

MARKET STREET

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



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The Grace of God

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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

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men...” (Titus 2:11). Almost all religious people agree that the salvation of man is by grace. However, there are many varied ideas about how the grace of God saves man. What does the Bible teach about the grace of God and salvation?

Genesis 6:8 says, “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” As we think of the grace of God and Noah, we must understand that this grace was the favor of God extended toward Noah without merit. It was unmerited favor of God extended in a day and time in which there was nothing about man that was worthy of the grace of God. Noah had not done anything to deserve or merit God’s favor or goodness toward him, but God could and did regard Noah with goodness because of his righteousness. We learn from the example of Noah that God extended grace to Noah and Noah responded to the grace offered with obedience. These two aspects can be seen by what the Hebrew writer said, “By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house...” (Hebrews 11:7). The Hebrew writer says, that Noah “moved with godly fear.” What was Noah “moved” to do? He was moved to act by faith and obey all that God commanded him to do (cf. Genesis 6:22), and this resulted in his being saved. The instructions included the kind of wood, the size of the ark, the location of the one window and the one door. Surely, no one would say that Noah’s faithfulness to the commands of God had nothing to do with his salvation from the flood. It is stated that Noah’s salvation from the flood was a direct result of God’s grace being extended to Noah. Salvation would not have occurred if Noah had not obeyed God.

Paul taught the very same thing in Ephesians when he wrote, “For by grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Here again, we see the two aspects:

1. That salvation is a gift of God; it is favor extended to man from God that is not earned or merited. Grace is a gift.
2. Salvation comes by or through our faith. God’s grace appears to

man, but man when one, by faith, obeys God's commandments.

These two aspects can be seen throughout the Bible. Examples include Naaman, the leper, who was instructed to go and wash in the river Jordan to be cleansed (2 Kings 5). Also, the children of Israel who were bitten by the fiery serpents and were told to look upon the serpent of brass to be healed and not die (Numbers 21).

Paul told Titus that the grace of God has appeared unto all men to save them from their sins. All are invited to receive this grace and be saved, but is only accomplished through obedience; when one complies with the conditions God has given to receive forgiveness and salvation. We must believe (John 3:36), repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38), confess Christ (Romans 10:9; Acts 8:37), and be baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16). Truly, salvation is not of self; it is from God. We must look to the word of God and obey all the commands God has told us to do. Then, we will be "saved by grace through faith."



A Time To Be Silent

Terry Francis

It is doubtful that there is any parent who hasn't been frustrated by a child who is just determined to "have the last word." Typically it happens close to that transition between adolescence and the teen years. No matter what is said the child has some kind of a response. It's as if they think they just have to say something.

Have you ever wondered where they learned that trait?

The answer can probably be found in a mirror. The reason most kids think they have to say something is because most adults live by the same principle. If you are wronged, you have to say something don't you? If you mistreated by others, you have to say something don't you? If you are inconvenienced by others, you have to say something don't you?

After all, this is America. We have the right to speak our minds which means you have to say something... Don't you? He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet

he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth" —Isaiah 53:7

Jesus was wronged, mistreated, and inconvenienced and he chose to say nothing. It must be understood that there was plenty Jesus could have said. He could have exposed the error of the Pharisees and the Scribes—he often did. He could have exposed the corruption of the Jewish government. He could have opened his mouth and called thousands of angels. But when the time came for Jesus to suffer for us, he chose to say nothing.

There is a challenge to live a Christ-like life in his example concerning the tongue. While people today think there are times "you just have to say something," Jesus showed there are times where the best response is to keep quiet. He felt no pressure to "say something," whether it was in the barracks while being mocked, on the road to Calvary while being spat upon, or on the cross between two criminals. He suffered silently in order to do the will of God.

The scriptures have several passages that suggest silence is the preferred choice. Consider a couple:

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;—James 1:19

Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.—Proverbs 17:27–28

Perhaps the words of the wise man show us best the value of saying nothing: "Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent" (Proverbs 17:28).

The next time you feel compelled to "say something"—whether it be in an email, in a conversation, on Facebook, in a text, etc.—consider the value of saying nothing first. It may be the best way others can see Christ living in us.

~via *East Shelby Bulletin*; Memphis, Tennessee.



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Uphill To The Toy Box

David Diestelkamp

It has always amazed me how easily children can take out and scatter toys, while they find it such drudgery to put them away. It seems that the reverse process should be just as easy and fun. At clean-up time it is as though it is uphill to the toy box!

But life is exactly the same way. Nothing is ever as easy to pick up as it is to scatter, to fix as it is to break. Even spiritually, "passing pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:25) cause us to forget that "the way of the unfaithful is hard" (Proverbs 13:15).

We need to learn the same lesson we teach our children: When emptying the toy box may momentarily seem like the fun thing to do, there will be an intolerable consequence to pay in the end. The idea that we'll play now and "clean it up later" doesn't work with sin. We are without strength "to clean up the mess we make" (Romans 5:6).

When the toy box of the world opens to reveal its sparkling diversions, remember, that it took the blood of God's only Son to bring order to the chaos of your life. Don't mess it up again!

~via *Think*; January - March 1999. Vol 30 No. 1.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Donna Wright

Jo Dunnivant

Patsy Thomas

Linda Jones

Wayne Gooch

Gayle Ball

Doris Lovell

Cindy Glass

Ann Bush

Brooke Morris

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard

Janice Cagle

Priscilla Tucker

Jenny Pickens

Daniel Ogles

Linda Ordonez

Cindy Walker

Irene Inman

Jeanette Weir

Roger Whitt

Ella Melvin

Everette "Bud" Dollar

Wayne Wooldridge

Brittany Bates Carter

Gene Carpenter

Betty Christopher

Al Pollard

Elizabeth Howard

Phillip Harwell

Charles Burns

Bobby McLemore

Ava Brooke Campbell

Matt Poff

Una King Currier

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Bobby McLemore; Huntsville Hospital - rm. 1756

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

JoAnn Gilbert, rm. 90 Nelva Reed, rm. 61

Helen Trousdale, rm. 43 Dorothy Draper, rm. 73

Oneal Martin, rm. 81 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36

Joyce Martin, rm. 73 Mable Crafts, rm. 39

Matty Murray, rm. 2 Christine Hudson, rm. 77

Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Riverside Sr. Living, 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

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

Updates:

Helen Blankenship spent several days in Huntsville Hospital this past week undergoing tests for the weak spells she has been having. She is now at home doing as they adjust her medications ... **JoAnn Gilbert** had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday and is now Athens Rehab & Sr. Care ... **Nancy Abernathy** went to the doctor in Birmingham for the pain in her mouth she has been having trouble with on Tuesday... **Gayle Ball** who continues to recover from her recent surgery... **Mildred Lambert** is waiting for word to get injections in her back for the pain she has been experiencing.

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 Two will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group tonight.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP : We rejoice that *Betty Lovell* has let it be known that she desires to join us at Market Street in the work as a member. We have enjoyed Betty visiting with us and are thrilled to have her as part of the work here. Let us all extend a warm welcome to Betty. Betty will be in *Work Group 2*.

POTLUCK TODAY : Remember there will be a potluck after our service this morning at the ABS Cafeteria. I hope that everyone will be able to come and bring their lunch and join us for this.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Remember our young people that are away in college:

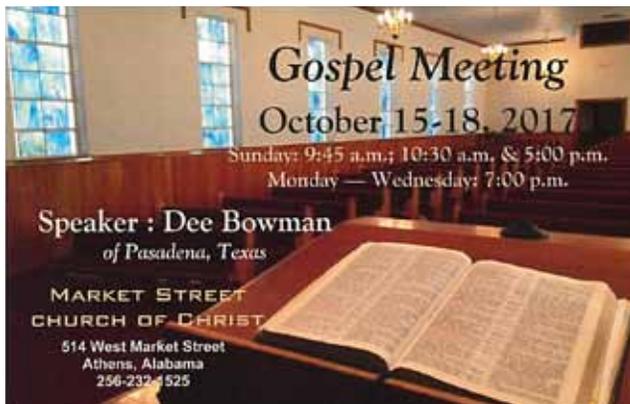
- Brettlyn Currier*, at Auburn University
- Keenon Currier*, at the University of Alabama
- Austin Hobson*, at the University of North Alabama
- Griffin Holt*, at the University of Alabama
- Drew Ogles*, at Auburn University
- Christian Usery*, at LaGrange College
- Elizabeth Usery*, at Mississippi State University

OUT OF TOWN: *The McLemores: Alvis and Ann* are back home after being away last week... *The Userys: Steve, Allison & Matthew* are in LaGrange, Georgia this weekend visiting with Christian... *The Holts: Larry, Sheila and Addison* are in Atlanta this weekend and will return home today.

WELCOME TO THE CHUMBLEYS: We want to extend a warm welcome to *Buc, Martha Molly* and Martha's father, *Grady Threet*. In addition to Molly, Buc and Martha have a daughter and two sons. *Catherine*, who lives in Birmingham; *David* and his wife, *Michelle* that live in Houston, Texas; and *Will*, who has attended here in the past and is now living in Atlanta.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Aug. 27th

Sunday:	Bible Classes	127
	Morning Worship	164
	Evening Worship	107
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	103



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Keith Hinkle
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Holt
 Assisting Larry Mitchell
 Serving Marvin Putman Marty R. Adams
 A. J. Price Russ Wulfekuhl
 Closing Prayer Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer..... Marcus Morris
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Larry Holt
 Closing Prayer Joel Hamm

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 3rd:

Ushers..... Heath Dollar/Dwayne Allfrey
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams

Wednesday, September 6th:

Song Leader Ashton Gatlin
 Bible Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Danny Johnson
 Prayer..... Steve Usery
 Invitation..... Buc Chumbley
 Closing Prayer Dwayne Allfrey

Sunday, September 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Steve Usery
 Song Leader Ashton Gatlin
 Prayer..... A. J. Price
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Marty R. Adams
 Assisting Dwayne Allfrey
 Serving David Terry Landon Adams
 Nathaniel Adams..... Larry Holt
 Closing Prayer Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Steve Usery
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Dan Reed
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper Dwayne Allfrey
 Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 10th:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews