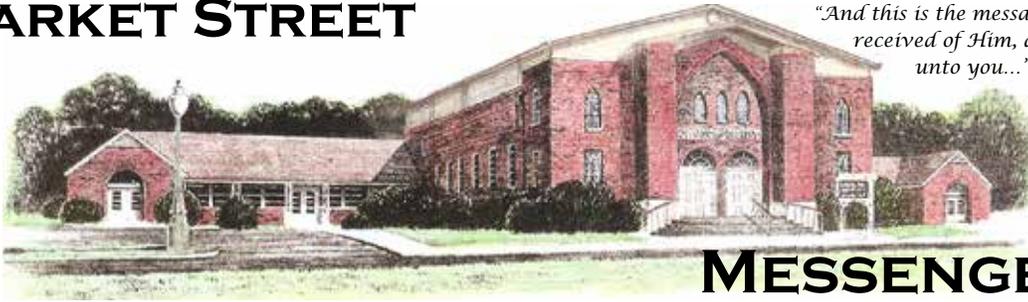


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS

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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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Buc Chumbley, Editor

The Bible contains both bad news and good news. This is important because one of the basic principles of sharing Christ with your friends is that you have to present some bad news before you can share the good news. The bad news is that we have a very serious problem, Paul sums this up in Romans 3.23 ***“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”***

The word that should catch our eye is ***“sinned.”*** Paul says, ***“all have sinned.”*** Usually when we think of sin we think about when we lie, cheat, steal, lust, hate, gossip, murder, etc. It is true. committing these things will cause a person to sin. But sin is more than that. Sin is anything that does not glorify a holy and righteous God in our lives.

The “glory of God” is his standard for people the people of God. We keep trying to reach His standard and we come up short. We are sinners by our attitudes, and our actions. If that is not bad enough, our problem gets worse. The Bible says there is a penalty attached to our problem with sin. Romans 6.23 ***“the wages of sin is death.”*** Ezekiel 18.4 ***“The soul who sins will die.”***

The Bible tells us that when we sin we earn a wage and it pays in death. It is a spiritual death that separates us eternally from God. The barrier between God and us is so great that we cannot overcome it in our own power, good works, religion, philosophy, self-righteousness, etc.

That’s the sad news, however, there is some good news in God’s Word for us. As Paul reveals the bad news he also reveals the good news. Romans 5.6-8 ***“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”***

These verses tells us that Jesus Christ loved us so much that he was willing to die for us. They speak of the great grace God has shown to us through His Son’s death. That Christ took on Himself the penalty we deserve for sin, and died in our place (2 Cor. 5:21).

There is no greater love and no greater good news than that!

WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Joe R. Price

We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness” (I Corinthians 1:23). Let there be no mistake: Preaching “Christ crucified” is gospel preaching. The “word of the cross” is the power of God to save the lost (I Corinthians 1:18, 21; Romans 1:16). It reveals how God forgives sinners and what sinners must do to receive God’s forgiveness (Romans 1:17; 3:21-26; Acts 2:37). It must be preached.

The apostle Paul observed that when he preached at Corinth he “determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (I Corinthians 2:2). Some hastily conclude that to preach Jesus is to preach only the life and death of Jesus and not the doctrine recorded in the inspired epistles by Christ’s apostles and prophets. We are told, in effect, that Jesus is more important than His doctrine. Yet, He is “the Truth,” which indisputably involves His doctrine (John 14:6; 7:16-17). Such minimizing of doctrine allows for the subjective interpretation of Scripture (“choose the doctrine of your choice”). Such a view affirms that Jesus approves of each person deciding what doctrine is important and what is unimportant. We are scolded when we teach there is one body of doctrine (teaching) that is truth for all (John 17:17). “Just preach Christ and leave others alone,” we are told.

In order to preach the “message of the cross” we must know what that preaching includes (I Corinthians 1:18, 21). Does it include the plan of salvation? Does it include principles of divine authority? Does it include the work and organization of the church? Does it include teaching about sin? Does it include instruction on human obedience? Does it include preaching the fulfillment of prophecy? The Scriptures answer “yes” to each of these questions. Let us see what it means to “preach Christ crucified.”

. In Acts 8:5, Philip “preached Christ” to the city of Samaria. What did that entail? In Acts 8:12 we learn that he preached the “things concerning the kingdom of God.” Without question, preaching Christ is preaching about His kingdom, the church of Christ (Matthew 16:18-19). After all, the church is His body and fullness (Ephesians 1:22-23). How can one preach Christ and not preach about His body, the church? How can one preach Christ and not preach that He is the savior of His body, the church (Ephesians 5:23)?

When Philip “preached Christ” he preached concerning “the name of Jesus Christ” (Acts 8:12). He proclaimed Christ’s authority; His right to rule our lives (Matthew 28:18-19; Ephesians 1:20-23). To fully preach Christ we must preach His authority. Preaching how the authority of Christ is established and applied in Scripture should not be denounced as not preaching Jesus. Just the opposite is true; we will preach about Bible authority when we preach Christ. Whatever we say and do must be supported by His authority (Colossians 3:17). And, by the way, His authority is revealed to us in “the word of His power,” His New Testament - “the word of the truth of the gospel” (Colossians 1:5; Hebrews 1:1-3; John 16:13; II Timothy 3:16-17).

When Philip “preached Christ” he preached baptism, since “both men and women were baptized” (Acts 8:12). This means he preached about sin and how sinners are saved (Acts 2:37-38, 40). This means he taught the plan of salvation when he preached Christ to the Samaritans (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8; 8:1, 4). Those who believed the gospel obeyed it and were saved (Acts 8:12-13). We conclude that Philip preached the continuing responsibilities of faithful, obedient discipleship (Acts 8:13). None should object to preaching the responsibilities of discipleship (such as moral purity, Romans 12:1-2) as not preaching Christ. “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving” (Colossians 2:6-7).

When Philip “preached Christ” he preached fulfilled prophecy. In Acts 8:35, Philip “preached Jesus” from Isaiah 53:7-8, instructing the Ethiopian that Jesus fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecy. The Jesus whom we preach is the suffering Christ of Old Testament prophecy (Acts 17:2-3).

The New Testament of Christ is the apostles’ doctrine that was preached in the first century (Romans 16:25). It is what lost souls heard, believed and obeyed in order to be saved from their sins (Acts 2:40-41). The gospel they preached was not their own; it was revealed to them by the Spirit of God (John 16:12-15; Galatians 1:11-12; I Thessalonians 2:13). It was the “word of the cross” then, and it continues to be the “word of the cross” today (I Corinthians 1:18; I Peter 1:22-25).

We will not make distinctions in God’s word where there are none. To “preach Christ crucified” includes preaching that Jesus fulfilled God’s prophetic plan to save sinners. It includes His life, death, resurrection and exaltation; it includes man’s faith and obedience; it includes the church of Christ and the authority of Christ over our lives. We must preach the “whole counsel of God,” the inspired Scriptures (II Timothy 3:16-4:2; Acts 20:27). To do less is not preaching Christ crucified to the world.



News & Notes

THE SICK:

Donna Wright	Helen Blankenship
Mildred Lambert	Winfred Corsbie
James Johnson	Loretta Warner
Doris Lovell	Jennifer Sellers
Linda Jones	Ann Bush
Damien Powers	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

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

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Bobbie Adcock; Athens- Limestone Hospital – rm. 224
Dean Holt; Huntsville Hospital – MICU-17
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

JoAnn Gilbert, rm 117	Kathleen Wales, rm. 110
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Joyce Martin, rm. 63	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Leonard Clines, rm. 94	

Limestone Health Facility:

Doris Reid, rm 11?

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 Assisted Living
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison

UPDATES:

Dean Holt and Betty Christopher reman in the STICU at Huntsville Hospital. *Bobbie Adcock* is in room 224 at Athens Limestone Hospital

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.

OUT OF TOWN:

David will be returning from Grenada this Tuesday

GOSPEL MEETINGS:

Southside in Athens.....Oct 21-25, 7:00 pm.
Bobby Graham speaking

SINGING:

Oaland church of Christ. Saturday, Nov 3 at 7:00 pm

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Oct 14th*

Sunday: Bible Classes 140
Morning Worship 168
Evening Worship 128

Wednesday:
Bible Classes 96

LADIES:

You are invited to a Bridal Tea to honor *Lindsey Benson*, bride elect, of *Tyler Cox*. The tea will be held at the Deer Trail Clubhouse. 17762 Antlers Oass, from 1:30-3:30 today.

Beacon of Truth

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Dwayne Allfrey
Song LeaderHunter Cox
Prayer.....Albert Haraway
Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....Joel Hamm
AssistingLarry Holt
Serving.....Terry Andrews.....Kenneth Adams
.....Matthew Usery.....Matthew Vaughn
Closing PrayerKenneth Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Dwayne Allfrey
Song LeaderAston Gatlin
Prayer.....Larry Tucker
Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
Lord's SupperJoel Hamm
Closing PrayerNathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for the week of October 21st:

Ushers.....Steve Bradley, Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....Landon Adams

Wednesday, October 24th

Song LeaderTyler Cox
Bible Reading.....Harvey Nixon
.....Mark 9:30-37
Prayer.....Jerry McGlocklin
Invitation.....David Cox
Closing PrayerDwayne Allfrey
Usher.....Russ Wulfekuhl

Sunday, October 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Larry Tucker
Song LeaderTommy Burns
Prayer.....Harold Ash
Preaching.....David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....Wayne Vaughn
AssistingKeith Hinkle
Serving.....Nathaniel Adams...Christian Usery
.....Charles Vaughn.....Heath Dollar
Closing PrayerAlbert Haraway

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Larry Tucker
Song LeaderJoel Hamm
Prayer.....Tommy Coblentz
Preaching.....Singing
Lord's SupperWayne Vaughn
Closing PrayerLandon Adams

Other Assignments for the week of October 28th:

Ushers.....Steve Usery, Marcus Morris
Work Sound System.....Terry Andrews