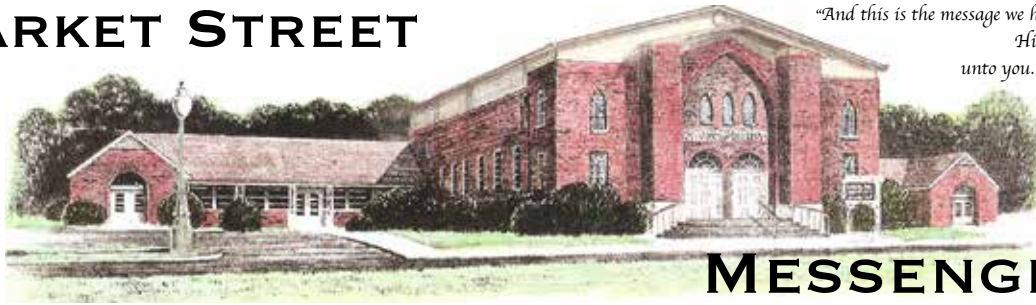


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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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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How Is Man Saved?

David A. Cox

"There is none righteous, no not one" — (Romans 3:10)

Paul declares that no one is righteous in themselves. In Romans 6:23, Paul says, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." These verses show that man is guilty of sin and separated from God. However, God does desire for anyone to be lost. Peter writes, "The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). God's desire for man to be saved motivated Him to send His son to earth to "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Let us look now at what the Bible teaches about the salvation of man.

Man is saved by the grace of God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). Man is undeserving to have such a gift, but God so loved us that He provided a way that man can be saved. As we read in Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Man is saved by the blood of Christ. "Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption" (Hebrews 9:12). In Revelation 1:5, "and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood." Christ was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He willingly gave His life and shed His blood so we can be cleansed from our sins (John 10:17, 18; 1 John 1:9).

Man is saved by the preaching of the gospel. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew first, and also for the Greek" (Romans 1:16). "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, and in which you stand, by which also you are saved..." (1 Corinthians 15:1-2).

Man is saved by faith. Christ speaking says, "...for if you do not be-

lieve that I am He, you will die in your sins” (John 8:24). The writer of Hebrews gives importance to the subject of faith and writes, “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). No one can doubt the essentiality of faith if one is to be pleasing to God.

Man is saved by works. “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12). Paul does not mean a man can merit his salvation, but there are works of obedience that man must do. When one *hears* and believes God’s word, he is to *repent* of his sins. Repentance is commanded for salvation, “Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). After the change of heart comes, man is to *confess* his faith. We see this in Acts 8:37 at the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch and also when Paul told the Romans, “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:10). The believer is to be *baptized* for man to be forgiven of his sins (Acts 2:38). We see this in Peter’s statement in Acts 2 and in Peter’s first epistle when he states that baptism now saves us (3:21). After obeying the gospel, those in Christ are to *live faithful* lives in service to Him. Therefore, man is not saved by works of merit that he might boast, but works are necessary to show our faith is alive (James 2:24-26).

May we see the need for our salvation and the urgency to respond to obey God. Remember, as Paul exhorted, “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).



Monthly Communion for June

Communion Bread — Lisa Wulfekuhl
Communion Cups — Danny Holt

Saul and Ananias

Randy Harshbarger

“Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision. “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord” (Acts 9:10). While we recognize Saul’s intense hatred for the followers of Jesus, his complete devotion to what he believed was right, and his evident sincerity and good conscience, still he lacked what the Lord was offering — salvation through the blood of Christ. Fasting and praying might indicate a change of direction, but still, Saul needed to come in contact with the Lord’s will for his life.

The book of Acts indicates that when someone needed to hear gospel, the gospel was presented to that person by a “preacher.” The gospel is communicated by a messenger. “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:15). Ananias is summoned. Ananias, at first, was reluctant to go to Saul. “Brother Saul,” a common greeting, was not a statement about Saul’s spiritual condition, yea or nay. Saul could not see; maybe Ananias wanted to convey warmth and good will to this blind persecutor. This meeting resulted in the scales falling from Saul’s eyes and his baptism (presumably by Ananias). Only then did Saul eat some food.

“Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Then all who heard were amazed and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?” (Acts 9:19-21). While the Christians in Damascus were naturally skeptical about the change in Saul, it is clear that he was soon accepted into the fellowship of believers.

When Saul obeyed the gospel, he was added to the Lord’s church (Acts 2:47.) His relationship to Christ changed. No longer was Saul a persecutor; now as he preached Christ, he was often persecuted for this radical change. Saul immediately began doing what the Lord wanted him to do; he preached that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, the Christ of God. He argued about who Jesus was; he appealed to the Old Testament in support of his preaching; he increased in strength and courage. Imagine the surprise of the

authorities in the synagogues – those who had granted him approval to kill Christians – as Saul now worked with the followers of Christ.

Following Jesus always comes with a price. “But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket” (Acts 9:24-25). Saul openly traveled the road to Damascus, pursuing Jesus’ disciples. Now, he leaves Damascus under the cover of night in order to escape with his life. Paul wrote to Timothy: “All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution” (2 Timothy 3:12). Paul wrote to the Philippians: “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21). Are you on the Damascus Road?

~via *Stallings’ Drive church of Christ*, Nacogdoches, Texas.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

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| Angie Hinkle | Bonnie Morris |
| Doris Fisher | Barb Ash |
| Ronnie Locke | Paul Adcock |
| Jeanette Weir | Steve Stringer |
| Pat Nixon | James Adams |
| Dan Lovell | Helen Blankenship |
| Shirley Miller | Doris Lovell |

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

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| 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 | Wynell Romine |

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:

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; Lifecare Center — Ooltewah, rm. 116
Sheridan Goodwin; St. Louis, Missouri

Updates:

Ronnie Locke is doing better now in his recovery from his knee surgery a couple of weeks ago... **Angie Hinkle** has been sick with pneumonia and continues to recover... **Frank Melton** continues his rehab at Lifecare Center of Ooltewah in Ooltewah, Tennessee... **Jeanette Weir** continues her recovery at home... **Meredith Parks’ aunt, Sheirdan Goodwin**, fell and broke her hip on Tuesday. She had a fairly extensive surgery to repair it. She is recovering and doing rehabilitation... 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.

BAPTISM: We are rejoicing this week over the baptism of **Larry Farris**. Larry has been studying about baptism and decided that he needed to to be baptized for the remission of sins. He was baptized about 12:30 Wednesday afternoon. We wish Larry a long and fruitful life as a child of God.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Larry Tucker** and *all the family* in the passing of Larry’s cousin, **Katie Motter**. Katie passed away on May 28th. The memorial for Katie was yesterday at the Limestone Chapel Funeral home.

GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS: The *Eastside church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday night. The speaker in this meeting is **Greg Chandler**...The *Oneal church* will begin their Vacation Bible School on Monday evening and it will continue through Friday evening...The *College View*

church in Florence will be having their lectureship this week through Wednesday. There will be morning and evening sessions. *Josh Creel, Lawrence Kelly and David Maxson* will be the speakers in the lectures...The *Elgin Hills church* in Elgin is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in the meeting is *Jerry King*.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Broadus': Bob & Phyllis* were in Texas and New Mexico for a family reunion this past week...*Allison Usery* has been out town with a work conference this week...*The Tuckers: Larry & Theresa* have been in Kansas City, Kansas to see *James Henry Ramiez Tucker*, their new grandson.

GRENADA TRIP: Kerry and I returned home on Sunday, June 4th, from our trip to St. George's, Grenada. We arrived back in Nashville at 1:00 a.m. We visited with *Tyler, Lindsey and the brethren* at the *Jackson Heights church* in Columbia, Tennessee. I will plan to give my report on the work we did with the *Archibald Avenue church* in Grenada this evening. The evening service will not be live-streamed tonight.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of June 4th:*

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| Sunday: | Bible Classes | 110 |
| | Morning Worship | 130 |
| | Evening Worship | 101 |
| Wednesday: | Bible Classes | 83 |



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
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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 11th:

Morning Worship

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| Announcements..... | Marcus Morris |
| Song Leader | Larry Holt |
| Prayer..... | Kenneth Smith |
| Preaching..... | David Cox |
| Lord's Supper | |
| Presiding..... | Larry Tucker |
| Assisting | Christian Usery |
| Serving | Nathaniel Adams... Landon Adams |
| | Hayden Pierce |
| Closing Prayer | Sam Gregory |
| | Harold Ash |

Evening Worship

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| Announcements..... | Marcus Morris |
| Song Leader | Griffin Holt |
| Prayer..... | Joel Hamm |
| Preaching..... | David Cox |
| Lord's Supper | Larry Tucker |
| Closing Prayer | Roger Hammonds |
| Other Assignments for the week of June 11 th : | |
| Usher | Danny Johnson/Tommy Coblentz |
| Work Sound System..... | Russ Wulfekuhl |

Wednesday, June 14th:

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| Song Leader | Bob Broadus |
| Bible Reading | Clayton Hamm |
| | (Acts 10:34-48) |
| Prayer..... | Marcus Morris |
| Invitation..... | Larry Tucker |
| Closing Prayer | Danny Holt |

Sunday, June 18th:

Morning Worship

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| Announcements..... | Tommy Coblentz |
| Song Leader | Albert Haraway |
| Prayer..... | Larry Mitchell |
| Preaching..... | Hunter Cox |
| Lord's Supper | |
| Presiding..... | Stephen Lynn |
| Assisting | Harold Ash |
| Serving | Heath Dollar |
| | Matthew Vaughn |
| | Ronnie Locke ... |
| Closing Prayer | Roger Hammonds |
| | Dan Reed |

Evening Worship

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| Announcements..... | Tommy Coblentz |
| Song Leader | Clayton Hamm |
| Prayer..... | Larry Tucker |
| Preaching..... | Nathaniel Adams |
| Lord's Supper | Stephen Lynn |
| Closing Prayer | Bob Broadus |
| Other Assignments for the week of June 18 th : | |
| Usher | Larry Mitchell/Danny Johnson |
| Work Sound System..... | Larry Holt |