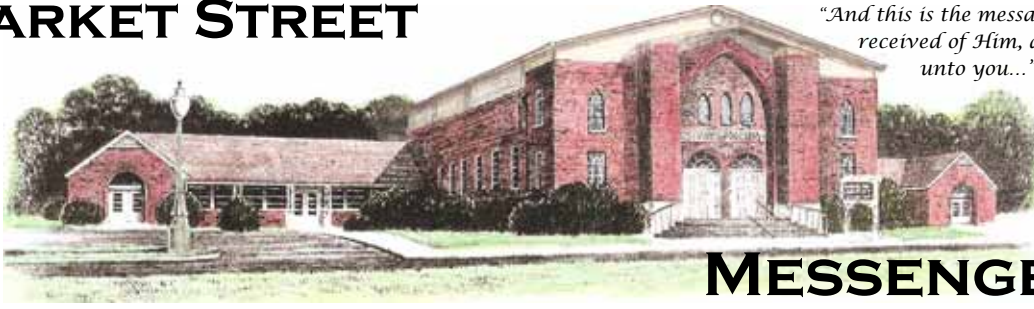


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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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

We've all probably been in a situation where someone unexpectedly tells us about a person who has hurt them. It is unexpected because maybe we were not involved in the original situation, and we know the person in question and our dealings with that person have always been positive.

The person is venting to us, and this is understandable. Hurt feelings are real. We've been there. Maybe we've even been the person who is venting about our hurt feelings.

But let's think about being on the other side of that conversation.

What can we do? In the absence of witnesses to corroborate the story... nothing. We can't just act on every accusation. This is neither Scriptural nor fair (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Timothy 5:19). In some situations there may not be much that we can do, even with witnesses. Too much time may have passed, or the person in question may even be deceased. We may miss some opportunities to seek reconciliation, and the only thing that we will be able to do is repent and try to make sure that we do not let it happen again.

Also, consider the fact that the person that we are venting to may very well be quite fond of the person that we are venting about. Our venting may affect how they feel about us or change how they feel about the person that we are venting about. Meanwhile, there is nothing that can really be done about the situation because the person in question is deceased. Venting may help us work through some of our feelings, if we are dealing with someone who can help us to confront the fact that our emotions may be hindering us from loving others the way God wants us to love. However, our venting could also tempt others to join us in our bitterness, so be careful.

But is it really possible that we could have a good experience with a person and that someone else could have a bad experience with the same person? Yes. People change. Sometimes they change for the worse, but sometimes they change for the better, and after some time has passed they behave very differently. In fact, a previously discouraging person may

become quite skilled at encouraging. This is why we must continue to cultivate the hope of love and never give up the hope of being reconciled with those who have wronged us. Love “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things” (1 Corinthians 13:7). Love believes that people can change, and love endures the pain and embarrassment of being wronged with the hope that all will eventually be made right.

However, if we hold on to our pain and resentment we will negate the power of love. It is hard, if not impossible, to desire reconciliation with a person while at the same time harboring bitterness toward them. When we harbor resentment we also disobey the command of God to love our neighbor as ourself - to give others the same leniency and prospect of redemption that God gave us and that we would want for ourselves. Finally, when we harbor resentment toward others, we do not help others to see God and His love. Do we suppose that our pain gives us the right to withhold mercy? God sent His Son to die for sinners, and God sends out those who have been redeemed to show His love to the world: “No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us” (1 John 4:12).

~via *The Eastside Bulletin*; Russellville, Alabama.



Making A Name For Ourselves

Mark McCrary

“Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” (Genesis 11:4)

If the story of Nimrod suggests that the pre-flood, willful state of man was beginning to once more rear its ugly head, the events of chapter 11 move us from suggestion to unquestionable, established confirmation. Chapter 11 seems to paint a picture of mankind perhaps only a few generations away from the flood. They are still together, having journeyed to the “land of Shinar” (likely what would later be Babylon and today is Iraq). Their purpose to build a city and specifically a “tower whose top is in the heavens.” God, however, viewed this

as a dangerous turn of events and acted accordingly.

The problem with man’s actions here is not that of being industrious. God expects and applauds hard work from His creation (Ecclesiastes 9:10). No, the problem was threefold. *One*, they sought to “make a name” for themselves (v. 4), rather than live as the image of God. *Two*, they were “one” and determined to remain together (v. 6), while God obviously desired they fulfill the creation command to populate the earth (Genesis 3:28). And *three*, they were misusing their powerful abilities for their own and not for God’s glory (v. 6). The results? God confused their language, creating many from the one. The linguistic chaos that ensued caused all mankind to cease expending their considerable energies on the monument to themselves and reluctantly get back to God’s purpose for them—repopulation.

These problems have been and continue to be ones that still haunt us. We still want to make a name for ourselves. We want to be heard, seen, noticed, marveled at, and remembered. We need to learn life is not about ourselves and working toward selfish ends. It is about being useful to God for His purposes for us— not our own. Secondly, though the earth has been populated physically, it has not spiritually, and what do we do? We gather together as “one” in our own plains of Shinar we call churches and rarely take the gospel out to spiritually replenish the earth. Being fruitful and multiplying is still needed today. Finally, we take the considerable and powerful talents God has blessed each of us with for usefulness in His service and use them for ourselves or bury them to be wasted. Beloved, these are no more purposes fit for the children of God today than they were for the early descendant of Noah. And, God will be no more pleased with us today than He was with them.

~via *The Douglas Hills Bulletin*; Louisville, Kentucky.



The Priest Who Never Dies

Jason Hardin

He was the first high priest of Israel. The brother of Moses. His name was Aaron.

And Aaron died there on the top of the mountain... And when all the congregation saw that Aaron had perished, all the house of Israel wept for Aaron thirty days (Numbers 20:28-29).

He had been their first high priest--the man appointed to intercede between the people of Israel and the LORD. He had died, and thousands upon thousands of men and women wept for a month.

Centuries later, notice what the Holy Spirit communicates:

- This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.
- The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:23-25).

Jesus, having been raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him (Rom 6:9). Jesus is serving as high priest at this very moment. He is able to save in 2016, 2017, 2018 and beyond, as long as this world stands. He lives--just as surely as you live right here and right now--to make intercession for those who draw near to God through him.

Seek reconciliation with your Creator based on the work of Aaron and you come up empty. Thousands of years ago, Aaron was prevented by his own death from continuing in office. Jesus, on the other hand, is a living and presently reigning intercessor. Pray in the name of Aaron and you are praying on your terms in the name of a mere mortal who lived and died. Jesus, on the other hand, shed his own blood, conquered death, and lives in glory to make intercession for those who draw near to God through him.

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

What in this world is worth having or enjoying at the expense of forfeiting such access to the God of the universe? What is so pressing today that I would

neglect to spend time in fervent prayer to my heavenly Father in the name of this perfect high priest? A high priest who lives to make intercession. For me.

~via *Laurel Canyon Church of Christ*; Columbus, Ohio.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Anita Wheeler	Theresa Tucker
Dale Adcock	Loretta Warner
Bobbie Adcock	Doris Lovell
Sutton Smith	Damien Powers
Ann Bush	Myrtle Ruth Barnett

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Janice Cagle	Jeanette Weir
Patsy Thomas	Ella Melvin
Marvin Putman	Lucille Craig
Cornelia Pepper	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	Ava Brooke Campbell
Cindy Glass	Una King Currier
Susan Cox	Wayne Gooch
Gene Carpenter	Cindy Walker
Wayne Wooldridge	Phillip Harwell
Linda Ordonez	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Dean Holt; Huntsville Hospital – MICU-17
Adam Strickland; Providence Med. Center – Anchorage
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

JoAnn Gilbert, 117	Valeria Dalton, 7
Mattye Murray, 2	Dorothy Draper, 73
Joyce Martin, 63	Christine Hudson, 77
Evelyn Hogan, 36	Leonard Clines, 94

Limestone Health Facility:

Doris Reid, 108

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at City Center, Decatur
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison

Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
 Irene Inman, at home
 Virginia Meyer, Traditions Assisted Living
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales,

Updates:

Theresa Tucker is continuing her therapy for her recent hip replacement... **Adam Strickland, Brenda Haraway's daughter-in-law's brother**, continues in the hospital in Anchorage, Alaska in serious condition... **Dean Holt** continues in the Huntsville Hospital in STICU... **Donna Wright** injections pput in her neck this past Tuesday ... **JoAnn Gilbert** is coming to the end of her rehabilitation. She will be released on Wednesday, Nov. 28th ... **Lucille Craig** continues at home under hospice care.

HOLIDAY PARTY: The Annual Holiday Party – Potluck will be December 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the ABS cafeteria. For information about this see **Peggy Mitchell, Marilyn Bradley & Marcella Coblenz.**

PREACHING AWAY: This morning **David Cox** is at the Anderson church in Anderson speaking for them.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group Three will be meeting after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group tonight.

OUT OF TOWN: **The Coblenz's:** Tommy & Marcella have been out of town this past week... **Jim Whitt** has been in Kentucky this past week with his work... **The Wulfekubls:** Russ, Lisa and Ali have been on vacation this week... **The Rogers:** Mark, Kim and Peyton have been in Vernon this past week.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Nov. 18th

Sunday:	Bible Classes	111
	Morning Worship	152
	Evening Worship	115
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	108



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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 25th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Harold Ash
 Assisting Mike Ogles
 Serving Clayton Hamm ... Roger Hammond
 Harold Davis Sam Gregory
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton
 Preaching..... Song Service
 Lord's Supper Harold Ash
 Closing Prayer Keenon Carrier

Other Assignments for the week of November 25th:

Ushers..... Heath Dollar/Danny Holt
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, November 28th:

Song Leader Larry Holt
 Bible Reading Kenneth Adams
 Mark 10:32-45
 Prayer..... Steve Usery
 Invitation David Cox
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Sunday, December 2nd:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Russell Melvin
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Dwaine Allfrey
 Assisting Harvey Nixon
 Serving Danny Holt Kenneth Adams
 Matthew Usery..... Keenon Carrier
 Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Harold Ash
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
 Closing Prayer Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for the week of December 2nd:

Ushers..... Heath Dollar/Danny Holt
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams