psalm 15:5).

Do you see the consistency? All of it holds together, every piece of life matches up. This man's path is whole. We often say that to have integrity is to be the same person when people are looking and when people aren't looking. How correct that is! Appreciate that the man who walks with integrity never changes. Pure integrity means every choice is consistent. We have no discordant choice. We find no dissonant action. All of it holds together.

Sadly, I find my life does not always produce such a symphony. Regarding some sins I am incredibly strong, yet regarding others I am pitifully weak. Have you found that to be true of yourself? If we aren't careful we may begin to believe that our strengths make up for our weaknesses, that our wonderful choices in some way negate our failures. With that thinking, our inconsistencies become beloved pet sins. They become tolerable and familiar to us. Though we can't look through our day and find a symphony of consistency we still lay our heads down at night and feel "okay." This lifestyle is the opposite of integrity. The Lord calls out for a walk of integrity, because He loves the life that is consistently devoted to Him. Often we call for harmony with the brethren, still more we call for harmony with the scriptures, but this morning let's heed the Lord's call for harmony within ourselves.

Are you walking with integrity? The Psalmist begins with a question, "O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?" Inspired by the Holy Spirit the psalmist also gives the answer, "He who walks with integrity..." (Psalm 15:1-2).

~via *Rockville Bulletin*, Fairfield, California.



Be Not As The Horse

Burl Grubb

"Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding" (Psalm 32:9). Israel was often branded "stiff-necked," like a restless horse or mule. These ani-

mals obey by constraint. James says, "We put bits in the horses" mouths, that they may obey us, and we turn about their whole bodies." But man is not to be like them. He must render a willing service to his Master. The horse and mule have no understanding, therefore are excusable. Man is a rational being and is inexcusable if he acts like them. Since he is made to be guided by reason, he must render to God a reasonable service.

~via *The Instructor*, Albertville, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Virginia Meyer	Kenia Adams
Mary Will Johnston	Cornelia Pepper
Patsy Thomas	Doris Lovell
Cindy Glass	Peggy Pepper
Shelly Scruggs	Linda Jones
Al Bush	Shaun Carruth
Everette "Bud" Dollar	Ann Bush
Wayne Bolton	Wayne Gooch
Ashley Sims	Pamela Simon (Grenada)

Updates:

Virginia Meyer has been sick recently and has not been able to be at services... *Terry Andrews* has been sick this past week... *JoNell Campbell* has been sick this past week ... *Cindy Glass* is scheduled to have another prolotherapy treatment this week in Nashville... *Steve Carpenter, Lona Jackson's brother*, is at home following his surgery last week.

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Ella Melvin
Reba Byram	Irene Inman
Gayle Ball	Janice Cagle
Jeanette Weir	Daniel Ogles
Diane Kilpatrick	Linda Ordonez
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Jenny Pickens	Gene Carpenter
Charles Burns	Betty Christopher
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Eli Williams
Anita Willis	Brittany Bates Carter

In The Hospital:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

- Nelva Reed, rm. 61 William Thomas, rm. 82
- Judith Groce, rm. 10-B Dorothy Draper, rm. 104
- Mattye Murray, rm. 2 Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
- Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 Grady Tomerlin, rm. 40
- Terry Camp, rm. 82 Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
- Gayle Mills, rm. 15 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
- Mable Crafts, rm. 39 Christine Hudson, rm. 77
- Joyce Martin, rm. 73 Sharon Parker, rm. 10
- Wynell Romine, rm. 109

Shut-In or Away From Home:

- Robert & Mot Beasley, at Morningside, Decatur
- Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
- Wynell Casteel, at home
- Marjorie Dunnivant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville
- Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
- Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
- Essie Hardison, at home
- Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

GERALDINE (JERRY) GILBERT (1925–2016):

It is with sadness that we note the passing of *sister Jerry Gilbert*. Sister Gilbert passed away last Sunday afternoon at the Limestone Health Facility. She had been confined and unable to services at Market Street for several years. She loved the Lord and she loved the church at Market Street. She always wanted to hear about the people and the work here. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *JoAnn Gilbert* and *all the family* in her passing. She was laid to rest Wednesday afternoon in the Athens City Cemetery.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to all the family of *brother Carrol Sutton*. Carrol was tragically killed in an automobile accident in Winchester, Tennessee on Tuesday morning. Brother Sutton had spent his life preaching the gospel of Christ and grew up in Limestone County. He is the cousin of *Bonnie Sutton*. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all the family in Carrol's passing. A visitation will begin on Monday at 11:00 am. at the Adams Funeral Home in Albertville. His funeral will follow at Adams Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m.

SINGING AT THE USERYS: The *Steve Usery family* is inviting everyone to come to their house on Saturday, December 31st at 6:00p.m. We will sing and then spend time together as we end the year 2016. Plan to come, bring your favorite finger food and enjoy this time together.

Remember Our Service This Evening at 4:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, December 25th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
- Song Leader Tommy Burns
- Prayer..... Keith Hinkle
- Preaching..... David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding..... Joel Hamm
- Assisting..... Jerry McGlocklin
- Serving Steve Usery..... Heath Dollar
- Charles Vaughn James Johnson
- Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

- Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
- Song Leader Tyler Cox
- Prayer..... Marcus Morris
- Preaching..... Song Service
- Lord's Supper Russell Melvin
- Closing Prayer Mike Ogles

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 25th:

- Ushers..... Terry Andrews/Jason Conn
- Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, December 28th:

- Song Leader Hunter Cox
- Bible Reading..... Ephesians 4:7-16
- Dan Reed
- Prayer..... Marty Adams
- Invitation..... Mike Ogles
- Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Sunday, January 1st:

Morning Worship

- Announcements..... Jerry McGlocklin
- Song Leader Joel Hamm
- Prayer..... Marty Adams
- Preaching..... David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding..... Hunter Cox
- Assisting Steve Usery
- Serving David Terry Marvin Putman
- Jason Conn Terry Andrews
- Closing Prayer Harvey Nixon

Evening Worship

- Announcements..... Jerry McGlocklin
- Song Leader Tyler Cox
- Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams
- Preaching..... David Cox
- Lord's Supper Hunter Cox
- Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 1st:

- Ushers..... A.J. Price/ Kenneth Adams
- Work Sound System..... Landon Adams