

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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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..... 6:30 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

The Power of Faith!

David A. Cox

"He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God" – (Romans 4:20).

Geoffrey Gorsuch was flying his small plane in the middle of a severe storm in 1989. Due to the storm, Gorsuch could not operate his aircraft because he could not see more than 20 feet ahead. From the ground, signals were sent to radios and aircraft navigation aids. The purpose of the devices was to guide the aircraft through the storms such as the one in which Gorsuch found himself. In times of storms, there can be much confusion, and the natural senses seem to think the equipment is not operating correctly. In these times, pilot error is almost inevitable. Pilots are trained to trust the equipment. Gorsuch did just that in the storm, and as he came out of the clouds, the aircraft was 100 feet from the runway. The plane was in the perfect position for the landing. Gorsuch reduces the power and speed and allows the aircraft to land. All Gorsuch did was trust the equipment.

Paul is writing to Christians, reminding them of the power faith has in the lives of God's people. Abraham is the example Paul uses to remind us of one who had a strong, powerful belief in God. Let us consider some benefits a strong, powerful faith has in life.

We No Longer Have the Need to Worry About the Future. To the Philippians, Paul wrote, "Be anxious for nothing" (Philippians 4:6). Peter writes to Christians, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Paul and Peter are instructing Christians to remember to trust in the God we serve. If we only trust what we understand and what we can see, we really do not have faith. Faith comes as we trust God for the outcomes we do not know. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus repeatedly emphasizes, "do not worry," and trust God (Matthew 6:25-34). What a great benefit it is when we can live our lives trusting God and let Him work things out according to what He sees and knows best.

We Can Experience Joy. Paul again tells the Philippians, "Being

confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6). As we come to Christ and submit our lives to Him, we are beginning a life that God will use to work in us. We are free from sin, we have hope for things much better than this life has to offer us, and we are transforming our lives to live in the image of Christ. Therefore, we understand it is not always as it appears in life. Since that is the case, we can find joy in things that, from the earthly view, do not appear to be joyful (cf. Hebrews 12:3). A strong faith in God and His promises will help us in the transformation of our lives, overcoming sin, and help us to experience a life filled with joy.

We Become Immovable. Paul told the Corinthians, “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). Our faith comes from the word of God (Romans 10:17). As we live by faith and build our lives on the word of God, we are building on a rock. Jesus teaches that the rock is immovable (Matthew 7:24-27). It is sure, certain, and steadfast. Believing in God and living by faith and not by our feelings, we will be unchangeable and immovable.

May we all develop our faith to be a strong faith in God. It will help us overcome worry, have joy and be immovable in our service to God.



Things Are Not Always As They Appear

Ken Weliever

Louisianan Bob Oren Bass claims this is a true story.

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and

could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog, Buddy, lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, “Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?”

“No thanks,” the lady replied, “but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.”

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses.

Whether this is true or not, Bob’s conclusion was correct, “Things aren’t always as they appear.”

This reminds me of Jesus’ warning in John 7:24. “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

It’s so easy to look at outward situations, circumstances, and appearances and draw a conclusion that’s incorrect. Even good and godly people can do that. Case in point. The prophet Samuel (1 Samuel 16:1-13).

When God wanted to choose the next King of Israel to succeed Saul, He sent Samuel to the house of Jesse. One by one seven of Jesse’s sons passed before the prophet, but none of them was God’s chosen ruler.

“Do you have any other sons?” Samuel asked.

“Yes,” replied Jesse. “My young son, David, who’s in the pasture tending to the sheep.”

It was this ruddy, young lad, who was God’s chosen and became not only a great King in Israel but an ancestor in the lineage of Jesus.

The Lord’s advice to Samuel played out as He said. “For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Appearances can be deceiving.

Jesus’ appearance, background, and upbringing in the nondescript tiny town of Nazareth caused the Jews to conclude that He wasn’t the Messiah. But they were wrong.

The man we think may be a fine Shepherd in the church just because he’s a successful businessman, may

not have a heart for serving people.

The preacher who's an eloquent speaker, but may not be the most effective minister of the gospel or truly equipped to meet the difficult challenges of local church work.

The pretty, perky young lady who parks in a handicap spot, may not be selfish and entitled. She may have cystic fibrosis. Not all handicaps are visible.

The family we secretly envy, with "perfect children," who live in a big, beautiful home and enjoy material wealth, may be miserable and unhappy. And even on the verge of divorce.

The person at church who seldom speaks and appears stuck-up and self-absorbed may be suffering from physical, mental, emotional, or relational problems that no one knows about. In fact, he (or she) may be secretly hoping someone would reach out to bear their burden. But they're afraid to ask.

Also, this dining tip. The big, fancy, expensive restaurant may not have the best food in town. It may be the little, mom & pop diner in an old building, across the tracks.

The examples are endless. Be careful. Don't be hasty to judge based on appearance alone.

~via *The Preacher's Word*; Beverly Hills, Florida

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Doris McGuire	Mary Stroud
Keith Hinkle	Angie Hinkle
Barbara Ash	Steve Stringer
Helen Blankenship	Pat Nixon
Dale Adcock	Bonnie Sutton
James Adams	Shirley Miller
Doris Lovell	Betty Lovell
Keith Holt	Buzz Lovell

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Sharon Nave	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker

Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Wynell Romine	Anthony Sutton
Tim McGuire	Barbara Piper
Henry Fusch	Liz Fusch

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Connie Brock, rm. 62	

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Ann Bush, rm. 75	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Goldton at Athens
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Irene Inman; at home
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee
Stan Stanford; at home
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Dan Lovell; Huntsville Hosp. – rm. 1749

Updates:

Dan Lovell is in the Huntsville Hospital, and they started another medication this week to help his platelet count to increase...*Jennifer Threet* has been sick and unable to be at services this week...*Margaret Carter* has been sick with a virus and has been unable to be at services this week...*Jonathan Traylor* has been sick with the virus last week, but is now better...*Vicki Stringer* had a series of treatments this week...*Jackie Cox's niece, Sadrica Wilson*, is scheduled to go to Mexico to take treatments for her cancer ...Remember our expecting mother, *Heather Cox*, in your prayers.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class will meet on Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. They are studying "*The Parables of Jesus*."

OUT OF TOWN: *Joe Hinkle* has been in West Palm Beach, Florida with his son. He will also spend time with his daughter in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

JOANN GILBERT (1946 – 2023): It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of sister *JoAnn Gilbert*. JoAnn passed away this past Wednesday at the Limestone Health Facility. JoAnn had been a member of the Market Street church for many years. JoAnn was the secretary in the office for a few years. She loved

the church and was involved in the work as long as her health allowed. JoAnn had been unable to be at services for several years due to several complications with her health. We have missed her presence among us and we miss her encouragement she had continued to give. May the Lord bless Michael, Sarah and all the family at this time. There have been no arrangements at this time.

CRUTCHER TROUSDALE (1939 – 2023): It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of brother *Crutcher Trousdale*. Crutcher passed away this past Thursday at the Athens-Limestone Hospital. Crutcher had been a member of the Market Street church for many years. Crutcher loved the Market Street church. He loved to sing and was an encouragement to the work in many ways. Crutcher's passing is somewhat sudden, but his health had been declining the past couple of years. We will miss his presence among us. May the Lord bless all the family at this time. The arrangements are for a graveside service on Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the Athens City Cemetery.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Remember the Children's Bible Drill this afternoon at 4:45 before our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

VBS MEETING: We will have a VBS meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 22nd at 4:00. I hope everyone interested in the VBS this summer will be able to attend.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet Monday morning at 10:30 to write and mail out cards. If you would like to do this, join them Monday morning.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Jan. 1st:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	118
	Morning Worship	133
	Evening Worship	113
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	92

Eleventh Annual Singing

February 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Tim Stevens



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, January 8th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle	
Song Leader	Tommy Burns	
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell	
Preaching.....	David Cox	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm	
Assisting	Larry Holt	
Serving	Charles Vaughn	Griffin Holt
.....	Luke Vaughn	Harold Davis
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds	

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed
Other Assignments for the week of January 8 th :	
Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, January 11th:

Song Leader	Griffin Holt
Bible Reading.....	Matthew Usery
.....	(Acts 3:1-10)
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Invitation.....	Albert Haraway
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Sunday, January 15th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon	
Song Leader	Hunter Cox	
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams	
Preaching.....	David Cox	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz	
Assisting	Terry Andrews	
Serving	Danny Johnson.....	Sam Gregory
.....	Heath Dollar	Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Christian Usery	

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Clayton Hamm
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds
Other Assignments for the week of January 15 th :	
Ushers.....	Danny Holt/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl