

MARKET STREET



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

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On Seeing Them

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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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David A. Cox, Editor

"And so, we came to Rome. And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage" (Acts 28:14-15)

I'm thankful for websites and livestreams and video conferencing. I'm sure Paul was thankful for parchment and ink and faithful messengers to carry his letters to the churches. His epistle to the church in Rome had arrived three years before he did in the flesh. Now, finally—after months and more than a thousand miles on the Mediterranean—Paul saw these brothers and sisters with his own eyes.

"I long to see you," he had written in Romans 1:11-12, "that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." John knew the feeling. "Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete" (2 John 12).

I'm thankful for those letters. I'm thankful for the ancient innovations that made them possible. And I'm thankful for the wonders of modern technology. Can you imagine what John would say about email or how the heart of Paul would explode at the possibility of connecting with brethren via live video?

And yet, even 2,000 years later, it's not the same as seeing each other with our own eyes. Face to face. I have hundreds of hymn tracks on my smartphone, but it's not the same as the mutual encouragement that comes from singing "in the midst of the congregation." High definition video can't compete with the joy of physical presence... hearing Bible pages turn and little babies cry... seeing tears of conviction roll down cheeks and couples who have been married more than 50 years still holding hands in worship.

Paul, John, and others used paper and ink, and I'm glad they did. We use lenses and microphones, and I'm thankful for them. But an indispensable aspect of joy is made "complete" only when God's children are face to face.

So much of the disciple's walk is "by faith, not by sight." Though we have not seen Jesus, we love him. "Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). One day, we "will see his face" (Revelation 22:4).

In the meantime, like Paul as he traveled the last few miles to Rome, we thank God for fellowship and foretastes of glory. And we take courage.

~via *The Sterling Herald*; Raymore, Missouri.



Psalm 29: The Lord Almighty

Guy Roberson

This psalm was written either during a thunderstorm or when one was still fresh in the mind. This Psalm describes the power of God like a raging storm. Charles Spurgeon writes, "This Psalm is meant to express the glory of God as heard in the pealing thunder and seen in... [a] tornado..." God reveals his majesty, power, and glory in the furious wind, pelting rain, blinding flashes of lightning, and deafening thunder of a violent tempest.

To appreciate this powerful Psalm, one must look at the context: Psalm 28 says: "The Lord is the strength of his people; He is the saving refuge of his anointed." Despite this, Israel was tempted to worship other gods and to look for strength in the idols their neighbors worshiped. Psalm 29 was a wake-up call—a reminder that the Lord, the God of Israel, is the one true and mighty God.

This is an incredibly significant psalm for it mentions the Lord eighteen times. If we add to that the use of pronouns and the mention of God and King, we have God mentioned no less than twenty-five times in eleven short verses.

David is overwhelmed with the majesty of God revealed in the storm that he has witnessed and is now going to describe. To praise God adequately the entire created order must join in and even then, sufficient praise will be lacking. So, he calls upon the angels, O

you mighty ones, to join in this praise.

The appeal describes the praise of God as consisting of two things: ascribing glory to Him, that is, acknowledging His supreme worth with our minds, and worshiping or bowing down to Him which means a subordination of our wills and minds to His.

This is an inspired and dramatic description of a thunderstorm that started somewhere over the Mediterranean Sea and moved eastward to the Lebanon mountain range in the northern part of the land of Israel. As you read through this beautiful psalm you must keep in mind that this is pure poetry. No sound is more impressive than the voice of thunder. It is grand and imposing. One never understands his weakness more nor his dependence greater than when he sees the towering trees unable to stand in the path of a thunderstorm. The voice of God shakes the strongest such as the mountains of Lebanon. Sirion" is the Sidonian name for Mount Hermon (Deuteronomy 3:9). So "Lebanon" and "Sirion" refer to the two great mountains in the north, Mount Lebanon and Mount Hermon. When God speaks, his voice shakes these majestic mountains.

The vivid lightening is the violence of the storm. God divides the flames of fire and is in full control and is the Master of the storm.

Beyond the physical picture of this growing storm, though, the voice of God thundering over the waters represents a spiritual victory over the Canaanite gods. "The region of the sea was considered by the Canaanites to be the battleground between Yam, the god of the sea and of chaos, and Baal, the god of fertility and thunderstorms." Willem A. VanGemeren, *Psalms, The Expositor's Bible Commentary*, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2008).

When we read this psalm, we are supposed to say, "Wow!" at the awesome display of God's power. God reveals his impressive, overwhelming power as his lightning splits the trees of the forest and his thunder shakes the mountains.

The voice of the Lord is a phrase that occurs seven times. It indicates that, although David is describing the majesty of God as revealed in a storm, what he is concerned with is the power of God's voice, and not just thunder!

This is an important biblical theme. We think of the power of the voice of God in creation. The Bible begins with God speaking and the created order springs into

being. The power of the voice of God is also revealed as He calls in grace to draw sinners to Himself. We may also think of the power of the voice of God in judgment.

First, God is said to sit “enthroned over the flood (v. 10). It was such flooding Jesus was thinking of when he described the falling rains, rising streams, and destruction of the house of the man who built on sand without an adequate foundation (Matthew 7:26-27).

Second, God’s voice will be heard in judgment. We are being warned to get ready. The only ones who will be ready for that judgment are God’s people, to whom the Lord “gives strength” and “blesses...with peace.

Are you listening to God’s voice as He has spoken through His beloved Son (Hebrews 1:1-2)?

~via *Walnut Street church of Christ*, Cary, North Carolina.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Ida Nell Griffin	Jackie Cox
Larry Tucker	Sherry Davis
Brad Brown	Shirley Miller
Betty Jo Lovell	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
Leigh Ellen Elliott	Wynell Romine

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. 42	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; Summerford Health, Falkville
 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:

Updates:

Brad Brown was dismissed from the Athens-Limestone Hospital on Friday. They request no visitors until things are settled...**Larry Tucker** had knee surgery on Monday for a torn minicus and it went well...**Sherry Davis** had surgery on her left shoulder on Tuesday and it went well...**Brenda Jones** is doing better after spending a few days in the Madison Hospital. She is doing better now...**Dale Adcock** is to have neck surgery on Wednesday...**Carol Dean** is scheduled to have tests Monday on her heart ...**Betty Lovell** is continuing to have problems with her arthritis...**Ruby Dean Ezell’s daughter, Diane Kilpatrick**, has been recuperating from her recent surgery at Ruby Dean’s house.

OUT OF TOWN: The Holts: Danny & Debra have been in the mountains this week...**The Hamms: Joel, Sharma, Clayton & Ragan** have been in Gulf Shores this week...**The Putmans’: Marvin & Irene** have been out of town this week...**Brenda Haraway & Doris Fisher** have been in Gulf Shores this past week...**Albert Haraway** is on the road again this weekend.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Tena Wells** and *all the family* in the passing of her brother-in-law, **Steve Andrews**, last Saturday. His funeral was on Wednesday at Limestone Chapel.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The Jordan Park church in Huntsville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wenesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be **Brent Hunter**... **The Jones Road church** is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. **Jason Shackelford** will be the speaker in this meeting...The **Helton Drive church** in Florence is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be **Greg Kline**...The **Eastside church** in Red Bay is beginning a meeting today and it will continue

through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Mitchell Dalrymple*. The **Cartwright church** is to begin a meeting on Friday night and it will continue through next Sunday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Buc Chumbley*.

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 in the morning at 10:30.

KEENON CURRIER SEND-OFF: Next Sunday evening, April 10th, at 6:30 there is a get-together planned at the *The Clubhouse at Deer Trail*. This is a send-off for **Keenon Currier** as he will soon be leaving to enter the Airforce. Everyone is invited; cake and drinks will be provided; bring your favorite finger food to share.

UKRAINE: We continue to see the terrible atrocities being inflicted upon the Ukrainians and they are heart-wrenching to see. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren there.

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.

VBS MATERIAL: The three kits or samples of the VBS material are in the West auditorium for the teachers to look at the material. The date of our VBS will be *June 13-17*.

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 March 27th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	110
	Morning Worship.....	151
	Evening Worship.....	110



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader.....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Terry Andrews
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting.....	Marcus Morris
Serving.....	Heath Dollar Matthew Usery
	Clayton Hamm Hayden Pierce
Closing Prayer.....	Bob Broadus

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader.....	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper.....	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer.....	Dan Reed
Other Assignments for the week of April 3 rd :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, April 6th:

Song Leader.....	Jonathan Traylor
Bible Reading.....	Danny Johnson
	(John 11:1-16)
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Invitation.....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer.....	Larry Mithcell

Sunday, April 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader.....	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting.....	Larry Mitchell
Serving.....	Keenon Currier..... Marvin Putman
	Sam Gregory Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer.....	Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader.....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Terry Andrews
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper.....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Other Assignments for the week of April 10 th :	
Ushers.....	Hunter Cox/Christian Usery
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl