

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

“Be Still and Know That I Am God”

David A. Cox

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” — (Psalm 46:10).

Our culture is so driven that having peace may seem to be unimaginable. People are so consumed with having what they desire that many cannot even think of what would be better for the other person. The news is filled with tragedy after tragedy of people inflicting their ways upon others. Jesus came to give peace to man, but men still continue to exert themselves constantly and produce many troubles in life that will not allow them to know peace. God, speaking through the Psalmist, tells us, “Cease striving and know that I am God.” Many may say, “I am not striving with God, I love Him and I am faithful to Him.” However, we struggle with God in many ways we do not think about. Let us notice four aspects of God in this Psalm we would do well to remember and to put our lives in sync with God and cease to strive with Him.

God is Our Protector (vs. 1-3). The Psalmist reminds us about three things of God’s protection:

- *God is our refuge* – the place of protection is with God.
 - *Strength* – the source of protection is from God, the Almighty.
 - *Present help in trouble* – the availability of rescue is always there for us.
- What a blessing; the people of God have to know that God is our protector, but we need to “Be still” to remember that God is there for us.

God is Our Provider – (vs. 4-5). We often get caught up in the desire to be self-sufficient. But we need to remember that every good thing we have comes from God (James 1:17). Jesus taught that we do not need to live our life striving after the things of life. God will provide the things we need (Matthew 6:19-34). Paul told the people in Athens it was in God that they “live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). We need to “Be still” and quit relying on our own strength and see that it is God who provides.

God is the Source of Power. People crave power and personal gain.

Everybody wants to call the shots. We thrive over power and what we can do with it. We need to stop and recognize our need for God's power. God is the source of power; in the creation, salvation, and resurrection of Christ. God is also the source of power that is working in us as we allow Him to rule our lives. In the battles we face against evil, God provides us with the weapons and protection we need to overcome (Ephesians 6:10-13). Let us see the true source of power that only comes from God.

God is the Peacemaker – (vs. 8-11). The Psalmist says, "He makes wars cease...He breaks the bow and cuts the spar in two" (Psalm 46:9). The only lasting peace to ever be known is the peace that comes God's way. The world is always looking for peace, but wars and violence continue. But when men come to stand still and come to know God, they will come to find true lasting peace.

Remember what God tells us "Be still and know that I am God." In doing that, we will see the protection, the providence, the source of power, and the peace that comes from God.



Comforting Those Who Suffer & Grieve

Allen Malone

"...The Father of compassion and the God of all comfort comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

A recent Bible class discussion focused on what we learn about suffering from the Old Testament book of Job. Prominent in the discussion were Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar. When these friends of Job are introduced to us at the end of chapter 2, they are model comforters, but later Job rightfully calls them "miserable comforters" (16:2).

As model comforters, they sat with Job, grieved with Job, and when they saw that Job's grief and suffering left him speechless, they were willing to just-be-present, sitting in silence for a whole week (Job 2:11-13). Unfortunately,

when they did speak, they forgot that what Job needed at that time was comfort. Instead, they assumed things about Job's past life, the causes of his suffering, and the activity of God that they could not know. This led to their becoming "miserable comforters," who were neither a blessing to Job nor a glory to God.

I'm guessing that all who read this want to excel at comforting those who suffer and grieve. Consequently, we worry about saying the wrong thing. That worry is bad if it keeps us from reaching out. It's good if it helps us avoid using trite phrases that may hurt more than help and may even be at odds with the truth of Scripture. "I know exactly how you feel" – really? "God just needed another angel" – is that how it works? "It was God's will" – is this more likely to encourage or discourage the person grieving the loss of a job, health or a loved one? Usually, the best thing to say is the simplest: "I'm sorry." "I'm praying for you." "I love you."

Preacher-blogger, Steve Higginbotham, gives the following helpful advice:

Give them your presence. Don't allow a person to suffer alone. Understand that you don't have to say anything. Just be there. A hug; an expression of sorrow; and a reaffirmation of your love for them is all that you need to say. Your presence is what will be remembered and treasured, not your words.

Don't stress over words. No words can fix the situation, so drop the burden of feeling you must think of the "perfect thing to say." There is no sage advice to offer at this moment that will make everything better.

Be there when the dust settles. We often inundate the grieving family with support during the immediate time of loss, but who is ministering to this family two months later? Determine to be the person who is ministering two months, four months, six months after the funeral.

Remember dates. Mark your calendar and make note of birthdays, anniversaries, and especially the anniversary date of the person's death. I assure you that the anniversary of a person's death will not be overlooked by their loved ones. Let the grieving know that others remember, too.

Do good. Don't simply offer to do good, actually do it. Sometimes we find ourselves saying, "If there's anything you need, just let me know." This offer, even if sincere, will rarely be acted upon. Instead, if you re-

ally want to offer help, say something like, "Would you rather me run to the store for some groceries, or do the dishes for you?" This wording is much more likely to allow you the opportunity to minister.

Follow these suggestions to be better equipped to comfort others with the comfort God has given you (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).your God with all your heart and soul and mind, this will be your pleasure.

~via *Lakeview Bulletin*; Hendersonville, Tennessee.



June 26-29, 2023

**Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

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| Brenda Eden | Betty Pepper |
| Jennifer Threet | Steve Stringer |
| Margaret Carter | Mitzi Carruth |
| Dale Adcock | Pat Nixon |
| James Adams | Phillip Vaughn |
| Dan Lovell | Helen Blankenship |
| Shirley Miller | Betty Lovell |
| Doris Lovell | Steve Stringer |

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

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| 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 |

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| Sadricia Wilson | Wynell Romine |
| Anthony Sutton | Jerry Lawrence |
| Barbara Piper | Henry Fusch |
| Liz Fusch | Kimberly Pressnell |
| Tim McGuire | |

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 | Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 |
| Brenda Wilson, rm. 77 | Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 |
| Connie Brock, rm. 62 | Auteen Campbell, rm. 96 |

Limestone Health Facility:

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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

Updates:

Frank Melton was able to be back at Bible study Wednesday night after his hospitalization for pneumonia... **Jeanette Weir** has been diagnosed with cancer and will require surgery. Her surgery is scheduled for April 21st at UAB Hosptial in Birmingham... **Dale Adcock** went to the doctor on Tuesday and was told that she would need to keep the cast on until it is in a boot and she will need to stay in. They told her that her surgery on her elbow would be in 4 to 6 weeks ...**Margaret Carter** had an infection from the medication she was taking following her surgery. The doctor changed her medication and she will return to the doctor this week...**Mary Stroud** is doing better after being sick for a few weeks...**Mitzi Carruth's** back surgery is scheduled for Monday, April 10th...**Doris McGuire's son, Tim McGuire**, received a good report this week on the treatments he is taking for his cancer ...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.

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."

OUTOFTOWN: The Holts: Danny & Debra have been in California on vacation this week... **Jonathan Traylor** is in California this week... **The Gregorys:** Sam, Taylor, Cara Blake & Weston were out of town last weekend and are back home... **The Hamms:** Joel, Sharma, Clayton & Ragan have been on vacation this week.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Helton Drive church** in Florence is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday. **Reagan McClenny** will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Eastside church** in Red Bay is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be **Larsen Plyler**.

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 26th:

Sunday: Bible Classes 125
Morning Worship 155
Evening Worship 115
Wednesday: Bible Classes 92



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

**MARKET STREET
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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 2nd:

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 2nd:
Usher Marvin Putman/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

Wednesday, April 5th:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading..... Griffin Holt
..... (Acts 8:1-13)
Prayer..... Clayton Hamm
Invitation..... Marty R. Adams
Closing Prayer Harold Ash

Sunday, April 9th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer..... Stephen Lynn
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Larry Tucker
Assisting Jerry Baker
Serving Danny Johnson..... Landon Adams
..... Griffin Holt..... Ronnie Locke
Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Tony Thomas
Prayer..... Terry Andrews
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer Rofger Hammonds
Other Assignments for the week of April 9th:
Usher Hayden Pierce/Keith Hinkle
Work Sound System..... Russ Wulfekuhl