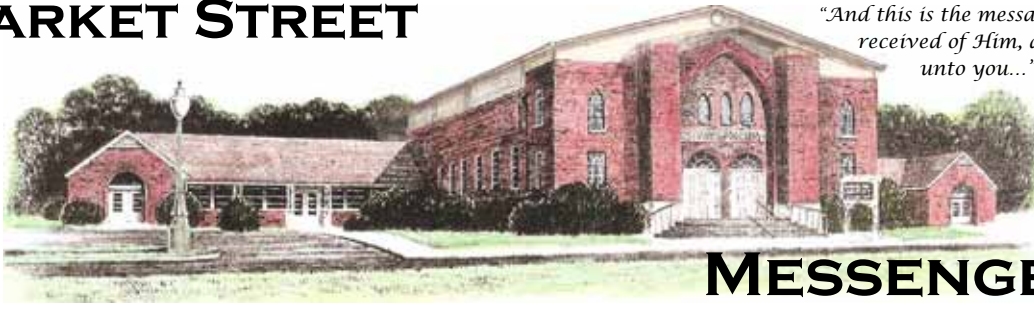


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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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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Vacation Bible School

June 11 - 14

(Monday through Thursday)

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Classes from Infant through High School will be studying the theme



Speakers for the Week In the Auditorium:

Monday 10:00 a.m. – Wiley Deason

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – Wilson Adams

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – Frank Richey

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Frank Richey

Thursday 10:00 a.m. – Steve Klein

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To Whom Shall We Go?

David A. Cox

In John 6, the ministry of Jesus had grown in popularity. In His teachings, Jesus had been using some spiritual words in a way about Himself (John 6:48-59). Those were following Christ, heard His teaching. As Jesus began to speak plainly to them about the fact that He was the Christ, many that had problems with His teaching said, "This is a hard saying; who can hear it?" (John 6:60). It was at this time John records "that many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. Then Jesus said unto the twelve, 'Do you also want to go away?' Then Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'" (John 6:66-67). The question Peter asked is a very crucial question which has implications for us today.

There Is No Substitute

Peter recognized that there was no substitute for the gospel of Christ. Christ is the one to whom "all authority and power has been given" (Matthew 28:18). To look to something else or someone else would separate one from Christ. Jesus said, "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad" (Matthew 12:30). Peter recognized that if he was to receive eternal life, then he must remain with Christ.

Many Disciples Refuse Christ

The people in John 6 wanted Christ. They recognized that they needed Him to have eternal life, but failed to accept His teaching. Jesus asked, "Does this offend you?" (John 6:61). Jesus explained, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). Those Jews were unwilling to accept that Jesus has "the words of eternal life." Unfortunately, people are like this today. They will make statements such as: "We cannot all understand the Bible alike" or "You practice one thing, and I can practice another, but we will all get to heaven in our way." The two statements are saying that the words of Christ are not that important and eternal life is not based on what Christ taught. Peter understood that the words of Christ were vitally important if he was to be saved. Peter remembered that Jesus said, "... the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day (John 12:48).

May we all realize, as Peter did, that there is no substitute for the teachings of Christ. We will be judged by the word of God.

A Timely Reminder From God

Mark McCrary

"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am Almighty God; walk before me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly'" (Genesis 17:1-2).

Genesis 17 begins with the promise of God above. There really isn't anything new in this text that isn't found in chapters 12 or 15. It is just a reminder of what God intended to do for Abraham (his name was changed in this chapter; imagine the paperwork nightmare that must have been!) (v. 3-8), and what God expected out of Abraham (v. 9-16). Clarity is given regarding how God would fulfill the promise; it would be through a new child, not Ishmael. But for the most part, it is just a timely reminder from God for Abraham to keep pressing on. After all, it had been about 24 years since the first promise was given. In chapter 16, it became obvious that God was displeased with Abraham and Sarai's efforts to force His hand of action. Maybe Abraham thought God had changed His mind or was otherwise displeased with Him.

All of us need reminding from time to time, don't we? Every once in a while, my wife will call or text me and say, "I just wanted to remind you of ..." Why does she do that? Because she knows I am prone to forget! We go about our lives aware of God and His promises, but life happens, sin creeps in, we become distracted and eventually discouraged. Perhaps we start thinking that God isn't as interested in us as He once was when we had more promise; that is He sort of "moved on" and found someone more likeable or useful.

We need to be reminded, just like Abraham. We need to be reminded that God loves us and always desires the best for all (1 John 4:7-11), that we are sinners in need of salvation (Romans 3:23), that He has and will forgive us (1 John 1:9), what we must do to respond to God's grace (Romans 10:17, 10; Acts 2:38; Revelation 2:10), that He is patient with us and looks on us with mercy (Micah 7:18), that He has great plans for us (1 Peter 1:3), He has a home in heaven waiting for us (John 14:1-2), that we need to love and obey Him from the heart (Matthew 15:7-9), that we need to love others and do good (1 John 4:7-11; John 13:34-35), to press on (Philippians 3:12-15, to forgive (Matthew 6:14-15), to

pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17), to work on our marriages (Ephesians 5:22-29), to put our trust in Him (Proverbs 3:5)... and on and on and on.

This brings up an important question? How does God remind us of these things? Well, as the verses listed above suggests, it is through His word; the Bible. Take advantage of personal study, group studies and congregational assemblies, and listen closely to those important things God wants us to remember.

~via *College View Family Report*; Florence, Alabama.



Growing Weary

Shannon Shaffer

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”
(Galatians 6:9)

The great enemy of soldiers is weariness. When a soldier becomes weary he can be easily overcome by the enemy. Let's recognize some things that cause us to feel weary so we might overcome them (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Practicing Self-Denial. Day in and day out we see neighbors enjoying the “pleasures of sin” (Hebrews 11:24-25). Christians can become weary of avoiding even the very “appearance of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Don't give in to Satan's propaganda war! It is false advertising.

Criticism. It is a part of life. It is necessary for growth. Yet, it is so much easier to give, than it is to take. As soldiers in the Lord's army, we must be careful about the attitude in which it is offered (Romans 14:19; Colossians 4:6) and the attitude in which it is received (Proverbs 9:9; 19:20).

Efforts Unappreciated. Some work tirelessly with little or no appreciation. Yet, if we are looking around to others for commendation we are looking in the wrong place. Look to God for approval and remain faithful (Matthew 25:21,45-46).

Bear More Than Their Share. It is frustrating and discouraging when we think this is the case. Yet, don't think too highly of self (Romans 12:3). We may be missing the unseen service of others.

How Do Soldiers Keep From Becoming Weary?

1. Develop an attitude of joy in your service to the Lord (1 John 5:2-3).
2. Trust in the promises of the Lord who has always proved Himself faithful (1 John 2:24-26; 3:1-3; Philippians 4:4)

~via *Lifelines*; Greenville, Indiana.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Virginia Meyer	Sam Gregory
Russ Wulfekuhl	JoAnn Gilbert
Cornelia Pepper	Bobbie Adcock
Isabella Perry	Ann Bush
Linda Jones	Wayne Reyer
Doris Lovell	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Irene Inman	Jeanette Weir
Janice Cagle	Patsy Thomas
Priscilla Tucker	Ella Melvin
Bobby McLemore	Cindy Glass
Matt Poff	Susan Cox
Elizabeth Howard	Al Pollard
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Phillip Harwell
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Betty Christopher	Una King Currier
Ava Brooke Campbell	Wayne Gooch

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Dorothy Draper, rm. 73	Mattye Murray, rm. 2
Joyce Martin, rm. 63	Mable Crafts, rm. 39
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	

Limestone Health Facility:

Stan Stanford, rm. 105

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
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Virginia Meyer is at home after spending a few days in the hospital...*Barbara Ash's brother, Steve Bassett*, is awaiting to see if they will be able to get him on the heart transplant list...*Nancy Hardison's neice, Isabella Perry*, is home after surgery for her broken leg.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Kim Rogers and all the family* in the passing of Kim's mother, *Ruth Sullivan*. Her funeral was in Fayette on May 30th... We also want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Ella Melvin and all the family* in the passing of Ella's uncle, *Thelton Colwell*, this past Monday evening. His funeral was Thursday in Ardmore.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Wooley Springs church* near Ardmore is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Jason Shackelford*... The *Elgin Hills church* in Elgin will be beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Issac Munoz* will be the speaker in this meeting.

OUT OF TOWN: *Steve Bradley* is home after being in Houston, Texas... *The Holts: Larry, Sheila & Addison* have been away this week... *The Coblentz: Tommy & Marcella* are back home after being in the mountains... *The Morris: Marcus & Bonnie* are on vacation in the northeast this week... *Jim Whitt* has been in Missouri with his work... *Nancy Hardison* has been at a convention this week in Orlando, Florida.

MEADVILLE MEETING: It was my priviledge to be with the *North Meadville church* in Meadville, Pennsylvania this past week in a gospel meeting. The meeting went well and was well attended according to the reports they told me. The church is about 40-45 in number and is served by two elders. It was good that *Mary Cecile Keenon, Brettlyn and Keenon Currier, Jonathan Keenon, Jackie Cox and Kerry* were able to make the trip with me. They all were an encouragement to the church there. Mary Cecile had lived there for just over two years. Mary Cecile's husband, *Glen Keenon*, worked at North Meadville as their evangelist and they endeared themselves to the church there.

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 June 3rd*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	133
	Morning Worship	167
	Evening Worship	134
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	100

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Danny Holt
 Song Leader Bob Broadus
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
 Assisting Steve Usery
 Serving Matthew Usery..... Landon Adams
 Matthew Vaughn.... Clayton Hamm
 Closing Prayer Harold Ash

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Danny Holt
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper Harvey Nixon
 Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Other Assignments for the week of June 10th:

Ushers..... Keith Hinkle/Steve Bradley
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, June 13th:

Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Bible Reading Mark 3:22-35
 Heath Dollar
 Prayer..... Albert Haraway
 Invitation Frank Richey
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Sunday, June 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Dwaine Allfrey
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Hunter Cox
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting Mike Ogles
 Serving David Terry Griffin Holt
 Heath Dollar Marvin Putman
 Closing Prayer A. J. Price

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Dwaine Allfrey
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell
 Preaching Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for the week of June 17th:

Ushers..... Danny Holt/Steve Usery
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams