

MARKET STREET



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

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How David Handled The Worst of Times

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"How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? — (Psalm 13:1-2).

It is often said, "Time flies when you are having fun." How that is reversed when times are difficult. When the trials of life come, life seems to move in slow motion, and we wonder if it will ever change. As David pens Psalm 13, he repeatedly asks, "How long?" David is at a point where he wonders if he has been forgotten. Everyone can certainly relate to this at times. However, when David finds himself in deep anguish, he calls out to the Lord. Why does David do this if God has forgotten him? David has faith that even in the worst circumstances, he knows God is there and loves him. Let us notice this in the psalm.

David Pours Out His Heart In Prayer

The first thing David does is call upon the Lord in prayer. In this psalm, David is making a petition to the Lord about the things he is enduring. How much we need to see the value of the relationship between David and the Lord. David calls out to the Lord to "Consider and hear me" (Psalm 13:3). It is reassuring that even amidst the heartbreaks and disappointments in this life, we have a God who wants to hear from us (1 Peter 5:7). David's relationship with God gave him an assurance that God would listen to, or hear him. David asked God to "enlighten my eyes." David's request was to see things the way God sees them. We often may not understand why we suffer the things we do, but may we ask the Lord to see things the way He sees them. David desires this understanding so that he will not fall prey to the enemies' appeal to draw him away from the Lord.

Hope For Tomorrow

In all the difficulties David is facing, he still has hope. David proclaims, "But I have trusted in Your mercy" (Psalm 13:5). David has put his trust in the unfailing mercy of God. God is forever loving His people.

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

Psalm 146:8 says, "The Lord loves the righteous." What a wondrous thought that David could remind himself about God's great love and mercy that never fails. In the best of times, and especially in the worst of times. Because of this great mercy and love, David would say, "My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me" (Psalm 13:5b-6). David expresses the truth that even in times of great trial, there is hope and rejoicing. In Romans 8:35-39, Paul makes the same point. In all the trials, hardships, and persecutions the first-century Christians suffered, Paul says, "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37). Why is this the case? Because nothing will separate us from the love of God.

As we see in David, let us learn the value of an unyielding faith. May we learn the value of our faith in the best of times but even more in the worst of times. May we always remember to look to the Lord from where we get our strength in every circumstance in life.



The Desperate Need for Love

Mark McCrary

The world is in desperate need of love. A lack of love and compassion is at the very heart of most of the problems plaguing us today—war, racism, mass shootings... the list goes on and on. In a time where there seems to be so much division, hatred, and fear, it is more important than ever to embrace love as the answer to our problems. The Bible tells us that love is not only important, but it is also essential to our well-being as individuals, as a church, and as a society.

In 1 John 4:8, the Bible tells us that "God is love." Love is not just something God does; it is who He is. It is the very essence of His nature. The Bible also tells us we are made in His image (Genesis 1:26). That entails many things, but certainly that we need to reflect Him to the world around us. Therefore, if He is love, we must be love as well; we need to love as He loves. Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandment is to love God with

all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40). In John 13:34-35, He tells us, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love has the power to overcome hate, to heal wounds, and to bring people together. When we love others, we are showing them the same grace and mercy that God has shown us. We are breaking down the barriers that divide us and building bridges of understanding and compassion. Love allows us to see people for who they are, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, or background.

In 1 Corinthians 13, often referred to as the "love chapter," the Bible describes what love looks like in action. "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

This kind of love is what we need more of in our world today. And beloved, it is our duty as Christians to model it. Our families, friends, and coworkers need to see this love alive in us.

Am I showing this kind of love? To people who make me angry? To sinners? Let's ask God to help us accept the words of the apostle John while examining our hearts: "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

The world needs love right now because love has the power to transform lives and bring about positive change. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to love others as He loves us. We need to be agents of love, showing kindness, compassion, and understanding to those around us. If we all choose to love one another, we can make a difference in our world and bring hope to those who need it most.

~via *Growing In Godliness*; Louisville, Kentucky.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

Entrusted To Men

Scott Beyer

“But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.” (John 2:24-25)

There is a distinct difference between forgiveness and trust. Jesus loves all men, but that doesn't mean that He trusts all men. There will be people in your life who you love... but can't trust. You can even forgive them, but that doesn't mean you won't have to put up healthy boundaries. That is one lesson from this passage in John.

Here is the other one – Jesus already knows your junk. He knows your tendencies toward selfishness and rationalization. He knows that you will let Him down and that the kind of person you want to be will sometimes fail to show up. He knows your sin, and He still came to die for you. Remember that.

~via *Bible Bites*; Louisville, Kentucky

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Paul Adcock	Jeanette Weir
Jennifer Threet	Steve Stringer
Pat Nixon	Joyce McGlocklin
James Adams	Dan Lovell
Helen Blankenship	Shirley Miller
Doris Lovell	John Harbin
John Lovell	Richard Wulfekuhl

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Harvey Nixon	Sharon Nave
Priscilla Tucker	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Nikki Ogles	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	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 Auteen Campbell, rm. 96

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:

Frank Melton; Madison Hospital, rm. 506
Wynell Romine; North Ala. Medical Ctr. – Florence
Ruby Jones; U. of Cincinnati Hosp. – Cincinnati, Ohio

Updates:

Paul Adcock is going to the doctor for his prostate cancer... **Dwaine Alfrey** is now at home following his rehabilitation... **Ronnie Locke** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Tuesday in Decatur... **Barb Ash** had her second eye surgery for cataracts on Thursday... **Frank Melton** continues in the Madison Hospital, but will going to Chattanooga, Tennessee for rehab... **Jeanette Weir** continues her recovery at home. She is scheduled for a follow-up appointment at Kirklin Clinic in Birmingham on Tuesday... **Joyce McGlocklin's sister, Wynell Romine**, continues in the North Alabama Medical Center with pneumonia... **Doris McGuire's son, Tim McGuire**, has some infection that has developed around the feeding tube. They are treating him for that infection... 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 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.

HONORING GRADUATES: Congratulations to

our two graduating seniors this year: **Ragan Hamm** and **Haven Townsend**. Ragan is graduating from *Athens Bible School* on Tuesday night, May 23rd. Haven graduated from *Athens High School* on Thursday night, May 18th. Ragan's graduation party will be held on Sunday, May 28th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at *Lake Ida*. Haven's graduation party will be held at *Deer Trail Club House* this afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend both parties and help these young ladies celebrate this special time. Both of these young ladies have graduation invitations on the bulletin board in the front foyer.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Keenons: Kevyn & Mary Glenna* are in California with Keenon this week... *Keenon Currier* left yesterday returning to California after being here this past week... *Larry Holt* is in Maggie Valley, North Carolina this weekend... *Sheila Holt* is in San Diego, California this week with her work... *Jennifer Threet* has been at the Gulf coast this past week... *The Werkas: Bob and Gina* have been at Orange Beach this past week... *The Snells: Larry and Louise* were in Memphis this past week.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of May 14th:*
 Sunday: Bible Classes 126
 Morning Worship 165
 Evening Worship 123
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 101



Speakers for the Week In the Auditorium Adult Class:

- Monday 10:00 a.m. – Frank Himmel
- Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – Clay Gentry
- Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – Greg Chandler
- Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Daniel Tucker
- Thursday 10:00 a.m. – Jeff Henderson

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
 514 West Market Street
 Athens, Alabama

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Stephen Lynn
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Hunter Cox
 Assisting Albert Haraway
 Serving Griffin Holt..... Landon Adams
 Danny Johnson..... Sam Gregory
 Closing Prayer Hayden Pierce

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Stephen Lynn
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Marcus Morris
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Hunter Cox
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed
 Other Assignments for the week of May 21st:
 Usher Danny Holt/Tommy Coblentz
 Work Sound System..... Russ Wulfekuhl

Wednesday, May 24th:

Song Leader Griffin Holt
 Bible Reading Bob Broadus
 (Acts 10:1-16)
 Prayer..... Clayton Hamm
 Invitation Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Sunday, May 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Jerry Baker
 Assisting Joel Hamm
 Serving Matthew Usery..... Hayden Pierce
 Harold Davis Heath Dollar
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Larry Snell
 Preaching..... Song Service
 Lord's Supper Jerry Baker
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns
 Other Assignments for the week of May 28st:
 Usher Danny Johnson/Keith Hinkle
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt