

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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The Troubled Hearts of Life

David A. Cox

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." – (John 14:1-3).

The night before Jesus is crucified, He instructs His disciples for their troubled hearts. Imagine the life you always lived and how you had always seen things were going to be changed dramatically. It is precisely the coming change that is causing the disciples' hearts to be troubled. Jesus tells His disciples how to calm their troubled hearts. Let's consider Jesus' instruction to them.

The Fact of Troubled Hearts. Jesus recognizes the reality of troubled hearts. Job long ago wrote, "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job. 14:1). It is a fact troubled hearts are a reality. Troubled hearts are universal. Trouble and sorrow are often buried beneath smiles and temporary happiness of earthly splendor. Jesus had lived 33 years, and He understood trouble and sorrow in life. He had experienced friends who had disappointed Him, who were sick and died. Trouble is real, but it is not because of God but because of Satan and sin.

Jesus' Attitude Toward Troubled Hearts. Jesus never shunned others in times of trouble. In Matthew 14, the disciples are in a boat crossing the sea when a terrible storm causes fear and distress for the disciples. Jesus came to His disciples walking on the water. When Jesus got in the boat, the wind ceased, and those in the boat recognized Jesus' power to calm the storm. We see Jesus again sharing in the sorrows of men. In Matthew 9, a ruler came to Jesus asking him to go to his house where his daughter had just died. "So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples" (Matthew 9:19). In John 11, Jesus' good friend Lazarus is dead, and Jesus makes His way to be with the grieving family and to sympathize with them (John 11:16-35). Jesus shared in the trouble of

men and understood the need to comfort them. Let us learn not to shun people in trouble but to help them as much as we can. Why? Because trouble is real, and all must deal with it.

Jesus' Remedy for the Troubled Heart. The remedy Jesus gives His disciples is:

1. **Believe.** Our faith is the first thing Jesus mentions in dealing with troubled hearts—our faith in God, who desires the best for us. God so loved us that Jesus came to save us from our sins (John 3:16). Peter tells us that “the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open to our prayers” (1 Peter 3:12). Remember God is our creator and can “do exceedingly, abundantly above all that you may ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). Let us draw power in troubled times from our faith in God.
2. **Hope for the Future.** Jesus declares that His going away is temporary so He can prepare a place for us in His Father’s mansion. The word “mansion” is translated from a word that means “to abide.” At this time, the disciples are troubled that Jesus is leaving them. Often, trouble comes in times of separation. Jesus reminds us that a remedy for trouble is our hope of having an abiding place in the Father’s house. No more separation. No more sorrow. No more pain. What a great thought to keep our minds focused on the hope for the future.

In this life, we will suffer trouble, but may we help our troubled hearts by remembering these words given to Jesus’ disciples.

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Those Old Testament Stories

Frank Himmel

Is the Old Testament less accurate than the New?

It isn't uncommon to find people who say they believe the latter but have trouble accepting some of the Old Testament stories. Theologians and seminary professors often head the list!

While we might address this matter in several ways,

consider just one question: What did Jesus think? In view of His claim to be the embodiment of truth (Jn. 14:6), His testimony regarding any questionable account is decisive.

No stories from the Old Testament have come under more attack than the accounts of creation, the flood, and Jonah. Many dismiss these as folklore or myths. Interestingly, Jesus had occasion to refer to all three. Each time He plainly regarded them as history.

The history of creation is the basis of Jesus' teaching on marriage and divorce. He pointed out that from the beginning of creation, God made male and female and joined the two in a permanent union; therefore, divorce is wrong (Mark 10:1-12). What kind of position would this be if it were based on folklore?

Jesus used the flood to teach us about His second coming. Just as the suddenness of the flood took Noah's generation by surprise, so Jesus' return will catch many off guard (Matthew 25:37-39). “Therefore, be on the alert...” (v. 42). Could Jesus expect people to take His coming seriously if He likened it to a myth?

When the skeptics asked Jesus for a sign, He replied, “No sign shall be given but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” (Matthew 12:39-40). The resurrection was the ultimate proof on which Jesus based His claims. Surely He would not have compromised its validity by paralleling it to some legend!

It was of the Old Testament that Jesus affirmed, “The Scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35). We may not understand just how some of its events transpired, but we may have every confidence they did.

~via *Cy-fair Family News & Notes*; Cypress, Texas.



Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

Learning To Worship God

Gary Henry

"Thus, I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate On You in the night watches." – Psalm 63:4-6

If we are seeing God, we will want to reach the point at which we honestly enjoy the worship of God. Making the choice to engage in worship on set occasions is wise of course, and as far as Christians worshiping together is concerned, the New Testament certainly shows that the earliest followers of the Lord did that every week (Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25). To be spiritually mature, however, is not only to engage in acts of worship regularly but also to have the kind of character that delights in doing so, even when there is no special occasion.

The true joy of worship is a joy that must be learned. No doubt, there are people who find it easy to enjoy some of the superficial aspects of worship, but most of us will find that worship is an acquired taste. The regrettable modern tendency to turn worship into something that is naturally enjoyable, and even entertaining, should not blind us to the fact that true worship is the spiritual adoration of God, a thing that does not come naturally to carnally-minded people. We will not enjoy worship as God wants us to enjoy it until we have come around to His way of thinking.

As the above selection from Psalm 63 shows, David was a man whose highest happiness was the worship of God: "My mouth shall praise You with the joyful lips." It's unlikely that David's arm had to be twisted to get him to the tabernacle at the various times prescribed in the Law of Moses. But those special times at the tabernacle would have meant so much to David because of what happened in his life every day and every night: "When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches." – and then we also will enjoy the exaltation of special worship.

"We — or at least I — shall not be able to adore God on the highest occasions if we have learned no habit of doing so on the lowest. At best, our faith and reason will tell us that He is adorable, but we shall not have found Him so, not have 'tasted and seen.'" — C.S. Lewis.

~via *Eastside Church Bulletin*, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Patricia Abernathy	Pat Nixon
Paul Adcock	Dale Adcock
Jeanette Weir	Steve Stringer
Shirley Miller	Amy Gill
Larsen Plyler	Lance McGuire

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Paul Adcock	Doris Lovell
Priscilla Tucker	Sharon Nave
Harvey Nixon	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Nikki Ogles	Wynell Romine
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Lloyd Adams	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Wynell Romine
Anthony Sutton	Jerry Lawrence
Henry Fusch	Liz Fusch
Kimberly Pressnell	Tim McGuire
Monica Nelson	

Updates:

Danny Johnson has been diagnosed with stage three kidney disease ... **Paul Adcock** was able to take his treatment on Friday ... **Patricia Abernathy** is scheduled to return to the doctor next Monday, October 23rd... **Sue Thomas' daughter, Amy Gill**, was taken to St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville but was released and is at home... **Sharon Nave** heard from her doctors in Birmingham on Wednesday and are evaluating her records and will be in touch her ... Remember our expecting mother, **Lynsey Adams**, in your prayers.

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

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

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	Ann Bush, rm. 75
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Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home	
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville	
Barbara Carter; Goldton at Athens	
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville	
Irene Inman; at home	
Lona Jackson; Vitality Living Upland Park, Huntsville	
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee	
Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens	

William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30. They are studying "*Preparing To Teach My Neighbor.*"

CARD WRITING: There is a card writing group that meets regularly to write and mail cards to people for appreciation and encouragement. The group will meet next Monday morning, October 23rd, at 10:30. If you would like to participate, join them next Monday morning.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Somerville Road church* is beginning a gospel meeting today, and it continues through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *David Cox*...The *Westview church* in Hartselle is beginning a gospel meeting this week through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Greg Gwin*...The *Hickory Heights church* in Lewisburg, Tennessee is beginning a gospel meeting this week through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *David Thomley*...The *Jackson Drive church* is beginning a gospel meeting this week through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Greg Chandler*.

OUT OFTOWN: *Wanda Nave* & *Danny Johnson* are in Lynchburg, Virginia this week...**The Bradleys:** *Steve and Marilyn* are back home after being out town...**The Gregories:** *Sam, Taylor, Cara Blake & Weston* are back home after being at the Gulf last weekend...**David Cox** is beginning a meeting with the Somerville Road church today.

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.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of October 8th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	126
	Morning Worship.....	146
	Evening Worship.....	116
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	88



Communion Preparation for October

Communion Bread — Peggy Smith
Communion Cups — Joel Hamm

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 15th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	Joel Hamm
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Albert Haraway
Assisting.....	Stephen Lynn
Serving	Ronnie Locke Christian Usery
	Matthew Vaughn.... Landon Adams
Closing Prayer	Larry Tucker

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	John Gibson
Lord's Supper	Albert Haraway
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell
Other Assignments for the week of October 15 th :	
Usher	Keith Hinkle/Tommy Coblenz
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, October 18th:

Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Bible Reading	Hunter Cox (Acts 17:1-15)
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Invitation.....	Larry Snell
Closing Prayer	Bob Broadus

Sunday, October 22nd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting.....	Harold Ash
Serving	Jerry Baker..... Sam Gregory
	Nathaniel Adams..... Harold Davis
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Hayden Pierce
Other Assignments for the week of October 22 nd :	
Usher	Roger Hammonds/Matthew Usery
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl