

MARKET STREET



"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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The Grace of God and Faith

David A. Cox

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men." (Titus 2:11)

Paul writes to Titus about the grace of God. The concept of God's grace is familiar to almost all religious people. Every student of the scriptures will agree that man's salvation is by grace. However, there are many varied ideas about how the grace of God saves man. What does the Bible teach about the grace of God and salvation?

Grace As Seen In Scripture.

Genesis 6:8 says, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." As we think of the grace of God and Noah, we must understand that this grace was the favor of God extended toward Noah without merit. It was unmerited favor God extended in a day and time in which there was nothing about humanity worthy of God's grace. Noah had not done anything to deserve or merit God's favor or goodness toward him. Still, God could and did regard Noah with goodness because of his righteousness. We learn in this example of Noah that God extended grace to Noah, and Noah responded to the grace offered with obedience. These two aspects can be seen by what the Hebrew writer said, "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his household..." (Hebrews 11:7). The Hebrew writer says, that Noah "moved with godly fear." What was it that Noah "moved" to do? He was moved to act by faith and obey God's commands (Genesis 6:14-22). As a result of Noah's obedience, he and all of his household were saved from the flood's destruction. The instructions given to Noah included:

- The kind of wood.
- The size of the ark.
- The location of the one window and the one door.

Surely, no one would say that Noah's faithfulness to the commands of God had nothing to do with his salvation from the flood. It is stated that Noah's salvation from the flood directly resulted from God's grace

being extended to Noah. Noah would not have been saved from the flood if Noah had not obeyed God.

The Two Aspects of Grace and Faith.

Paul taught the same thing in Ephesians when he wrote, "For by grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Here again, we see the two aspects:

1. That salvation is a gift of God; it is favor extended to man from God that is not earned or merited. Grace is a gift.
2. Salvation comes by or through our faith. God's grace appears to man, then when one, by faith, obeys God's commandments, he receives the desired gift.

The Bible has many examples of grace and faith bringing about a desired gift. Examples include Naaman, the leper, who was instructed to go and wash in the river Jordan to be cleansed (2 Kings 5). Again, when the children of Israel were bitten by the fiery serpents and were told to look upon the serpent of brass to be healed and not die (Numbers 21).

Paul told Titus that the grace of God has appeared to all men to save them from their sins. All are invited to receive this grace and be saved, but it is only accomplished through obedience when one complies with the conditions God has given to receive forgiveness and salvation. We must believe (John 3:36), repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38), confess Christ (Romans 10:9; Acts 8:37), and be baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16). Truly, salvation is not of self; it is from God. We must look to the word of God and obey all the commands God has told us to do. Then, we will be "saved by grace through faith."

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.

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**MARKET STREET
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Things Just Happen In Life

Stacy Crim

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 *"I returned and saw under the sun that—The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all. For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare, So the sons of men are snared in an evil time, When it falls suddenly upon them."*

Things just happen in life. "Time and chance happens" to us all. We often say "he was just in the wrong place at the wrong time." Sometimes what happens unexpectedly happens at a convenient time. Recently I had an unexpected and sudden blowout on a trailer tire. It was on a two lane road with no shoulder for miles. The tire happened to blow just as I was passing by a convenient store. Sometimes however things do not work out quiet that well, like the time I suddenly and rather quickly had my foot slip off the edge of the sidewalk. I was sore for weeks.

The fastest runner as Solomon points out does not always win. The fastest runner may be disqualified for a false start. He mentions a weaker opponent who wins the battle perhaps by a well calculated maneuver. Men do become wealthy by chance; perhaps a valuable discovery in the backyard. Yes, things happen and time and chance happens to us all.

The same is true about the day of our death. It is an unknown day but it is a certain day. (Hebrews 9:27) Solomon describes that day as a fish swimming along but is suddenly caught in a net and soon ending up on someone's plate. So a man's life can end quickly by time and chance.

Solomon also mentions a time when men find themselves in an evil time that has suddenly fallen upon them. How relevant that is today. Evil has come upon us rather quickly over the last few years. History repeats itself obviously because Solomon warned us about this.

While we do not know when something might happen by time or chance, we can know that things just happen and we can learn how to deal with them as

they come along because we know they will come along. This is a reason to love the Scriptures even more. The Scriptures tell us these truths so we can know some things just happen.

While preparing for our own death, another certain event may supersede it. The Lord may return and judgment day will arrive. We are to be ready and prepared not knowing when that day will come.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only." Matthew 24:36

"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thesalonians 5:1-4

Yes things just happen, but we also know they will just happen so be ready for the time and chance happenings of life and be ready for the certain things with an unknown day or hour.

~via *The Tri-Cities Edifier*; Muscle Shoals, Alabama

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Frank Melton	Bonnie Sutton
Jeanette Weir	Steve Stringer
Pat Nixon	Dan Lovell
Helen Blankenship	Shirley Miller
Doris Lovell	Virginia Lovell

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Priscilla Tucker	Sharon Nave
Harvey Nixon	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:

Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Auteen Campbell, rm. 96
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
 Mildred Lambert; Unity Care, Huntsville
 Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee
 Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens
 William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

Updates:

Priscilla Tucker is scheduled to go this Thursday to have a petscan done. She would like for all to pray that her medicines are continuing to work and that she will get a good report from the scan... *Paul Adcock* will go back to the doctor on August 1st and have biopsies done and determine from the biopsies what type of treatments he will be taking for his prostate cancer ... *Sharon Nave* received a good report from her tests and is cancer free. She will continue therapy for lymphodema. Sharon will be having surgery for two hernias in the coming weeks. She will go to the surgeon on July 24th... *Joyce McGlocklin's sister, Wynell Romine*, is at home after going briefly to the Florence Nursing & Rehabilitation... *Meredith Parks' aunt, Sheridan Goodwin* was dealing with severe stomach issues. They discovered a hole in her intestines and was taken to have emergency surgery on Monday... *Jeanette Weir* continues her recovery at home... Remember our expecting mothers, *Laura Adams & Lynsey Adams*, in your prayers.

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 meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30. They are studying on "Preparing To Teach My Neighbor."

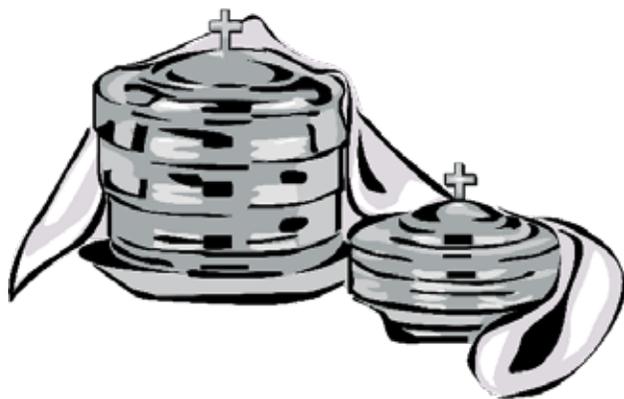
GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS: The *Anderson church* in Anderson begins a VBS today and it will continue through Thursday morning. The speaker in the adult class will be *Matt Oglesby*. The *Danville Road church* began a VBS/Meeting yesterday morning a meeting and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in the adult class will be *Grady Huggins*. The *Belgreen church* in Belgreen is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Stan Adams*.

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.

OUT OF TOWN: The Snells: *Larry & Louise* are in Memphis, Tennessee this weekend... *Sheila Holt* is continuing her trip to Iceland this week... *Griffin Holt* is settled in at Dothan for the school year at the *Alabama College for Osteopathic Medicine*.

THE RECORD: Attendance the week of July 16th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	114
	Morning Worship	135
	Evening Worship	114
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	102



Communion Preparation for July

Communion Bread — Kerry Cox
Communion Cups — Russ Wulfekuhl

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Larry Snell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting	Harold Ash
Serving	Heath Dollar
	Charles Vaughn
	Matthew Usery.....
	Luke Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Larry Tucker

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer	Jerry Baker
Other Assignments for the week of July 16 th :	
Usher	Danny Johnson/Marcus Morris
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, July 19th:

Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Bible Reading.....	Danny Johnson
	(Acts 13:1-12)
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Invitation.....	Sean Cavender
Closing Prayer	Hunter Cox

Sunday, July 23rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Larry Mitchell
Serving	Landon Adams
	Hayden Pierce
	Christian Usery
	Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt
Other Assignments for the week of July 23 rd :	
Usher	Danny Johnson/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl