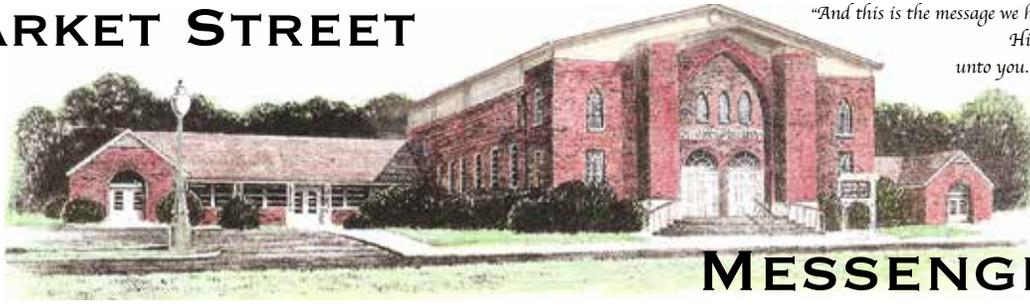


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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What Must We Do To Be Saved?

Harold Hancock

Jesus answered the question, "What must I do to be saved?" in the Great Commission. The Great Commission was some of Jesus' final instructions to His apostles before He ascended back to Heaven. In this commission, Jesus told His apostles where they were to go, what they were to preach, and who would be saved. He told them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15,16). Could Jesus have answered the question, "What must I do to be saved?" any plainer? Jesus' answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?" is believe and be baptized.

The apostles began to carry out the Great Commission on the first Pentecost after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus (Acts 2). Peter's sermon is recorded for us. He preached that Jesus was approved of God, crucified, and raised from the dead (Acts 2:22-24), and that it was the Christ whom the prophets had foretold would be resurrected (Acts 2:25-35). He then emphatically proclaimed "...God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). Some who heard Peter speak were pricked in their hearts and asked, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Peter answered, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:38). Notice, when some heard, and obviously, believed, they were instructed to be baptized in the name of the Lord for the remission of sins. Everything spoken in the Great Commission was coming to pass; the apostles preached the gospel as they had been told to do, and people were saved by believing and being baptized.

The book of Acts records numerous instances of the apostles or others preaching the gospel. People who heard the gospel and wanted to be saved believed and were baptized. For instance, "Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them...When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:5,12).

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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Philip, also, preached Jesus to the eunuch. As they came to a certain water, the eunuch said, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Philip answered the eunuch, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." When the eunuch confessed Jesus Christ as the Son of God, they stopped the chariot in which they were riding, and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and Philip baptized him (Acts 8:35-38). A woman named Lydia heard Paul preach. After listening carefully to the things Paul said, she was baptized (Acts 16:14,15). A Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They told him, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." They then spoke to him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. The same hour of the night, the jailer and those who were in his household were baptized, "straightway" (Acts 16:25-33). Throughout the book of Acts, those who wanted to be saved did what Jesus said do in the Great Commission to be saved- they believed and were baptized.

Those who were saved were added to the church (Acts. 2:47) and were called Christians (Acts 11:26). This church was not a denomination. Jesus built one church (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:4), not many. The saved should not seek to be a part of a denomination and should wear no name but Christ's name (1 Corinthians 1:10-12).

If you want to be saved, you, too, must believe and be baptized. This is what Jesus said do in the Great Commission (Mark 16:16); it was the message preached by Peter on the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection (Acts 2:22-38) and by other apostles and faithful preachers of the gospel.

~via Timberland Drive Church, Lufkin, Texas.



It Is Really Greener

Adam Shanks

You've heard the expression, "The grass is greener on the other side of the fence." Have you ever thought about why that is?

While it might be getting too late for this now, since much of our grass is starting to go dormant, it is amazing that the phenomenon is true. If you stand in

the middle of your yard and look straight down at your feet, you will find that the grass does not look as nice as the grass on the other side of the fence. According to all appearances, it really is greener.

The truth is, this all comes from your perspective. When you look straight down, you see not only grass, but you will see the dirt beneath the grass. What you expect to be a full panorama of green is green mixed in with brown. If you look at grass from a distance through, and from the side, all you see is the green of the grass with no view of the brown dirt beneath. This truly makes grass look greener on the other side of the fence. It is not a true look at reality but an issue of perspective.

This is also how life works. We tend to look at life "straight down." We see the green with the brown. Or maybe put simpler, we see the good and the bad. This is how our lives seem to us.

But when we look at someone else's life, we see only the green. Some have said about Facebook that we should be careful not to compare our day to day with other's "highlight reels." We see our good: including our families, our homes, our jobs, our hobbies, our church, etc. We also see our bad. We know our families are blessings, but we see the day to day frustrations of kids misbehaving, or spouses who do not give us enough attention, or kids underperforming in school, or children who misbehave and disobey. We recognize God has blessed us with nice homes, but we also see the dishes in the sink, the laundry needing folded, the yard unmown, the windows unwashed, and the walls needing paint. We know our jobs are blessings, but we have an overbearing boss, or annoying coworkers, or too much to do in too little time. We love our hobbies, but they get too expensive or too time consuming to do them enough to truly enjoy them. We love our church family, but we get frustrated with the worship, the leadership, or the classes.

The truth is that it is all a matter of perspective. Our families are incredible blessings. That's it! End of story. We are done. There's no downside. There's no dirt. There's no comparing it with others. The truth is that all families have their own dirt to deal with. So do all jobs, all hobbies, all homes, and all churches. Everywhere you look, when you finally get to stand there and look down, you will see dirt along with the beautiful, lush, green grass.

There is no magic solution. All there is for you is water and fertilizer. If you want greener grass, take care of the grass you have been blessed with. Spend some time caring for those blessings and what God make

them even better. Then you will find yourself standing in the perfect place, with all you ever wanted, without ever having moved.

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another” (Galatians 5.25-26).

~via *Spiritually Thinking*, Collierville, Tennessee.



Inexplicable Beauty

Bryan Matthew Dockens

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1). Of many evidences for God’s existence, there is beauty. And this, evolutionary theory cannot account for.

While beauty serves to attract mates in sexual reproduction, it has no other perceptible benefit to survival. Outside procreation, any appreciation for aesthetics is materially functionless. A purely naturalistic approach fails to explain man’s awe at a golden sunset, his rapt attention to a colorful rainbow, his simple fascination with shimmering dewdrops on blades of grass, or his imaginative devotion to puffs of white cloud.

Nor can a Darwinistic mindset make sense of man’s appreciation for beauty in the unnatural handiwork of his fellow man. Splashes of paint on canvas serve no evolutionary good, yet man is pleased to pay admission and stand in line to observe such in a museum. Architects are favored not for function but for form.

Beauty itself points to a God who created it for its own purpose.

~via *Sound Doctrine*, Las Vegas, Nevada.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Barbara Ash	Peggy Pepper
JoAnn Gilbert	Loretta Warner
Doris Lovell	Bobbie Adcock
Ann Bush	Lloyd Adams

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright	Arvid McGuire
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Janice Cagle	Judy Vaughn
Ella Melvin	Jeanette Weir
Cornelia Pepper	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Matt Poff
Susan Cox	Brittany Bates Carter
Gene Carpenter	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Freddie Mae Elmore, 124 Mattie Murray, rm. 2
Dorothy Draper, rm. 73 Eva Lovell, rm. 117
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Brenda Myrick, rm. 121 Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Limestone Health Facility:

Robert Beasley, rm. 110 Mot Beasley, rm. 110

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter’s in Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Bettye Harrison, Traditions
Irene Inman, at home
Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison
Stan Stanford, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Donna Wright began taking her radiation and chemo treatments. She had four radiation treatments and one chemo treatment this week ... ***Freddie Mae Elmore*** has moved to Athens Rehab for Rehabilitation... ***Arvid McGuire*** continues to take radiation treatments and is over half way through them.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The ***New Hope church*** will begin a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in the meeting will be ***Steve Klein***... The ***Piney Grove church***, south of Tusculumbia, will be engaged in a meeting this week through Wednesday. ***Guy McDaniel*** will be doing the preaching... The ***Gardendale church*** in Gardendale is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. ***Josh Creel*** is the speaker in this meeting.

PICTURES: We are in the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Pictures will be made in room 20 in the east wing.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS: After reviewing those that signed-up with interest in the *Men's Bible class*, it has been determined the best time and day is Monday evening. We will plan to begin the class *August 19th at 7:00 p.m.* The class will meet on the third Monday of each month.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible class will only be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Limestone Manor at 10:00 a.m.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing on Tuesday evening at 5:30 at the Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care.

ALLEY DECISION: The Athens City Council approved the request to abandon the alley that runs through the back parking lot at last week's meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS: We want to congratulate *Brettlyn Currier* and *Josh Miller* on their marriage on Saturday afternoon. We wish the very best for them as they begin their lives together. May the Lord bless them.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to family of *Elvie Coffman*. Elvie had attended here for a short time several years ago after living in Pheonix, Arizona. She moved from here to Columbia, Tennessee to be near her children. She passed away last week and her visitation and funeral were Monday afternoon at the Spry Funeral Home. She was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery... Continue to remember *Rebecca Sims* and *Brenda Jones* in the loss of Rebecca's son and Brenda's mother.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Morris's: Marcus & Bonnie* are in Tennessee this weekend ... *The Burns: Tommy & Susan* have been out of town this past week... *The Hinkles: Keith & Angie* have been on vacation this week... *Kerry Cox* will be in Atlanta, Georgia this week for a conference ... *Jim Whitt* is in Fort Detrick, Maryland with his work... *Chuck Stiles* is back home after being in the United Arab Emirates with his work... *Steve Bradley* is home after being in Tampa, Florida last week.

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.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of July 21st:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	149
	Morning Worship	181
	Evening Worship	129
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	111

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	Kevin Markum
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Marty Adams
Assisting	Harvey Nixon
Serving	Keenon Currier..... Marvin Putman
.....	Will Chumbley..... Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for the week of July 28th:

Ushers.....	Marcus Morris/Steve Bradley
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, July 31st:

Song Leader	Larry Holt
Bible Reading	Joy Warner
.....	Philippians 4:10-23
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Invitation	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Bill Eden

Sunday, August 4th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Holt
Assisting	Mike Ogles
Serving	Heath Dollar Kenneth Adams
.....	Matthew Vaughn..... Steve Utery
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Holt
Closing Prayer	Larry Tucker

Other Assignments for the week of August 4th:

Ushers.....	Kenneth Smith/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews