

# 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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#### 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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## *How To Overcome Troubling Times*

**David A. Cox**

*"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble." — (Psalm 9:9).*

The words of a song we sing say, "Troublesome times are here, filling men's hearts with fear, freedoms we all hold dear now are at stake." As we live life today, we can see the times are troubling, indeed. The unrest over the invasion of Ukraine, following two years of a pandemic, sicknesses and health problems seem to abound. We are desperately looking for answers. The fact is that we may not ever find the answers in this life, but the Psalmist reminds us that God is a refuge for us in times of trouble. Knowing that God is our refuge, let us consider how to overcome troublesome times.

#### **Keep Close to God.**

In difficult times people will often run away from God, or they may even blame God for the trouble they are dealing with. First, God does not cause problems for us in this life. God made the earth and blessed man with the perfect place in the garden of Eden. Man chose to sin and left the place of perfection God made for man. Living in a world of sin and the choices that men make, we suffer many problems and difficulties in life. It is not God who brings the problems and troubles of life about, but man's bad choices. We must remember that God wants us to live with Him in heaven, a place of perfection, from all the problems and struggles in life. Remember, it was God who "gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16). The love of God for us is evident on the cross upon which Jesus died. In troublesome times we desperately need to keep ourselves close to God.

#### **Keep Close to God's People.**

People need people. In Genesis 2:18, God said, "It is not good that man should be alone." From the very beginning, God has made it clear that man is a social being. Throughout the scriptures, we see this emphasized repeatedly with the children of Israel in the Old Testament and then with

the Christians in the New Testament. In Acts 2, after the 3,000 were baptized, we are told: “Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need...Daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart” (Acts 2:44-45). We see they were together and knew about the needs of one another. When the people of God draw together in this way, they will be able to effectively help bear one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2). Paul told the Thessalonians to “comfort each other and edify one another” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). The Hebrew writer writes, “consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together” (Hebrews 10:24-25a). Many other passages we could note make the same or similar statements. These verses will be sufficient for us to know that in troublesome times, we need one another:

- To help bear with our troubles.
- To comfort us.
- To edify or build us up.
- To stir us to be active in love and doing good.
- How do we do this? By being together.

### **Keep Closely Focused On God’s Word.**

The scriptures are filled with promises from God. Many of these promises have to do with God and His providential care for us. Let us notice just a few:

*Matthew 28:19-20* — “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

*Matthew 11:28-30* — “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

*John 14:27* — “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

*Isaiah 41:10* — “Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

*Romans 8:35-39* — “Who shall separate us from the

love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

In troublesome times, let us keep ourselves close to God, to the people of God, and focus on God’s word and the promises that God has given us. For it is God who has made us and knows our every need, and His desire is for us to live with Him forever.



## ***Want To Quit?***

**Gerald G. Cox**

The following is a true account of a man’s life. This man had a difficult childhood and received less than one year of formal schooling. He failed in business in ’31, was defeated for the legislature in ’32, failed again in business in ’33, was elected to the legislature in ’34, fiancée died in ’35, was defeated for Speaker in ’38, was defeated for Elector in ’40, married a sickly woman in ’42, had only one son who lived past the age of eighteen, was defeated for Congress in ’43, was elected to Congress in ’46, was defeated for Congress in ’48 was defeated for the Senate in ’55, was defeated for Vice-President in ’56, was defeated for the Senate in ’58. Yet, he was elected President of the United States in 1860 and became one of the great men of all history. Though it seems he failed often, he never really failed because of the simple fact that he never gave up.

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote that we should “not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary” (Galatians 6:9). And Jesus

tells us that "at all times (we) ought to pray and not to lose heart" (Luke 18:1)

The temptation to quit can be overcome by the determination with prayer and the help of God.

~via *Centerview Tidings*; Russellville, Alabama.

**Editor's Note:** The above article was written by my cousin, Gerald. He was my father's oldest brother, Willard's son. Gerald preached about 15 years in northern Wisconsin. After living there, he moved to Bloomington, Indiana and then to Searcy, Arkansas. He moved to Searcy, to work at Harding University, a librarian, until he retired a few years ago.

## News & Notes...

### THE SICK:

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Brad Brown       | Nikki Ogles   |
| Bonita Dollar    | Tony Thomas   |
| Jennifer Threet  | Heath Dollar  |
| Shirley Miller   | Carol Dean    |
| James Adams      | Betty Pepper  |
| Doris Lovell     | JoAnn Gilbert |
| Diane Kilpatrick |               |

### Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Tommy Burns        | Priscilla Tucker |
| Peggy Pepper       | Vicki Stringer   |
| Freddie Mae Elmore | Nikki Ogles      |
| Anita Wheeler      | Lona Jackson     |
| Judy Vaughn        | Jeanette Weir    |
| Doris Reid         | Lloyd Adams      |
| Phillip Harwell    | Cornelia Pepper  |
| Charles Burns      | Cindy Walker     |
| Kenneth Fisher     | Al Pollard       |
| Matt Bassford      | Sadricia Wilson  |

### Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 | Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 |
| Brenda Wilson, rm. 77   | Connie Brock, rm. 62 |
| Valeria Dalton, rm. 7   |                      |

### Limestone Health Facility:

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Marci Bassett, rm.     | Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38 |
| Alice Roberson, rm. 49 | Bobby Ogles, rm. 113      |
| Ann Bush, rm. 75       |                           |

### Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home  
Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge  
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Barbara Carter; Traditions  
Unaking Currier; Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur  
Irene Inman; at home  
Stan Stanford; at home  
Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison  
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison  
Alan Thornton; Limestone Lodge  
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

### In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Nancy Bloodworth; Huntsville Hospital – Huntsville

### Updates:

**Dale Adcock** is scheduled for neck surgery on April 6<sup>th</sup>. She will be going to the doctor on Tuesday to decide how they should proceed following the six strokes she has had...**Mitzi Caruth** had surgery on her hand at Crestwood Hospital on Friday ...**Tena Wells** went to the doctor for a follow-up for her surgery. They told her the pathology report was not clear and she will need a third surgery. The surgery is scheduled for this Tuesday...**Marvin Putman** had out-patient surgery this past Thursday ...**Marci Bassett** spent several days in the hospital last week and has moved to the Limestone Health Facility...**Priscilla Tucker's mother-in-law, Nancy Bloodworth**, is in the Huntsville Hospital ICU and has no brain activity...**Jewel Dean Kennemer's granddaughter, Leigh Ellen Elliott**, has finished four treatments. She will begin a series of 16 more treatments one each week.

**THE FLOWER FUND:** There is a flower fund maintained by the members of the Market Street church for the sending of flowers and plants to families during periods of bereavement. The flower fund is currently low and needs to be replenished. If you would like to participate in this work, please contribute your money to **Ida Nell Griffin**, who looks after this fund.

**BAPTISM:** This past Monday evening **Carol Dean** stated that she wanted to make sure that her life was right with God and desired to be baptized. We appreciate Carol and her good influence and her desire to please God.

**DEATH:** This past Wednesday morning, **Jackie Cox's** nephew and my cousin, **Gerald Cox**, passed away in Jackson, Tennessee. His funeral was Saturday afternoon in Henderson, Tennessee. He was laid to rest in the Chester County Memory Gardens.

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet

Monday morning to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them next in the morning at 10:30.

**UKRAINE:** There is no doubt that we have all seen the tragedy and atrocities that have unfolded in Ukraine this past week or so. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren who are there.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Westview church* in Hartselle is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Andrew Smith*... The *Singing River church* in Florence is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Tommy Peeler*... The *Highway 157 church* in Cullman is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker will be *Jonathan Caldwell*.

**SINGING:** There will be a singing at the *South Cullman church* in Cullman this Friday night, March 11th. The song leaders will be *Jim Deason & Wiley Deason*.

**ANNUAL SINGING RECORDINGS:** We have video and audio recordings of the Tenth Annual Singing. If you would like copies of the singing, please fill out a member/visitor's card this morning and note that you want copies. Please note if you wish to have just audio/video or both.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS:** The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the "*The Christian in a Secular Age*."

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for week of February 27<sup>th</sup>:*

|            |                       |     |
|------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Sunday:    | Bible Classes .....   | 112 |
|            | Morning Worship ..... | 146 |
|            | Evening Worship ..... | 95  |
| Wednesday: | Bible Classes .....   | 98  |



## Men Privileged To Serve:

### *Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:*

#### *Morning Worship*

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Announcements.....   | Keith Hinkle         |
| Song Leader .....    | Joel Hamm            |
| Prayer.....          | Kenneth Smith        |
| Preaching.....       | David Cox            |
| Lord's Supper        |                      |
| Presiding.....       | Larry Tucker         |
| Assisting .....      | Hunter Cox           |
| Serving .....        | Harold Davis .....   |
|                      | Kenneth Adams        |
|                      | Nathaniel Adams..... |
|                      | Sam Gregory          |
| Closing Prayer ..... | Larry Mitchell       |

#### *Evening Worship*

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Announcements.....  | Keith Hinkle                 |
| Song Leader .....   | Bob Broadus                  |
| Prayer.....   | Stephen Lynn                 |
| Preaching.....  | David Cox                    |
| Lord's Supper .....                                       | Larry Tucker                 |
| Closing Prayer .....                                      | Wayne Vaughn                 |
| Other Assignments for the week of March 6 <sup>th</sup> : |                              |
| Ushers.....   | Danny Johnson/Tommy Coblentz |
| Work Sound System.....                                    | Larry Holt                   |

### *Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>:*

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Song Leader .....    | Clayton Hamm   |
| Bible Reading.....   | Keenon Currier |
|                      | (John 9:35-41) |
| Prayer.....          | Hunter Cox     |
| Invitation .....     | Harvey Nixon   |
| Closing Prayer ..... | Dan Reed       |

### *Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>:*

#### *Morning Worship*

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Announcements.....   | Tommy Coblentz      |
| Song Leader .....    | Stephen Lynn        |
| Prayer.....          | Harold Ash          |
| Preaching.....       | David Cox           |
| Lord's Supper        |                     |
| Presiding.....       | Larry Holt          |
| Assisting .....      | Jerry Baker         |
| Serving .....        | Harold Davis .....  |
|                      | Christian Usery     |
|                      | Hayden Pierce ..... |
|                      | Landon Adams        |
| Closing Prayer ..... | Wayne Vaughn        |

#### *Evening Worship*

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Announcements.....   | Tommy Coblentz             |
| Song Leader .....  | Tommy Burns                |
| Prayer.....  | Dan Reed                   |
| Preaching.....   | David Cox                  |
| Lord's Supper .....  | Larry Holt                 |
| Closing Prayer .....                                       | Harold Ash                 |
| Other Assignments for the week of March 13 <sup>th</sup> : |                            |
| Ushers.....  | Heath Dollar/Marcus Morris |
| Work Sound System.....                                     | Terry Andrews              |