

# 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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### *Why Should I Be Patient?*

**David A. Cox**

*"Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10).*

The psalmist writes to console the hearts of those that are troubled. At a time when trouble is all around, we need to be patient and trust in the Lord. God tells us that in such times, we need to "Be still and know that I am God." There are times in life that we must be patient and wait on the Lord. Why is this? In James 5:7-11, James gives us three reasons why we need to be patient and wait on the Lord.

**1. Because God Is In Control.** James writes, "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8). Three times in James 5:7-11, James mentions the Lord is coming back. First, we may wonder why this would be mentioned in connection with patience? But as we consider this, it must be quickly recognized that the second coming of Christ is the ultimate proof that God is in control. Jesus said of the second coming, "of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the angels of heaven, but my Father" (Matthew 24:36). It matters not about the headlines and what is happening on Wall Street, because God is in control. We are moving toward a climax; the return of Christ. When? No one knows, but God is in control. So in my personal life, when it seems that everything is coming unraveled at the seams, remember God is in control.

**2. Because God Rewards Patience.** James reminds us that patience pays. Notice "Behold, we count them happy which endure" (James 5:11a). It is much more profitable to be patient than impatient. Patience will bring you honor in the eyes of others, your personal relationships will be stronger if patience is built into the character of your life. Jesus, in the sermon on the mount, states that there are eternal blessings as you exhibit patience when people mistreat you, or falsely accuses you and misrepresents you (Matthew 5:13-14). Remember, every time you are patient, you are building eternal rewards.

**3. Because God Is Working It Out.** In James 5:11b, James reminds us of the patience of Job. While Job was patiently waiting, God was working things out. We need to remember this point, as we face an uncontrollable

#### Schedule of Services

##### Sunday

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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circumstance, or an unchanging person, or those unexplainable problems, that God is working. Remember what Paul wrote, “All things work together for good, to them that love the Lord and are the called according to His good purpose” (Romans 8:28).

Waiting may be hard and challenging at times, but let us then strive for a deeper and more intense faith. Patience and waiting are a part of faith. Do you believe that God is working while you wait? How can we face problems and calamities of life? Trust in God and do His will in all things, recognizing that God is for us and is working.



## *God Keeps His Promises*

**Mark McCrary**

*“And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac.” (Genesis 22:1-3)*

Despite all the odds, God came through. Sarah was about 90 years old and Abraham 100 when they heard the refreshing sound of their newborn son crying. They had doubted, wondered, likely wept and schemed for some 25 years waiting for this moment. With each passing day, the promise seemed more and more impossible. And yet, now they had a child.

What promises have been made to you by God? To keep you if you are His (Psalm 37:17)? To forgive you (1 John 1:9)? To give you a home in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9)? To be there for you in your darkest hours (Psalm 23; Hebrews 13:5)? To provide for you (Matthew 6:33)? To love you (1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 139:10)?

God keeps His word. We are not observers of this story; we are also participants. We have all doubted, wondered, wept and even schemed as well. We’ve asked, “Does He care?”—to which the Bible responds, “Oh, yes, He cares!” (1 Peter 5:7). We questioned, “Can He do this?” to which His word responds, “With God,

nothing is impossible!” (Luke 1:37). We wonder, “Has He forgotten me?” to which divine scriptures says, “He never forgets!” (1 John 5:14). God may sometimes say, “No, what you ask is not best for you, but I will be with you” to our requests; He may sometimes say, “Wait, this isn’t the right time” to our request; He may say, “I’ve got something better in store for you” to our request; He may say, “You’ve got to trust Me” to our request. But, God never will say, “Oh, I forgot” or “I’m sorry, that’s beyond My power or love for you.”

In those hours, days, months or even years when it seems God has forgotten us, our requests or His promises, follow the example of Abraham and Sarah—question, cry, or even stumble from time to time. But, hold on. God always comes through.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6).

Let’s apply this to our lives.

~via *Douglass Hills Church*, Louisville, Kentucky.



## *Weightless*

**Emerson Brown**

I have been backpacking several times in my life. If you don’t know, backpacking is like car camping, only without the car. You carry everything you need on your back several miles into the wilderness to get the full experience of solitude and adventure. I enjoy almost everything about backpacking—except for when you begin to feel like you’re lugging bags of concrete up the mountainside. Like the time my brother and I hiked 4 miles straight uphill one evening on empty stomachs, not knowing if we would make it to the campsite before nightfall—after already having hiked 10 miles that day. Not fun.

Sometimes life feels like that. You’re carrying around so much heavy baggage that you feel it would be easier to just sit down and give up. It could be the pressure of daily life that weighs down on you. Maybe it’s concern for a sick loved one whose physical, emotional, or spiritual needs you’ve been caring for. Perhaps it’s financial

worry or the stress of working in a spiritually taxing environment that burdens you. Or it could be that you're dragging the guilt of your past sins behind you. Over time, this weight can pile up to create a feeling of helplessness and despair.

Thankfully, our God cares so much that he offers to lift that burden off our shoulders. David wrote: "Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken" (Psalm 55:22). Scripture assures you He will hear your prayers when you "cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

If you should question how much God really does care, and how much of your load He is willing to bear for you, think about the cross. Peter says, "And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). There is no greater burden than sin, but because of His immeasurable love Jesus willingly took it to the cross with him. Not because we deserve it, or that we asked him to. He just did, because He loves you.

This should equip us to likewise "bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Anytime we see a brother or sister struggling under a load, we have the strength to help them carry that because God has lifted our own load off.

Do you know what weightless feels like? After laboriously hiking uphill with a 40-pound pack, and after reaching the top you take that weight off—what a relief! Indeed, what a greater relief to cast our burdens onto the Lord!

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

~via *The Westfield Bulletin*, Westfield, Indiana.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Barbara Ash	Peggy Pepper
JoAnn Gilbert	Loretta Warner
Doris Lovell	Bobbie Adcock
Ann Bush	Lloyd Adams

### ***Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:***

Donna Wright	Arvid McGuire
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Janice Cagle	Judy Vaughn
Ella Melvin	Jeanette Weir
Cornelia Pepper	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Matt Poff
Susan Cox	Brittany Bates Carter
Gene Carpenter	

### ***In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:***

*Freddie Mae Elmore*; Athens-Limestone Hosp., rm. 305  
*Norman Hamm*; Millenium - Huntsville

### ***Athens Health & Rehabilitation:***

Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Dorothy Draper, rm. 73	Eva Lovell, rm. 117
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Brenda Myrick, rm. 121	

### ***Limestone Health Facility:***

Robert Beasley, rm. 110    Mot Beasley, rm. 110

### ***Shut-In or Away From Home:***

Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge  
 Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor  
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison  
 Bettye Harrison, Traditions  
 Irene Inman, at home  
 Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison  
 Stan Stanford, at home  
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison  
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

### ***Updates:***

*Donna Wright* will begin her radiation treatments this week...*Freddie Mae Elmore* broke her hip this past week...*Helen Blankentship* is scheduled for tests in Huntsville Monday... *Marilyn Bradley's mother, Doris Reid*, had surgery this past Wednesday... *Barbara Ash's brother, Stephen Bassett*, is making improvement following his heart transplant last weekend.

**SINGING:** The *Jackson Heights church* in Columbia, Tennessee will be having their annual singing this Friday night, July 26th, at 7:00 p.m.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS:** The *Jennings' Chapel-church* will begin a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in the meeting will be *Michael McCleary*... The *Pleasant Valley church* will be

engaged in a meeting this week through Friday. *Lowell Sallee* will be doing the preaching... The **Belgreen church** in Belgreen will be engaged in a meeting this week through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Mark White of Cypress, Texas* will be doing the preaching.

**PICTURES:** We are in the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Pictures will be made in room 20 in the east wing.

**MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:** After reviewing those that sign-up with interest in the *Men's Bible class*, it has been determined the best time and day in Monday evening. We will plan to begin the class *August 19th at 7:00 p.m.* The class will meet on the third Monday of each month.

**NURSING HOME SINGING:** Remember the singing on Tuesday evening at 5:30 at the Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Brenda Jones* in the passing of her mother, *Rena Casper*. She passed away on Wednesday morning. Her visitation and funeral will be Monday in Goodlettsville, Tennessee... We also want to express our deepest sympathy to *Rebecca Sims* in the passing of her son, *Walter Sims*, this past Friday afternoon. The visitation will be on Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. To 1:30 p.m. There will be a graveside service at 2:00 p.m. at the Athens City Cemetery. We the Lord bless these families at this time.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Mitchells: Larry & Peggy* are in Georgia this weekend... *The Hinkles: Keith & Angie* are on vacation this week... *The Putmans: Marvin & Irene* have been out of town on vacation this week... *The Hamms: Joel, Sharma, Clayton & Ragan* are back home after spending the week in the Dominican Republic... *The Coxes: Hunter & Heather* are back home after being in Canada last week... *Allison Usery* has been in Mobile with her work this week... *Jim Whitt* is in the Fort Detrick, Maryland with his work... *Chuck Stiles* is in the United Arab Emirates with his work... *The Bradleys: Steve & Marilyn* have been in Texas, but are back home now.

**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.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of July 14th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	132
	Morning Worship .....	172
	Evening Worship .....	114
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	97

**Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.**

## Men Privileged To Serve:

*Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>:*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting .....	Mike Ogles
Serving .....	Tommy Burns..... Landon Adams
	.....Matthew Vaughn... Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Coblentz

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer .....	Keenon Currier

Other Assignments for the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>:

Ushers.....	Dwaine Allfrey/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System.....	Marty Adams

*Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>:*

Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading .....	Clayton Hamm
	.....Philippians 4:1-9
Prayer.....	Bob Broadus
Invitation .....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer .....	Danny Holt

*Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>:*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	Kevin Markum
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Marty Adams
Assisting .....	Harvey Nixon
Serving .....	Keenon Currier..... Marvin Putman
	.....Will Chumbley..... Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper .....	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer .....	Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers.....	Marcus Morris/Steve Bradley
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt