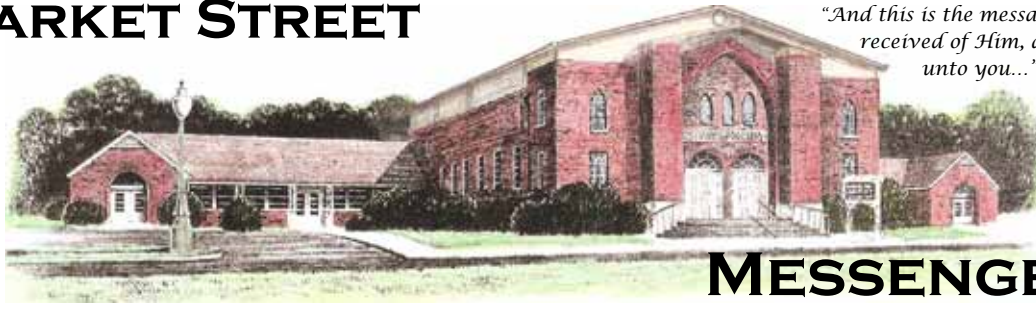


# MARKET STREET

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



# MESSENGER

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## *Finding Grace in the Eyes of the Lord*

**Mark McCrary**

*"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." (Genesis 6:8)*

Man fell because he decided to reject God. Rejection is a painful thing, isn't it? When others push us away, they are really saying we aren't what they want—we don't satisfy them. And, when we are rejected, aside from being hurt, we may even want to hurt those who reject us. We may want to "get them back" somehow.

In Genesis 6, we see the ultimate destination of man's fallen behavior. What began with Adam and Eve in the form of rebellion gave way to "every intent of the thoughts of his heart" were on evil continually. Man rejected God. However, such behavior on man's part didn't prompt anger from God, but sorrow (v. 6). Because God knew how destructive sin was and how much He longed to bless, it hurt God that man didn't follow Him. No doubt as with Cain, God warned sinful man repeatedly of the consequences of his actions. But, when man would not change, God had no choice but to punish.

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord," Genesis 6:8 tells us. Sometimes people think that grace—or favor—is a New Testament concept, but it isn't. Anytime God acts toward us in a way we do not deserve, that is grace. Every action of God's in the Bible of a positive nature toward man is an expression of His grace. What did Noah do to deserve such an observance of God? Verse 9 tells us he was a righteous, or a just, man, and that he "walked with God."

God's grace is never arbitrary. "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). God gave His mercy to Noah because Noah was trying to serve God. Does this mean Noah earned God's favor? No, Noah was still, like all men, a sinner. But, because he had a heart that longed to serve God, God extended His grace and provided salvation to Noah and his family when He wiped out sin from the world.

What about you? In this sinful world, have you found grace in God's eyes? Does He look upon you with mercy, and long to give to you what

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 4:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

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you don't have, but so desperately need?

In reality, all men are in need of His grace, but, also in reality, all men don't find favor in His eyes. What separates those who do from those who don't? The same things that separated Noah from the antediluvian world: righteousness and a desire to be with God. For us today, this righteousness is not our own, but only comes to us through Jesus Christ, "...and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith" (Philippians 3:9). When our sins are washed away, we can then have a relationship with God which was impossible while we were sinners. We can then "walk" with God, which speaks of an ongoing relationship, a desire to be with Him and never without Him. It is to worship Him, honor Him, respect Him, and yes, obey Him as our Lord and King.

So, what about you? Can it be said of you that you have "found grace in the eyes of the LORD?" Have you sought to be righteous through Christ? Can it be said you are walking with Him today? Have you found favor in the eyes of the LORD?

~via *Applying God's Word*; Louisville, Kentucky



## ***Silver and Gold? Forget About It!***

**Leland R. Ping**

Silver, gold, and other precious medals are valuable. They have been treasured throughout history, leading men and women to do impressive (and oftentimes, foolish) things. Silver and gold are expensive. An ounce of silver is currently trading at over \$33. And gold has gotten lots of attention in the last couple years as the price per ounce has soared to over \$1,700. In a world so driven and motivated by riches, these numbers appeal. People dream about more money and what they could and would do with an extra \$100, \$1,000, or even \$1 million! As with many things in this life, the Christian's attitude is to be different. When it comes to silver and gold, our attitude should be, "Forget About It!"

Consider the words from Peter in 1 Peter 1:18-19:

*"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."*

This powerful passage teaches us some key things. Furthermore, an accurate understanding of this passage would dramatically improve the lives of each and every person who is caught up in the perpetual race to "get ahead." It's important to note, first of all, that worldly things **can not** and **will not** redeem us. The reason for this is simple—things that are a part of this world are temporary, perishable, or in the words of the apostle, "corruptible." From the eternal perspective, one looks at the things of earth as almost meaningless.

It's also important to note that Peter says that **only** Jesus' blood can make us without spot. No amount of riches can take away sin. Perhaps it helps to consider this scenario. Pick which you'd rather be. The wealthiest person in the world (with a net worth of over \$74 billion), a wonderful spouse, loving family, and good health. A relatively poor American who has to work hard, has little in savings, has poor health and a strained relationship with his family but is a faithful, redeemed Christian. For the man or woman of faith, this is an easy one!

We know that without the blood of Jesus, we are hopeless. There's absolutely nothing in this world that's worth giving up our eternal salvation for! As Christians, we have the great privilege of looking at the things this world offers and say, forget about it! It doesn't matter to me. As we interact with our friends and coworkers who are clearly mesmerized by what the world offers, we can and must do our part to encourage them to consider the precious blood of Jesus and give their lives over to Him and His service.

~via *Lake Elsinore church of Christ*; Lake Elsinore, California.

## **Beacon of Truth**

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**on WVNN**

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## *We Can Do It!*

Stacy Crim

Around a typical house with children you will hear upon occasion, "I can do it." When they were very little you would hear "Me do it!" Often there is a mess to follow but those are words of learning. It is a strong sense of independence.

Fortunately and unfortunately this attitude often prevails in the realm of religion. "We can do it" can manifest itself in the positive and negative.

When we think of moving forward with a positive attitude of accomplishing a given task, it is a wonderful spirit. This was the attitude of the Israelites in Nehemiah 4:6 "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." Section by section, brick by brick "we can do it". It was a great lesson of achievement for the Lord.

But this spirit of independence can lead to a departure from the direction of God. "Oh Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Jeremiah 10:23 Religious groups have such a "we can do it spirit" that nothing in the name of religion is wrong. It is a liberal mindset that allows for any and anything to achieve. The problem is that Christ's church is not independent of it's head. "Whatever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord." Colossians 3:17. The rally call is things like "God didn't say we couldn't" and "look at all that we can achieve."

"We can Do it" can be liberating, but it can also be a departure from our dependence upon God.

~via *The Tri-Cities Edifier*; Muscle Shoals, Alabama.



### **Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

*Come Join Us As We Study Together*

## **News & Notes...**

### **THE SICK:**

Judy Vaughn  
Bobbie Adcock  
Phillip Vaughn  
Damien Powers

Loretta Warner  
Carol Dean  
Doris Lovell  
Ann Bush

### ***Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:***

Janice Cagle  
Patsy Thomas  
Marvin Putman  
Cornelia Pepper  
Charles Burns  
Cindy Glass  
Susan Cox  
Gene Carpenter  
Elizabeth Howard  
Linda Ordonez

Jeanette Weir  
Ella Melvin  
Lucille Craig  
Al Pollard  
Ava Brooke Campbell  
Una King Currier  
Wayne Gooch  
Cindy Walker  
Wayne Wooldridge  
Phillip Harwell

### ***In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:***

*Phyllis Broadus*; Athens-Limestone Hosp. – rm. 225

*Don Osborne*; Athens-Limestone Hosp. – rm. 223

*Dean Holt*; Huntsville Hospital – MICU-17

*Norman Hamm*; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

### ***Athens Health & Rehabilitation:***

JoAnn Gilbert, 117

Valeria Dalton, 7

Matty Murray, 2

Dorothy Draper, 73

Joyce Martin, 63

Christine Hudson, 77

Evelyn Hogan, 36

Leonard Clines, 94

Myrtle Ruth Barnett, 114

### ***Limestone Health Facility:***

Doris Reid, 108

### ***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

Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

### ***Updates:***

**Theresa Tucker** is scheduled for knee surgery this coming Tuesday ... **Lucille Craig** continues at home under hospice care ... **Ernest Roberts**, a preacher in Grenada, is continuing to have great difficulty with his vision, plus

his wife, Eden, is having continued health difficulties.

**JAMES WALTER JOHNSON (1939 – 2018):** It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of brother James Johnson. He passed away on Wednesday afternoon. James “Buddy” has been sick for sometime and has not been able to be at services as he so desperately wanted to be. We will miss James not being in our assemblies. May the Lord bless all the family in the passing of James. James’ funeral was yesterday afternoon at Spry Funeral Home. He was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Marcella Coblentz* in the passing of her uncle, *Clifton Kirby*. His memorial service was Thursday afternoon at the Berryhill Funeral Home in Huntsville. He was laid to rest in Huntsville Memory Gardens.

**GRENADA REPORT:** This evening, I plan to report on my recent trip and the work in Grenada. I look forward to sharing more details of this trip with you.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** The monthly ladies Bible class will be Monday night, November 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Chumbley’s home.

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:** The Sunday evening service time will change to 4:00 this afternoon for the winter months. Remember to be here at 4:00.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *New Georgia church* is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Wednesday. *Joe Corley* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Westview church* is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Wednesday. *Paul Sheehan* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *South Cullman church* in Cullman is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Brett Hogland*... The *Midway church* in Greenhill in Lauderdale county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Bobby Graham*.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Chumbleys: Buc, Martha & Molly* are in Kimberly, Alabama today. Buc is beginning a meeting for the church there... *The Ashes: Harold & Barbara* are in Orange Beach on vacation..... *The Mitchells: Larry & Peggy* have been out of town on vacation this week.... *Kenia Adams* has been in Kentucky this past week... *Doris Fisher* was in Illinois this past week... *Hunter Cox* is in Auburn this weekend.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for the week of Oct. 28th

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	139
	Morning Worship .....	176
	Evening Worship .....	132
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	86

## Men Privileged To Serve:

### Sunday, November 4th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader .....	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Wayne Vaughn
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord’s Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting .....	Marty Adams
Serving .....	Harold Davis .....
	Russ Wulfekuhl
	Marvin Putman .....
	Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds

#### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord’s Supper .....	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer .....	Hunter Cox

Other Assignments for the week of October 7th:

Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Will Chumbley

### Wednesday, November 7th:

Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading .....	Clayton Hamm
	Mark 10:1-12
Prayer.....	Dan Reed
Invitation .....	Marty Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Keith Hinkle

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### Sunday, November 11th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Prayer.....	Russell Melvin
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord’s Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting .....	Terry Andrews
Serving .....	Sam Gregory .....
	Matthew Vaughn
	Marcus Morris.....
	Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Nathaniel Adams

#### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Joel Hamm
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord’s Supper .....	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer .....	Marty Adams

Other Assignments for the week of November 11th:

Ushers.....	Steve Usery/Dwaine Allfrey
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams