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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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Glorifying God in the Good and the Bad

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Nick Foles, the Jacksonville Jaguar quarterback, returned to the starting lineup two weeks ago, after being sidelined since he injured his shoulder in the opening week of the season.

It's been a tough season for Foles who won a Super Bowl with the Philadelphia Eagles and signed a four-year contract with the Jags in May.

When asked about dealing with the injury Foles said that it has made him a better person. Taught him to have joy even during a difficult situation. And helped him grow in his faith.

Foles said he told God, "If this is the journey you want me to go on, I'm going to glorify you in every action, good or bad."

Known as an outspoken believer in Jesus, the quarterback referred to his Super Bowl win when he hoisted the Lombardi Trophy, "In that moment I realized I didn't need that trophy to define who I was because it was already in Christ."

I don't know Nick Foles' religious affiliation, but I know he's right about two things: (1) We can glorify God even in tough times; and (2) Our achievements, awards, and accolades don't define who we are. The Christian's identity is in Christ.

In Psalm 50, Jehovah, speaking through Asaph declared, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

Normally we don't think about glorifying God during our difficulties. We give glory to God for our blessings. Our successes. Our material abundance. Our spiritual victories.

Yet, the Bible is filled with commands and examples reminding us that life is not a beautiful bouquet of roses without the thorns. We all experience trials, troubles, and tribulations.

When Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned for preaching Christ, they sang, prayed and gloried God. Not softly or faintly, but loudly enough the other prisoners heard them (Acts 16:25).

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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David A. Cox, Editor

While suffering his “thorn in the flesh,” Paul prayed to God three times for its removal. God’s answer? “My grace is sufficient for you.” The thorn remained. But Paul didn’t pout. Rather he glorified God and responded with faith, hope and courageous determination.

“I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

When Paul was confined to a Roman prison, he wrote the Philippian letter and spoke of the “joy of faith.” He viewed his imprisonment as an opportunity to “preach Christ,” as the gospel message spread even to the Emperor’s palace. His motto and message was “rejoice in the Lord.”

James reminds us that even when “we face trials of various kinds” that we can “count it all joy” (James 1:3). The experience he affirms makes us better. Stronger. More complete in Christ.

It’s well to be reminded in an era of unparalleled prosperity that we don’t thank and glorify God just because of what He’s given us. But because of who HE IS.

The Psalmist affirmed, “I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore” (Psalm 86:12).

When? In good times and tough times. In sickness and in health. In joy and in sorrow. In abundance and in scarcity. And in triumph and in defeat.

Why? Because God is worthy to be praised. He is our Creator. All-knowing. All-wise. Ever present. And He will provide. In His time.

I’m reminded of the words of the poet and songwriter, Annie Flint Johnson, who experienced many sorrows in life, yet was strong and faithful.

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added afflictions, He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
Our Father’s full giving is only begun.

To God be the glory. In good times or bad.

~via *Preacherman*; Homosassa, Florida.

A “Round Tuit”

Lance Bowman

Procrastination is a terrible habit that can invade your life very easily. Like any habit, once it takes hold it is very difficult to change or overcome. Years ago I was sitting in my office at the bank, and a customer entered and tossed a wooden coin onto my desk. I picked it up and found inscribed on one side “A Round Tuit.” The point being made was: don’t get into the habit of procrastination by telling yourself “I will get around to it eventually.” I’m afraid we all use this excuse from time to time to justify doing what we want to do instead of doing what we ought to do!

The Bible has much to say about taking advantage of the opportunities we have today. We have been given no promise of tomorrow. James wrote “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit’-yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes” (4:13,14). Joshua understood this same concept as he prepared the Israelites to live in the land of Canaan without his leadership. He charged them to “choose this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15).

These are but two examples from Scripture which should teach us that today is the day to prepare ourselves for eternity. Paul told the brethren in Corinth, “He says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). It is true that God has continued to this very day to be patient in giving us time to repent (Romans 2:4). However, His patience will someday come to an end. We must not allow the prospect of tomorrow distract us from where our focus needs to be today. Jesus said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:33,34). My priority for today must be to do what is necessary to please the LORD and to serve Him faithfully in His kingdom.

While the prospects of tomorrow can be distracting, our past can also hinder us. Paul looked forward with

anticipation to a future resurrection when he wrote, "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13,14). Because he had a reward in the future, Paul determined not to let anything distract him or prevent him from reaching it—including his past. Although he was formerly "a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent" and was "foremost" of sinners, he also "received mercy" and became an example to others who would be saved and come to serve the LORD (1 Timothy 1:12-15). Equally important for us is to continue to serve God today despite how faithfully we might have served in the past. While encouraging the Corinthians to run the race before them, Paul acknowledged his own potential to be "disqualified" if he did not continue to serve faithfully (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

We have already mentioned the challenge issued by Joshua: "Choose this day whom you will serve." No one can make that choice for you; each person will make his or her own decision. But beware, because putting the decision off until tomorrow is a decision in itself! God's eternal purpose is to save mankind from the sins that separate him from the Father. He has done everything necessary to make salvation possible for everyone, but He will force no one to accept it. It is up to us to accept it by being obedient to His instructions. There is no other time to do that but now. Now is the favorable time and now is the day of salvation. Today is the day to make yourself right with God!

~via *Kings Ridge Reminder*; Lubbock, Texas.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Jennifer Threet	Bonita Dollar
Arvid McGuire	Marcella Coblentz
Bonnie Morris	Helen Blankenship
Beverly Sutton	Minnie Carter
JoAnn Gilbert	Bobbie Adcock
Loretta Warner	Doris Lovell

Alvis McLemore	Yvonne Strickland
Ann Bush	Lloyd Adams

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:

Virginia Meyer; Athens-Limestone Hosp. – No Visitors
Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Johnnie Leigeber, rm. 121
Brenda Wilson, rm. 73	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Connie Brock, rm. 62

Limestone Health Facility:

Mot Beasley, rm. 105	Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

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

Updates:

Charles Vaughn received word this week that he has two torn thigh muscles and a minicus tear. He will be scheduled for surgery in the next week or so...*Bettye Harrison* was released from the hospital on Wednesday evening and moved to Limestone Health Facility ... *Ross Melvin* had out patient surgery on Wednesday afternoon at Crestwood Hospital...*Vicki Stringer* has been unable to be at services due to her blood count being low...*Minnie Carter* continues to wear a brace for two more weeks ... *Kim Rogers niece, Carrie Warner*, is

continuing treatments for cervical cancer.

PICTURES: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Betty Bolton or Peggy Mitchell and all the family* in the passing of Betty and Peggy's sister, *JoAnn Carter* early Saturday morning. Her visitation and funeral will be on Monday at Limestone Chapel. The visitation will be 12:00 p.m. to 2:00. The funeral will be at 2:00. She will be laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS: The *Ladies Bible Class* meets on Tuesday morning in the West Auditorium. They will only meet the month of December at Limestone Manor on December 10th. They will resume their regular weekly meetings on Tuesday, January 7th.

HOLIDAY PARTY: The Annual Holiday party and potluck is scheduled for Friday night **December 13th at 7:00p.m.** It will be at the *Deer Trail Clubhouse*. There are sheets with information located at the entrances of the building. If you have any questions, you can see *Marilyn Bradley* or *Marcella Coblentz*.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS: The *Men's Bible Class* will meet next Monday night, December 16th at 7:00p.m.

OUT OF TOWN: *Mike Ogles* is in France this week with his work... *Allison Usery* has been in New Orleans, Louisiana this week with her work... *Shelia Holt* was in Montgomery this week with her work... *Christian Usery* is in Long Beach, California with his work.

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 Dec. 1st:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	122
	Morning Worship	158
	Evening Worship	119
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	88

Ninth Annual Singing

February 28, 2020 – 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, December 8th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Larry Mitchell
Serving	Roger Hammonds
	Harold Davis
	Danny Johnson.....
	Clayton Hamm
Closing Prayer	Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Dan Reed
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Harold Ash

Other Assignments for the week of December 8th:

Ushers.....	Dwaine Allfrey/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams

Wednesday, December 1th:

Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Bible Reading	Hunter Cox
	Hebrews 6:1-8
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Invitation	Larry Holt
Closing Prayer	Bob Broadus

Sunday, December 15th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Terry Andrews
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Marty Adams
Assisting	Larry Holt
Serving	Tommy Burns.....
	Marvin Putman
	Keenon Carrier.....
	Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Marty Adams
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Other Assignments for the week of December 15th:

Ushers.....	Heath Dollar/Marcus Morris
Work Sound System.....	Nathaniel Adams