

MARKET STREET



"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..... 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

Comfort and Despair

Randy Yerby

"...For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself" (1 Corinthians; ESV)

Comfort from God is the context in which Paul makes the above statement. He was afflicted. He had been persecuted. He feared for his life, yet God had delivered him. Paul sees God's hand in his deliverance and concludes he was delivered in order to be able to provide comfort to others who were in despair.

In America we've not quite reached the day where we (Christians) are openly persecuted for our beliefs as Paul was in his day. I have to admit though, that in my life time, it has become increasingly more difficult to be a child of God and not experience derision, yet I have never had to face beatings, being stoned, or lions. Today it seems persecution in America comes in the form of the tongue. Charles Simmons writes, "Bigotry and intolerance, silenced by argument, endeavors to silence by persecution, in old days by fire and sword, in modern days by the tongue." Make no mistake the only acceptable bigotry and intolerance today seems to be toward Christianity.

If we want to stand for truth; if we desire to live godly in this evil society, we're promised to suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:12). With that persecution will also come discouragement and despair. We'll need the comfort that comes from God. This comfort can be found in the word of God.

- "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- "For the love of Christ compels us..." (2 Corinthians 5:14)
- "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

"Now, God be praised, that to believing souls gives light in darkness, comfort in despair." (William Shakespeare)

Whether through external circumstances, as in Paul's case or through

internal influences, I pray we all reach the point in life where we despair to the point we turn to God for comfort.

~via *Marrtown Road Bulletin*; Parkersburg, West Virginia.



Getting What's Mine!

Lenny Chapman

What is life? For some it is nothing more than a race to accumulate as much in wealth or material things as possible before they die. There are some that are very open with their philosophy pertaining to this type of life, and you can see it by the way they flaunt their possessions. However, the larger percentages of people who live this way do so in secret. Sadly, this kind of living can exist even within the church. God is well aware that man is tempted by such thoughts and that is why His message throughout the Bible speaks about this type of mindset which is a fatal mistake when considering one's spiritual condition.

“And God said to Solomon: ‘Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king; wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like’ (2 Chronicles 1:11-12). God inspired Solomon, the wealthiest of any man, to leave a message for all mankind who were to come after him regarding wealth and money. In the book of Ecclesiastes one can find many words of wisdom regarding this such as: “As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand.” (Ecclesiastes 5:15). The apostle Paul wrote (1 Timothy 6:10), “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” Jesus also said (Matthew 6:19-21), “Do not

lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

So why the big rush to accumulate so much? Comfort, status, and achievement are just some of the reasons that people will secretly say for reasons they try to accumulate so much here on earth. All along believing they are just getting what they deserve, or in other words “*getting what's mine!*” This is such a sad way to live, because time after time we see that those who chase after the world's riches never seem to be happy with what they have. There is always a void. There is always the “next” thing that “may” make them happy. When and if happiness is found, it lasts for only a short time, because they soon want what someone else has. Just like so many other sins, this thought process starts out slowly and with small expectations, however in time they become surer in their thoughts that they are “owed” something in this life and this thinking becomes “**The**” way of life for them.

The only sure thing we have as people, is **God!** Realistically speaking, all that we have is not ours at all, but His! It was His before we got here and it will be His long after we are gone. We are but stewards of the things He has allowed us to have. As Solomon said, no one has come into this world with one piece of material goods in hand. What everyone needs to come to grips with is that all that we have has been given to us by God. We are to take care of the things which he has given to us, use them for good, and for God's purpose. When we find a good night's rest because of the bed we have, are we using the day's energy for God in any way? With the homes that He has blessed us with, are we using them to show hospitality to others, including your brothers and sisters in Christ? Are there any plans to share with others the food that fills the refrigerator, freezer, and pantry? All that we have should be used to strengthen those in the church, as well as help those less fortunate who do not know God come to the understanding about Him.

Let us be diligent and always about the Father's business. “Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.” (Proverbs 4:23). Our life is not about “getting what's mine,” it is about helping others get to heaven!

~via *Happy Hill Bulletin*; South Chesterfield, Virginia.

Remember the Giver in All the Gifts

W. Frank Walton

The prophet James, the brother of Jesus, teaches us that we need to remember the source of all good and every blessing we enjoy. We are totally dependent on His gracious hand for every physical and spiritual gift.

I do not religiously observe December 25 as a memorial to Jesus' birthday, since His authorized memorial is the weekly Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19, Acts 2:42, 20:7). Yet, in this holiday season of exchanging gifts with loved ones, we should pause to remember and thank Him who is the source of every good thing we enjoy, even the air we breathe and life itself. "In Him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

In our modern, technological age, when we marvel at the great "advances" mankind has made, I am reminded of this Resolution of the United States Senate (1863), which was signed by Abraham Lincoln as a Proclamation for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting, from which I quote in part: "We have forgotten the gracious Hand which has preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own." We need such humility and appreciation for God's providential help today.

In remembering the Giver of every good gift, I greatly appreciate the statement of President Thomas Jefferson in his Second Inaugural Address (1805): "I shall need, too, the favor of that Being in whose hands we are, who led our fathers, as Israel of old, from their native land and planted them in a country flowing with all the necessaries and comforts of life; who has covered our infancy with His providence and our riper years with His wisdom and power, and to whose goodness I ask you to join in supplications with me that He will so enlighten the minds of your servants, guide their councils, and prosper their measures that whatsoever they do shall result in your good."

Even if men forget God, He is good enough to send the sun and the rain (Matthew 5:45). He does not want any to perish (2 Peter 3:9). Perhaps there is hope and time enough for men to turn to the gracious God, who longs to give the best gift of salvation from sin to those who obey the gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 22:16).

~via *Taylors Church Bulletin*; Taylors, South Carolina.



News & Notes

THE SICK:

Nikki Ogles	Loretta Warner
JoAnn Gilbert	Doris Lovell
Bobbie Adcock	Ann Bush

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Lona Jackson	Paul Hasting
Judy Vaughn	Janice Cagle
Jeanette Weir	Patsy Thomas
Ella Melvin	Marvin Putman
Cornelia Pepper	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	Cindy Glass
Una King Currier	Susan Cox
Gene Carpenter	Cindy Walker
Phillip Harwell	Wayne Wooldridge
Kenneth Fisher	Matt Poff

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Dean Holt; Huntsville Hospital, STICU
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Paul Hasting, rm. 101	Mildred Lambert, rm. 106
Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, 77
Evelyn Hogan, 36	Dorothy Draper, 73
Joyce Martin, 63	Valeria Dalton, 7

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 94

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
Irene Inman, at home
Virginia Meyer, Traditions Assisted Living

Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Paul Hasting spent several days in Huntsville Hospital, but has transferred to Athens Health & Rehabilitation...
Peyton Rogers had knee surgery done this past Thursday at Athens Surgery Center...
Jimmy Johnson had a biopsy done this past Monday...
Mildred Lambert moved to the Athens Health & Rehabilitation on Tuesday...
Patsy Thomas continues to suffer with the shingles...
Bettye Harrison moved to the Limestone Health Facility for rehabilitation following surgery for her broken hip...
Mary Cecile Keenon's niece, Becky Thompson, has received word that her blockage has returned after having open heart surgery several months ago. They are looking at treatment options for her.

CARL HARGRAVE (1920 – 2019): It is with sadness that we note the passing of brother Carl Hargrave this past Tuesday night. Brother Hargrave was a longtime member of the Market Street church and loved the church. He has always been glad to hear about the things going on with the church and hear from and see people from here. Carl's funeral was on Friday afternoon at Limestone Chapel and he was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all the family of Carl Hargrave.

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

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Feb. 3rd

Sunday:	Bible Classes	134
	Morning Worship	173
	Evening Worship	130
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	96

Eighth Annual Singing

February 22, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Wiley Deason & Johnny Felker



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

514 WEST MARKET STREET
 ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Tommy Coblentz
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Marty Adams
 Assisting Mike Ogles
 Serving Danny Holt Marvin Putman
 Russ Wulfekuhl Clayton Hamm
 Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Kenneth Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Mike Ogles
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for the week of February 10th:

Ushers..... Steve Usery/Keith Hinkle
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

Wednesday, February 13th:

Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Bible Reading Joy Warner
 Mark 13:1-8
 Prayer..... Marcus Morris
 Invitation Hunter Cox
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Sunday, February 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Dwaine Allfrey
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Russell Melvin
 Assisting Larry Tucker
 Serving Kenneth Adams..... Christian Usery
 Heath Dollar Will Chumbley
 Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Preaching.....
 Lord's Supper Russell Melvin
 Closing Prayer Marty Adams

Other Assignments for the week of February 17th:

Ushers..... Marcus Morris/Larry Mitchell
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt