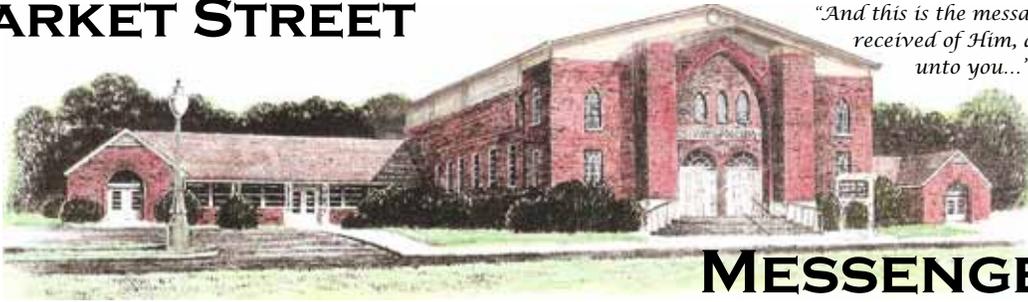


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Going The Way of the Earth

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Sunday

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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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David A. Cox, Editor

On two occasions in scripture, the phrase, "Going the way of all the earth" is used in reference to a person preparing to cross from this life into eternity. Joshua used the phrase near the end of his life, shortly before his famous challenge to his people to "Choose" who they would serve (Joshua 23:14). And in the closing moments of David's life, the great king told his son, Solomon, that his death was near with this same phrase (1 Kings 2:2).

Reading the statements of these two good men leads us to ponder what was on their minds as they saw their time on earth ending. And, this is one of those occasions wherein we don't have to "really" wonder for the Holy Spirit has revealed to us exactly what they were thinking.

Joshua used his parting words to remind those who heard him to never forget the kindness of the Lord and that He had never, ever failed them. He reiterated that, with obedience to the Lord's commands, great blessings would come. And, with disobedience to those same commands would come God's anger (Joshua 23:15-16). The great leader went on to challenge the people to remember their pledge to serve the Lord and only Him. In fact, Joshua said to them that they were, "Witnesses against yourselves" (Joshua 24:2).

David closed out his life by challenging his son to make a similar choice and commitment to the Creator by saying, "Prove yourself a man" (1 Kings 2:2). To accomplish this task, Solomon's father told him to be mindful of the Lord's ways and statutes, reinforcing the timeless, biblical truth that with an adherence to the Lord's commands comes His blessings and care.

Like Joshua and David, each of us will one day, "Go the way of the earth." Of course, we are not granted the knowledge of when or how that will be. What we can do is to make sure that each day is one in which we live with the spirit of Joshua and David, being mindful of the power of our words.

When we depart from one another, even if not for eternity, it's a fitting time for us to reflect on what we could say and what we would say

for the final time to those that we care so much about. Perhaps the answer to such an inquiry would be different for different people. But for each of us as saints, it certainly must echo the thoughts of these two great men.

The best “parting advice” that any of us can give to others is to remind each other of the holy pledge we’ve made to serve God and Him alone. And, let us prove ourselves to be true, wholesome men and women of God by being ever mindful of His ways and statutes, dutifully following our Lord who has done more for us than we’ve ever deserved. Praise Be To God!

~via *Lake Elsinore Bulletin*; Lake Elsinore, California.



Attitude Toward Truth

Dee Bowman

The truth of God is a marvelous consideration. It is wonderful in its completeness and has a great attraction because of its functional capabilities. It is sufficient to meet any and all the needs of mankind (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and is marked with a stamp of identifiable inspiration. The truth of God is for everyone; no one is excepted (Mark 16:15-15). What is your attitude toward the truth of God? There are several ways people consider the word of God. Some are merely convenient, some are foolish, some bring praises to Him who gave it. What is your attitude toward the truth of God?

The I don't care attitude? Many people today are not interested in the word of God. They are so busily engaged in “things” and “gadgets” they never have any time to give to His truth, nor do they want to be bothered by anyone about their attitude. The result? They are left alone to wallow in the squalor of ignorance and degradation. When you mention gospel truths to them, they offer the same time-worn excuses made by those who just don't care to be bothered. Read Romans 1:21, where we are warned that such an attitude results in a darkened and hardened heart. Is this your attitude toward the truth of God?

The I care, but don't do attitude? Far too many members of the Lord's body are infected with this malady. It is not the knowing of the truth. They may even attend services and Bible classes, and compliment the preaching,

but they just never get around to doing anything about it. They know—they just don't do. The Lord tells us that if we know what to do but don't do what we know, we sin (James 4:17). To know and do not is a dangerous attitude. About your attitude?

The I do, but don't know attitude? This is one of the saddest of all attitudes. And there are hordes of people who have this problem. They are good people who are merely mis-informed. For instance, they have been told that as long as you are honest and sincere, you are religious. They have not read the truth of God, they have merely heard some well-said information, then without any investigation of the scriptures, they accept it as so. It is not enough for a person to be sincere—he must be sincerely right! In 1 Peter 4:11, we are told that a man must “speak as the oracles of God,” not some man-made supposition. What is your attitude? Do you seek diligently to find the truth which will make you free (John 8: 31-32), or are you content to follow same man-made creed or teaching?

The I do, because I know attitude? “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). This is the attitude described in Jesus' parable of the sower (Luke 8) as the productive servant of Christ—the seed in a good and honest heart that produces abundantly. These are the folks who “having an honest and good heart...” “hear the word and keep it.” Truth is both definitive and available. Furthermore, it is wonderfully functional. When it is applied to life's situations it not only functions efficiently, but brings peace to him who uses it properly and glory to God who gave it.

The I know and will grow attitude? This is a vital and necessary attitude for the child of God. It is imperative that the follower of Christ continue to grow in their love for the Father and for His word of their salvation. We are admonished to “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). We are to be those who, “...speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ” (Ephesians 4:15).

Each of us would do well to make sure we have a good attitude toward our Lord and His word of truth.

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

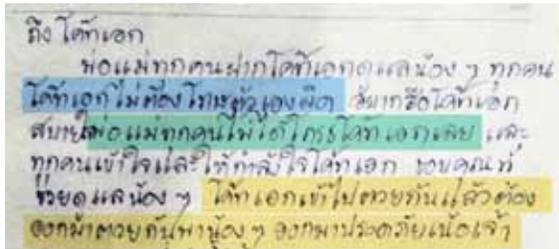
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Forgiving and Welcoming

Dan Lankford

The recent story of the Thai soccer team stuck in the cave was an international sensation, and rightly so. So many elements of the story touched our hearts and showed us that there is good in the species made in God's image. I'd like to highlight one more element of that story.

After divers discovered the boys and their coach were alive, many people made return trips into the cave to bring food, oxygen bottles, and lights to them. They also carried letters from their families who were anxiously waiting outside. One of the most touching letters is the one in the picture: the letter to the coach—the man who had been responsible for their children when all of this took place.



To Coach Ake
Mum, dads and everyone, ask Coach Ake to take care of the kids. Coach Ake, don't blame yourself. I want Coach Ake to be relaxed. The mums and dads, none of them are angry at you. And everyone understands you and sends good wishes and encouragement. Thank you for helping us take care of the kids. Coach Ake, you went inside with them, you must come out with them too. And you must come out safely.

And I don't need to say much about it, except to point out that in any language, forgiveness sounds good. Those parents' common attitude toward the coach stands as a powerful example of how we, as Christ's people, ought to think about those who have made really bad choices.

Sin is a trap that we enter by our own choice and from which we cannot escape by our own power. And while it is tempting to stand in the safety of salvation and be bitter toward someone "who got themselves into this mess" as the coach had done, how much better would we be to learn the lesson of these parents (the same attitude that the older brother should have had in Jesus' prodigal story in Luke 15)? Our task is not to be upset at the sinner, but to be passionate & excited about his rescue.

~via *Eastland church of Christ*; Louisville, Kentucky.

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on WVNN

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8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

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| James Johnson | Sherry Davis |
| Bobbie Adcock | Joy & Loretta Warner |
| Cornelia Pepper | Doris Lovell |
| Winfred Corsbie | Damien Powers |
| Linda Jones | Wayne Reyer |
| Ann Bush | Fredia Lowman |
| Perry Cagle | |

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

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

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

- Gayle Ball*; Athens-Limestone Hosp., rm. 209
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

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| JoAnn Gilbert, rm 117 | Dorothy Draper, rm. 73 |
| Matty Murray, rm. 2 | Christine Hudson, rm. 77 |
| Joyce Martin, rm. 63 | Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 |
| Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 | Wayne Faulkner, rm. 97 |

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
Virginia Meyer, Traditions
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Donna Wright is to have a CT scan on Tuesday of this week...**Drew Ogles** has been having a number of on-going health issues that they have not been able to diagnose...**Ella Melvin's sister, Jennifer Sellers**, is scheduled for kidney transplant on Monday in Birmingham...**JoAnn Gilbert** had the first phase of her knee replacement surgery on her right knee on Tuesday. She will have the complete knee-replacement surgery done in two months...**Judy Vaughn** is going through a series of treatments for her bladder and will have two more...**James Johnson** continues to be unable to be at services...**Ernest Roberts** is awaiting a recommendation for the surgery in Indiana for his vision.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group One will be meeting after our evening service. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group tonight.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Elkton church** in Elkton, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Wednesday **Jeff May** will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Trinity church** in Trinity is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Wednesday. **Tim Sutton** will be the speaker in this meeting The **Marion Street church** is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Wednesday. **Lowell Sallee** will be the speaker in this meeting... The **East Florence church** in Florence is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Friday. **Justin Roberson of Decatur** will be the speaker in this meeting.

OUT OF TOWN: **Jim Whitt** continues to be working in Kentucky this week...**Russell and Ella Melvin** are in Birmingham visiting Ella's sister today.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of August 12th

Sunday: Bible Classes 142
Morning Worship 175
Evening Worship 150
Wednesday: Bible Classes 109

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, August 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
Song LeaderTyler Cox
Prayer.....Russell Melvin
Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....Larry Tucker
AssistingTerry Andrews
ServingGriffin Holt.....Marvin Putman
.....Tony Thomas.....Christian Usery
Closing PrayerMike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
Song LeaderAshton Gatlin
Prayer.....Harold Ash
Preaching.....David Cox
Lord's SupperLarry Tucker
Closing PrayerDanny Holt

Other Assignments for the week of August 19th:

Ushers.....Hunter Cox./Marcus Morris
Work Sound System.....Landon Adams

Wednesday, August 22nd:

Song LeaderAlbert Haraway
Bible ReadingMark 7:1-13
.....Arvid McGuire
Prayer.....Wayne Vaughn
Invitation.....Buc Chumbley
Closing PrayerSteve Usery

Sunday, August 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
Song LeaderAshton Gatlin
Prayer.....Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....Harvey Nixon
AssistingTony Thomas
ServingMatthew Usery.....Mike Ogles
.....Nathaniel Adams....Keenon Currier
Closing PrayerDan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
Song LeaderJoel Hamm
Prayer.....Marcus Morris
PreachingSong Service
Lord's SupperHarvey Nixon
Closing PrayerKenneth Smith

Other Assignments for the week of August 26th:

Ushers.....Steve Bradley/Terry Andrews
Work Sound System.....Landon Adams