

# 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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### *Paul's Answers To Not Losing Heart*

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*"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" — (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).*

We live in a world that is filled with uneasiness and conflict. The news is riddled with tragedy, war, violence, and a mindset that is a tremendous moral shift away from God. Even in churches, we see a trend toward us and less about God. Times like this bring on great consternation about the future. In addition to these things, we bear personal burdens concerning struggles of the health of self, or in the family, issues of the home and our providing the things we need, and the list could go on. The point is many things are difficult and can cause us to lose heart. Paul instructs us to not lose heart. Many may say, "How can I not lose heart living in times like these?" Yes, these times can seem overwhelming and full of discouragement, but Paul answers how we can not lose heart.

#### **Remember the Outward and Inward Sides of Man**

We do not lose heart when we remember that we are facing a present affliction. We know that the outward man is wasting away. The outer man will not exist forever, and it will return to the dust, but the inner man, the spirit, will return to God (Ecclesiastes 12). Knowing that is the case, we focus on the inside, where the real treasure of our life resides. While the outer man grows older and faces obstacles to happiness in this life, we know that the inner man is being "renewed day by day." Since that is the case, we turn our focus toward God and His rule and reign in our lives and do not allow our lives to lose heart.

#### **Remember, The Present Affliction Prepares Us For Glory.**

The present afflictions of life may bring tremendous pressures that will bear upon us. Still, we understand that eternal glory is what is in our

#### **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*

future. Paul said, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). Paul does not discount the afflictions as being real because pains and trials in life are real. However, the afflictions we face must be seen in what we, as children of God, have in front of us; heaven, at home with God, free from all trials and tribulations of life.

### Remember to See the Unseen

In the world, we see all the conflict, discouragement, and pressure to conform to what we see. Paul reminds us to live seeing the unseen. Things are not as they appear. The glitter of gold will tarnish with time, so look beyond what you can see with the physical eye to the unseen things, the things seen by faith. Paul reminds us that the unseen things are the eternal things that will never perish. Let us remember to always focus on the unseen things.

Can we remember the valuable answers Paul gives to help us not to lose heart? Yes, we can. Let us keep our hearts focused on God and what we have in our future.



## ***"Hear Ye Him"***

**Jim Stauffer**

*"While he was yet speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." (Matthew 17:5)*

This text provides the answer God gave from heaven when mankind in the person of the apostle Peter thought his idea would be pertinent in the midst of a miraculous lesson being taught.

Difficulties listening to God rather than man goes back a long way in our history. Certainly Adam and Eve listened to the thoughts of Satan and viewed them as greater than the words God had spoken. Noah preached of the impending judgment upon mankind as the wrath of God would bring the great flood on the earth, yet no

one listened to God's word then either. The children of Israel pleaded with Moses to receive the words of God and then relay them to the people to avoid hearing His powerful voice speak directly to them at Mount Sinai.

It seems there is always some aversion to hearing God's message. And it appears it is because there are responsibilities that prevent us from doing what we choose.

In our formative years there were always layers of authority that determined what voice we listened to and obeyed. There were our parents, the school administrators and yes even officers of the law. Each had their own specific area of life in which their authority was supreme. In our home our father was the final arbiter of what was right or wrong for us to do. What was enlightening was how he determined those things. He first consulted God's word in the planning and organization of our lives. But while God was the supreme authority, he recognized authority that God has given to man and we were expected to respect it also.

He taught us that very form of reasoning and even was clear in teaching us that if those in authority in civil matters in life ever called upon us to violate what God demanded of us, we were to listen to God as the supreme authority.

Now most brethren and even folks who have no relationship with God understand the hierarchy. But that authority is often disregarded at any level, civil, criminal or spiritual when it calls for us to deny ourselves and obey the authority.

The discipline required to obey the Lord in Matthew 16:24,25 is very difficult to achieve if indeed we are not desirous of "winning the race" (1 Corinthians 9:24-27) Until we can truly desire that which is spiritual above that which is earthly, fleshly and of course temporal, we cannot be consistent in hearing the message of God.

The only way we will hear Him instead of the voices speaking to our fleshly interests is when we truly begin to long for and look to those things above rather than those things here below (Colossians 3:1-4).

One final point and plea to you who would truly seek the Lord and His interests. There are going to be many opportunities to worship with brethren near you as gospel meetings come along this time of year. Avail yourself of such a spiritual feast as will be offered in each of those occasions. Discipline yourself for the spiritual

exercise demanded to strengthen and sustain your soul.

If you truly love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind, this will be your pleasure.

~via *Lenexa Edifier*; Lenexa, Kansas.

## News & Notes...

### THE SICK:

Betty Pepper	Frank Melton
Steve Stringer	Margaret Carter
Mitzi Carruth	Dale Adcock
Pat Nixon	James Adams
Phillip Vaughn	Dan Lovell
Helen Blankenship	Shirley Miller
Betty Lovell	Doris Lovell
Buzz Lovell	Bob Nance

### *Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:*

Harvey Nixon	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	Jerry Lawrence
Barbara Piper	Henry Fusch
Liz Fusch	Kimberly Pressnell
Tim McGuire	

### *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; Goldton at Athens  
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison  
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

### *In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:*

#### *Updates:*

*Frank Melton* was admitted last week to the hospital for double pneumonia. He was able to be well enough to be released on Thursday afternoon to go home...*Vicki Stringer* was released from the hospital this week after spending a few days there. She completed another treatment this week and is doing well...*Betty Pepper* is at home making improvements after a few days in the hospital with pneumonia...*Margaret Carter* is doing well following her surgery last week and the reports seem to be good. She is not having to keep her leg elevated at all times as they had thought...*Mary Stroud* is doing better after being sick for a few weeks...*Dale Adcock* is scheduled to go back to the doctor in two weeks and will schedule surgery on her elbow...*Mitzi Carruth's* back surgery is scheduled for Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>...*Sue Thomas' daughter, Amy Gill*, was released from the hospital last weekend...Remember our expecting mother, *Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

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

**PICTURES:** Have you had your picture made? We continue to make and update photos of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Kathleen Wales* in the passing of her brother-in-law, *Johnny Bullington*, this past Thursday morning. The visitation will be 12:30 to 2:00 followed by the funeral at 2:00p.m. this afternoon at the Central church building. May the Lord bless this family at this time.

**VBS MEETING:** Today at 4:20 p.m. we will be meeting with everyone interested in the VBS this summer. This will be for teachers' and anyone who is interested in helping in others ways.

**SONG SERVICE:** Tonight will be the time for our regular scheduled song service. I hope that everyone will be able to be present.

**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:** *The Holts:* Larry & Shelia have been in Sevierville, Tennessee this week. *The Hamms:* Joel, Sharma, Clayton & Ragan are on vacation this week.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Danville Road church* in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speakers in this meeting will be: *Sunday morning – Justin Roberson; Sunday afternoon – Henderson May; Monday – Chris Webb; Tuesday – Brody Gill; Wednesday – Vance Dutton.*

**UKRAINE:** Continue to remember the people suffering in Ukraine as they deal with the terrible atrocities being inflicted upon them. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren there.

**AWAY FROM US:** Some of our people are away from home. Keep them in your prayers.

*Kenneth Adams* is in Auburn for school.  
*Keenon Currier* is stationed in Monterey, California.  
*Addison Holt* is in Birmingham for school.  
*Christian Usery* is in Birmingham for work.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	120
	Morning Worship .....	147
	Evening Worship .....	113
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	103



## Gospel Meeting

April 16-19, 2023

(Sunday through Wednesday)

### Schedule of Services

Sunday 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday through Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

Jeff May, Speaking

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## Men Privileged To Serve:

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader.....Hunter Cox  
 Prayer.....Larry Mitchell  
 Preaching.....David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding.....Larry Tucker  
 Assisting.....Stephen Lynn  
 Serving.....Charles Vaughn.....Marvin Putman  
 .....Roger Hammonds.....Harold Davis  
 Closing Prayer.....Clayton Hamm

### Evening Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader.....Stephen Lynn  
 Prayer.....Jerry Baker  
 Preaching.....Song Service  
 Lord's Supper.....Larry Tucker  
 Closing Prayer.....Christian Usery  
 Other Assignments for the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>:  
 Usher.....Heath Dollar/Danny Holt  
 Work Sound System.....Larry Holt

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader.....Tony Thomas  
 Bible Reading.....Harold Davis  
 .....(Acts 7:37-60)  
 Prayer.....Marcus Morris  
 Invitation.....David Cox  
 Closing Prayer.....Nathaniel Adams

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz  
 Song Leader.....Albert Haraway  
 Prayer.....Larry Tucker  
 Preaching.....David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding.....Joel Hamm  
 Assisting.....Larry Mitchell  
 Serving.....Heath Dollar.....Luke Vaughn  
 .....Matthew Vaughn.....Sam Gregory  
 Closing Prayer.....Keith Hinkle

### Evening Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz  
 Song Leader.....Tommy Burns  
 Prayer.....Larry Holt  
 Preaching.....David Cox  
 Lord's Supper.....Joel Hamm  
 Closing Prayer.....Landon Adams  
 Other Assignments for the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
 Usher.....Marvin Putman/Danny Johnson  
 Work Sound System.....Terry Andrews