

MARKET STREET



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

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Our Rightful Place Before God

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Do you ever get spiritually low or weak? Do you sometimes feel that you need something to buoy your faith? Sometimes as a believer in the one and true living God, especially when I am feeling spiritually low or weak, I try to remind myself of His awesome power. If we will often remind ourselves of our rightful place before God our cares can be lifted and we can find a peace in His omnipresence. In Psalm 104:1-9 David reminds us of God's might. "Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty." (ESV, vs. 1) "the waters stood above the mountains. 7At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. 8The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them." (ESV, vs. 6-8)

As David mentions, mountains are the perfect place for personal, powerful encounters with God's power. Not long ago my wife and I were able to visit Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, TN and I will never forget the feeling we both shared as we looked down upon God's beautiful creation below. The feeling is hard to describe, but you just sense the greatness of the One who created the mountain you stand on and you sense an appreciation for all that He has done for you. As you experience a view from a mountain you are reminded how small we are and how great and all powerful our Creator and Father is. As I reflect on that feeling I am reminded of the words of the prophet Habakkuk 3:6 that says, "He stood and measured the earth; He looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low." Yes, God is all powerful and can shake the earth, move mountains, and reform the earth at His command. This should remind us that God is great and we are beneath Him, which is our rightful place before God.

From the beginning of time man has attempted to equalize himself with God. It began in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve followed the deception from Satan and ate of the fruit that would make them "be like God, knowing good and evil." (ESV, Genesis 3:5) It continued in Gen. 11, man again set out on a foolish plan to "make a name for ourselves" (vs. 4) by building a tower "with its top in the heavens." (vs. 4) In

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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the New Testament we continue to see examples of worshipping false idols and false gods instead of God in another attempt of man to narrow the divide between God and ourselves.

Instead of trying to equalize ourselves with God we need to have a proper view of Him and that will help reverse our sinful nature to balance ourselves with Him. When we see God as being above us, beyond us, highly exalted, over us, and totally separate from us, we will place ourselves in an acceptable place to God – under His awesome hand. When we embrace God for who He is, then we will properly understand who we are. When we know God's place, we can know our place. When we see God as He really is – holy, sovereign, separate and above us it will place everything and every one of us in our rightful place before God. So whether your view of the creation is from a mountain, a plane, or your front yard remember God is completely in charge and He is the one “who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!”

~via *Northwest Church of Christ*; Beaumont, Texas



What Hope Could I Give?

Gene Taylor

I was taking advantage of the good weather the other day to do some much needed maintenance at my house. The gutters needed cleaned, the bushes trimmed and the leaves raked from the lawn and put on the mulch pile. After blowing the leaves from the rain gutters and trimming the bushes, I set about to get the leaves out of the yard. Last year I had bought a mulching mower with a bag attachment that spares me from the arduous task of raking, bagging and hauling the leaves away. My Dad would call it the “lazy man's way” of doing the job – and I suppose he's right. I prefer to think of it as putting technology to work for me.

I cranked the engine on the mower and made a swath by the driveway marveling at how clean the path behind me was. As I neared the curb, the neighbor lady across the street turned her small truck into her drive-

way. I looked up, just long enough to see who it was, then returned my gaze to the ground. When I reached the street, I stopped and turned the mower. During my turn, I was startled to see this lady standing about three feet from me. I wondered what she wanted for, though they have lived there nearly a year, they don't normally speak or even wave. I thought that maybe she had heard me grousing about her barking dog the day before and was going to set me straight. But I had only muttered to myself. She couldn't have heard it.

Without any preliminary small talk, she asked, “You're a preacher, aren't you?” I suppose someone in the neighborhood had told her.

“Yes, I am,” I tentatively replied wondering why she asked.

“Did you hear about the girl who got killed in _____, Georgia (she specified a town) the first part of this month?” she asked. Her voice trembled, her eyes teared. She bit her lip.

“No. I had not heard of it.”

“Well, she was murdered. She was my sister. Now, I'm not a church goer but I am asking those who are to pray for her. Would you?” The tears began to freely flow from her eyes.

“I will pray. I will pray for you and for your family. I am really sorry to hear of your loss.”

She crossed the street and went into her house. The mower was still running. The whole episode had only taken 30 seconds. I resumed my work, my mind racing.

How sorry I felt for this girl. I realized how insulated our lives are. Here this woman, living just across the street, had experienced a great tragedy and I knew not one thing of it. I also realized how in this tragedy she was so desperately seeking comfort, a way to ease her pain, that she would approach a total stranger about it.

She hadn't asked me to pray for her but for her sister who had died. I did not want to tell her but, at this point in time, praying for her sister would not help. Her fate, no matter what it may be, is now sealed. Hebrews 9:27 says that only judgment follows death. There was no hope I could give her that would change her sister's destiny. But I can try to change hers.

I am praying for her and for her family. I am praying for the opportunity to influence her with the gospel of

Christ. I may not be able to affect her sister's destiny but I can try to positively influence hers. I pray that in some way she can see the need to be a "church goer" and seek out the Lord's church and His gospel. I'll try to be a better neighbor, set a proper example and seek opportunities to speak and talk — things I should have been doing all along.

May each of us be reaching out to others with the hope that Christ gives in his gospel. It may be too late to help the dead but we must try to reach the living.

~via *Focusing On Truth*, Taylors, South Carolina

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Minnie Carter	Dwayne Allfrey
JoAnn Gilbert	Loretta Warner
Alvis McLemore	Bobbie Adcock
Doris Lovell	Yvonne Strickland
Sue Taylor	Ann Bush
Lloyd Adams	Andrew Harbin

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright	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	Gene Carpenter
Brittany Bates Carter	Denny Smith
Carrie Warner	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Albert Haraway; Athens-Limestone Hosp.; No visitors
Johnnie Leigber; Athens-Limestone Hosp.; rm. 316
Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Arvid McGuire, rm. 90 Mattie Murray, rm. 2
 Dorothy Draper, rm. 73 Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Brenda Wilson, rm. 73 Christine Hudson, rm. 77
 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36

Limestone Health Facility:

Robert Beasley, rm. 110 Mot Beasley, rm. 110
 Alice Roberson, rm. 49

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:

Minnie Carter fell last week and fractured a couple of vertabrae in her back. She spent a few days in the Athens-Limestone Hospital, but is now at home...
Larry Mitchell is scheduled to have open heart surgery on Monday in Huntsville... *Kim Rogers niece, Carrie Warner*, began her treatments for cervical cancer this past week. The treatments are scheduled for the next 4 weeks.

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

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS: The *Men's Bible Class* met this past Monday evening. The next Men's Class will be Monday, November 18th. We will be studying "*Change or Accept*"

PICTURES: We are needing to finish the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. If you have not had your picture made yet or have not updated it please do so this week or next. Pictures will be made in room 20 in the east wing.

TUESDAYMORNING LADIES' CLASS: The *Ladies Bible Class* that meets on Tuesday morning began meeting again this past Tuesday morning in the West Auditorium. They will be studying "*Angels*".

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Westview church* in Hartselle is scheduled to begin a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Jeff Archer*... The *Hickory Heights church* in Lewisburg, Tennessee is scheduled to begin a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Keith Hamilton*.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Steve Usery and all the family* in the passing of Steve's brother this past Sunday afternoon. His visitation and funeral service were Thursday at Limestone Chapel. He was laid to rest in the Huntsville Memory Gardens. May the Lord bless all the family at this time.

CONFESSIONS: Last week, *Kenia Adams* came forward and asked for prayers for forgiveness and strength. We appreciate the good heart that Kenia has in wanting to please God. May He bless Kenia as she has blessed us... *Steve and Vicki Stringer* have asked for prayers for forgiveness for unfaithfulness in their service to the Lord. They have stated that they want to identify as members of the Market Street church. We are thankful for their decision. May the Lord grant Steve and Vicki strength they need, and may all of us help to encourage them as they have and will encourage us.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Remember our young people who are continuing their education in college:
Kenneth Adams, University of Alabama - Huntsville
Keenon Currier, Auburn University
Clayton Hamm, University of North Alabama
Griffin Holt, University of Alabama
Elizabeth Usery, Mississippi State University
Matthew Usery, University of North Alabama

OUT OF TOWN: *Tena Wells* has been in Florida this past week... *The Werkas: Bob & Gina* are out of town on vacation this week ... *The Ashes: Harold and Barb* will be leaving the first of this week for a trip to the Gulf... *Joe Hinkle* is back from his time spent in Florida.

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 October 13th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	125
	Morning Worship	171
	Evening Worship	113
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	100



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 20th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Russell Melvin
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Marty Adams
Assisting	Steve Usery
Serving	Russ Wulfekuhl ... Tommy Coblentz
	Charles Vaughn Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Steve Usery
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for the week of October 20th:

Ushers.....	Marcus Morris/Keenon Currier
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, October 23rd:

Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading	Jerry McGlocklin
	Hebrews 2:10-18
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Invitation	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Albert Haraway

Sunday, October 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Bob Broadus
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Hunter Cox
Assisting	Mike Ogles
Serving	David Terry Matthew Vaughn
	Landon Adams Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer	Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for the week of October 27th:

Ushers.....	Danny Holt/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Will Chumbley