

MARKET STREET



"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..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

"Those Who Wait on the Lord"

David A. Cox

*"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and
not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." — (Isaiah 40:31)*

Waiting is just hard to do. It is contrary to the way life is lived. We live in a world that is always on the fast-track. We train ourselves to hate to wait on anything, but waiting is inevitable. When we look at the Scriptures, we see the great men of faith: Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and the list could go on, waiting was a part of their lives. Jesus waited thirty years before He began His public ministry. We must learn in our life that there are times we must wait. There is no question that today there is much frustration and impatience due to the virus. However, there is great value in learning to wait.

Why Do We Have To Wait?

To Learn Patience. While we are waiting does not mean that the circumstances will change. However, while we are waiting, we can take time to focus our attention on the One who can help us. There are many things in life that we simply cannot control. At these times, we need to have the patience to wait. David said, "Rest in Lord and wait patiently for Him: do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass" (Psalm 37:7). God is in control, and we must learn to be patient while He is working. We must remember the Lord's kindness toward us. "Therefore, the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice, Blessed are all those who wait for Him" (Isaiah 30:18). Let us learn to be patient to wait.

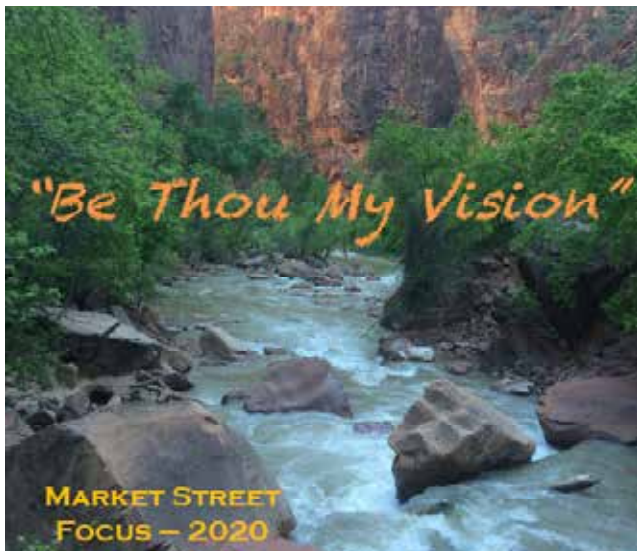
To Develop Endurance. The life of a Christian is referred to in scripture as a race. In Hebrews 12, "let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:2). In the eleventh chapter, the Hebrew writer recalls those who lived their lives enduring the trials and difficulties as examples for Christians to remember as they live their lives.

To Realize Our Insufficiency. Perhaps one of the most challenging things

for a man to do is to realize his insufficiency. We live our lives, and we may do many things. We are blessed with knowledge and abilities, but we must remember our insufficiency. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God” (2 Corinthians 3:5). God created us and made us. Isaiah makes this point just before our text as he says, “behold who hath created these things” (Isaiah 40:26). Paul speaking to the men of Athens about God, our Creator said, “for in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). Yes, our sufficiency is of God. “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). Let us wait on the Lord and realize that our sufficiency is in Him.

To Renew Our Strength. Isaiah tells us that those who wait on the Lord will have their strength renewed. The strength from the Lord is that which enables those that wait to not faint. It is those who are humble and recognize their dependence on God, who will be revived in their spiritual lives. They will find the sustaining power for the life they are living for God. Jesus speaks of those that “hunger and thirst after righteousness” being filled (Matthew 5:6). The strengthening comes to those who wait on the Lord. They are given the power to soar in their spiritual life. Let us have faith to wait and receive the strength from God.

Let us wait on the Lord so that we can have a life that soars as the eagles’ soar. A life where we shall ever be able to run, and not grow weary and faint. It is dependent on us learning patience, developing endurance, realizing our insufficiency, and receiving the strength from God.



Nip It in the Bud

Terry Francis

A close friend recently shared that he spoke to his daughters about their school “nipping” some bad behavior “in the bud.” They were puzzled and confused. Apparently, my friend has been slack on his parenting skills and has not shared “The Andy Griffith Show” with his children.

The phrase has its origin in the debudding of plants. The phrase “nip in the bloom” was cited in Henry Chettle’s romance *Piers Plainnes Seaven Yeres Prentiship* in 1595. But most know the phrase “nip it in the bud” because of everyone’s favorite deputy, Barney Fife. He famously ranted, “Nip it in the bud! You got to nip it in the bud! ... Nip it! You go read any book you want on the subject of child discipline, and you’ll find that every one of ‘em is in favor of bud-nippin’... Only one way to take care of it.”

The reality is that Barney’s advice is fantastic for the disciples’ approach to sin. Sin should be nipped in the bud. It should be stopped before it ever begins.

James wrote, “But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death” (James 1:14–15). There are several different stages of the process of temptation. At each stage one has the opportunity to avoid sin.

First, there is the lust, or desire, stage. James says people are tempted by their own desires. Those desires were described by John as the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (1 John 2:15–17). Each person is constantly being bombarded by Satan with desires. Desires that feed the flesh. Desires for things that can be seen. Desires that boost one’s confidence and reputation. Sin can be stopped when that person remembers that serving God is a greater desire than their own lusts.

Second, the desire is conceived. Because the person fails to control his desire, he begins to seek ways to fulfill the lust. If his desire is immorality, he will seek ways to find privacy in order to fulfill the desire. If his desire is fame and reputation, he will seek ways to fulfill that desire even at the expense of others. Paul describes this process as making provisions for the flesh (Romans

13:14). The solution was to put on Jesus Christ. Rather than making plans to fulfill one's lusts, they should seek to serve Christ.

The third step is when the individual gives in to sin. They've thought about it. They've made plans. It is finally time to commit the sinful act. It's still not too late to say "No!" To stop it before it becomes sin. It can still be nipped in the bud.

The problem is that too many take sin too lightly. Rather than stop it at its earliest stages, they play with the idea. They let the lust linger around for a while. And eventually, they give in. It could all be prevented if they simply followed Barney's advice of nipping it in the bud.

Don't play with sin. Stop it when it is no more than a desire or a thought. Nip it in the bud.

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



Why Don't We Have Miracles Like Those In Bible Class?

Mark W. White

This is a question on the minds of some people today. In I Corinthians 10:11, we read "*Now these things* (like the miracle of Israel and Moses crossing the Red Sea) *happened to them as an example, and were written for our instruction ...*" Paul wrote these words to help Christians know what they were to make of Bible miracles. Miracles were very special events which happened by the hand of Almighty God. They happened because God was showing His might and was trying to get people to believe in Him and His power. Some miracles involved healing sick people, while some restored life to people who had died. Some miracles had God sending fire from Heaven. No one ever had to wonder whether or not they had seen a miracle (Acts 4:16). Miracles were not ordinary things. We call these things "supernatural" because they don't occur naturally.

Because miracles were worked before the Scriptures were completed, God used miracles to confirm

the Word that inspired men were preaching (Hebrews 2:3-4). Miracles were used by God when men did not have the completed Bible we have today. We now have the full Word of God, a confirmed Word. There is no need for God to do something extra special and unusual to make believers of us. We have His Word! God never intended for miracles to be continual events. They had their time and place. They have finished their purpose, so God has now "done away" with them (1 Corinthians 13:8-10). God is still just as mighty and powerful as ever, but He used miracles for a special purpose in the past.

~via *Family News and Notes*, Cypress, Texas..

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Barbara Carter
Arvid McGuire
JoAnn Gilbert
Bobbie Adcock
Ann Bush
Tessa Bacci
Kennedy Pepper

Sue Taylor
Mitzi Carruth
Loretta Warner
Doris Lovell
Larry Morris
Judy Whitt

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Ross Melvin
Freddie Mae Elmore
Anita Wheeler
Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir
Ella Melvin
Cindy Walker
Al Pollard
David Collier
Una King Currier
Gene Carpenter
Carrie Warner

Donna Wright
Nikki Ogles
Lona Jackson
Janice Cagle
Cornelia Pepper
Wayne Wooldridge
Kenneth Fisher
Charles Burns
Phillip Harwell
Joan Carpenter
Lloyd Adams

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Ross Melvin; Huntsville Hospital — Huntsville
Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Elease Barksdale, rm. 22A
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77 Connie Brock, rm. 62
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59 Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Jerry Hinkle, rm. 58

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge
Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Irene Inman, at home
Stan Stanford, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Sue Taylor had a heart catherization done in Huntsville on Friday to be cleared for trachea surgery and it went well... **Ross Melvin** learned this past week that his cancer is widespread and will be coming home with hospice... **Barbara Carter** will be moving to Traditions next week... **Shirley Miller** learned from her tests that her problems were stomach spasms, work on it with medications... **Dan Lovell** has completed his therapy treatments ... **Steve Usery** is making good progress in his therapy... **Louise Melvin** completed her therapy treatments this past week... **Keith Hinkle's father and Casey Curry's grandfather, Jerry Hinkle**, moved to rehab this week at Limestone Health Facility... **Ross & Louise Melvin's grandson, Luke Davis**, is scheduled for back surgery on September 11th in Colorado.

PARKING LOT SERVICE: Last Sunday, we met in the parking lot for our worship service. We had 71 cars that gathered for the assembly.

OUT OF TOWN: The Stiles: *Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Opal Conn** is in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Christian Usery** is in Montgomery working.



Remember Our Facebook Study

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.
Market Street Private Group Page

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, August 30th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Albert Haraway
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer..... Larry Tucker
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Marcus Morris
Assisting Mike Ogles
Serving Landon Adams..... Tommy Burns
..... Marvin Putman Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer Harvey Nixon

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Albert Haraway
Song Leader Larry Holt
Prayer..... Terry Andrews
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Marcus Morris
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Other Assignments for the week of August 30th:

Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Keenon Currier
Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, September 2nd:

Song Leader
Bible Reading
.....
Prayer.....
Invitation.....
Closing Prayer

Sunday, September 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marty Adams
Song Leader Larry Holt
Prayer..... Marcus Morris
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Joel Hamm
Assisting Terry Andrews
Serving Sam Gregory Keith Hinkle
..... Hunter Cox Clayton Hamm
Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marty Adams
Song Leader Albert Haraway
Prayer..... Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for the week of September 6th:

Ushers..... Heath Dollar/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System..... Landon Adams