

MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

Market Street church of Christ

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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 Salvation of the Corinthians

David A. Cox

"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).

By the inspiration of God, Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and spoke of the Corinthians being saved. By looking at the scriptures, one can see how the Corinthians were saved, and what we must do to be saved.

The Conversion of the Corinthians

When Paul first came to Corinth, what did he preach, and what was done to save the Corinthians? In Acts 18, when Paul first came to the city of Corinth he "testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ" (Acts 18:5). What this involved is answered by Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth.

1. It involved his preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2).
2. It included preaching to convict men that Jesus was the Christ "according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. It convicted men of their sins and caused them to repent and change from the former sinful life to a life the Lord requires (1 Corinthians 6:11).

Luke, in the historical account of Acts concerning the conversion of the Corinthians, wrote, "Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized" (Acts 18:8). Notice three things involved on the part of the people of Corinth:

1. They heard the word that Paul preached, the gospel.
2. They believed that Paul was indeed preaching the truth of the gospel.
3. Based on their hearing and conviction of the truth that Paul had taught them, they were baptized in obedience to the preaching of the gospel to wash away their sins so that they would be cleansed

from their sin, sanctified, and justified.

The Corinthians were saved as they heard the gospel preached, believed it, and obeyed the Lord. In doing so, they were cleansed, sanctified, and justified, and we can do the same too. God's plan is simple and open to all willing to receive it.



Jesus Increased in Favor with Men

Paul Earnhart

The Bible says very little about the early childhood of Jesus. It does inform us in Luke 2:52 that He increased in favor with man. This tells us that Jesus was the kind of child that adults admired. Every parent desires to have such a child.

How did Jesus grow in favor with good men. Certainly not by being a smart-alecky spoiled little brat. No adult likes to be around that kind of child. Rather, as we are told in the other parts of this verse, Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God. Good people admire that. In addition, they appreciate children who are respectful of adults, obedient to their parents, careful with property and considerate in their relations with other children. Growing in favor with God would require all of this, and what we see of Jesus in His teen years (and later) clearly indicates that this was the kind of child he was.

If you are a child, let me remind you that if you want to be like Jesus, this is the kind of boy or girl you must be. It is not time yet for you to be travelling over the country preaching as Jesus did. But it is time for you to be applying yourself to getting a good education, to developing a strong body and to being right with God. One way to determine whether you are succeeding in this is to watch how good adults feel about you. If they admire you and speak of you as a good child, then you must be doing as you should. If they dread being around you and clearly do not like you, then you probably need to make some changes in your behavior and attitude to

be like Jesus.

If you are a parent, let me remind you that you are responsible for the development of your child. If your child is a terror to others, you need to be making some changes in your method of handling the child. As the child grows older, the problems will only increase. Perhaps you should begin with yourself. Disciplined children must have disciplined parents...it's the only way..

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



Struggle

Terry Francis

The verb struggle is defined as “to proceed with difficulty or with great effort.” The noun struggle is defined as “an act of strong motivated striving.” That’s a good description of life—or at least my life. We spend our lives struggling with life.

I struggle with being a good person. I struggle with being a good husband, father, neighbor, friend, and Christian example. I don’t always say the right things. I don’t always do the right things. I don’t always do what I know I should or even what I say I will do. It’s not that I want to fall so short. I just do. And that causes more struggle. That sounds somewhat familiar though...

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? —Romans 7:18-24

Paul struggled just like me. He was frustrated with his struggle...just like me. It even appears there were days that he almost felt like the struggle was too much... just like me.

Paul asks the question, "Who will deliver me?" Thankfully, he provides the answer: "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin" (Romans 7:25). Thankfully, there is hope. Through Jesus I can overcome my struggles.

It is important to remember when we are lost in the "struggle" of life that God loves and cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). He wants to help us overcome the struggle and even works in us to accomplish that task (Ephesians 2:8-10). There are days Satan uses our emotional response to our struggles to cause us to forget these important truths. But we must always remember God is on our side. He wants us to overcome.

As you go through the struggle of life, cling to God. He will see carry you through.

~via *StoneRidge Bulletin*; Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Wynell Romine
Jerry Lawrence
Liz Fusch
Tim McGuire
Mary Cox

Anthony Sutton
Henry Fusch
Kimberly Pressnell
Monica Nelson

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Wayne Faulk; Ardmore Nursing-Rehabilitation

Updates:

Dale Adcock received a good report from her test done this week regarding blood pressure issues. She is to see her heart doctor in Huntsville this week...***Declan Adams*** is scheduled to have his tonsils and adenoids removed on Wednesday ... ***Patricia Abernathy*** is scheduled to have a pacemaker put in on Wednesday morning in Huntsville...***Paul Adcock*** continues to take his treatments for his cancer. He has had 22 treatments of the 45 that are scheduled ... ***Sharon Nave*** is scheduled for her surgery at UAB on November 20th. It will be a complex surgery, remember Sharon in your prayers... ***Taylor Gregory's aunt, Monica Nelson***, is in the second round of her treatments for her cancer...***Jackie Cox's daughter-in-law, and my sister-in-law, Mary Cox***, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She will be have a PET scan done on Thursday and follow-up with her oncologist next week...Remember our expectant mother, ***Lynsey Adams***, in your prayers.

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Brenda Wilson, rm. 38
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 2 Auteen Campbell, rm. 96
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 Connie Brock, rm. 62

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a Ann Bush, rm. 75

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Goldton in 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

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, November 6th, at 10:30. If you would like to participate, join them next Monday morning.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Patricia Abernathy	Martha Pyron
Pat Nixon	Jeanette Weir
Shirley Miller	Amy Gill
Larsen Plyler	Lance McGuire

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Danny Johnson	Paul Adcock
Doris Lovell	Priscilla Tucker
Sharon Nave	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Nikki Ogles	Wynell Romine
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Lloyd Adams	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Al Pollard

CHARLES STEVEN STRINGER (1960 – 2023):

It is with deep sadness we noted the passing of brother *Steve Stringer*. Steve passed away last Saturday night from a heart attack. Steve has been sick and unable to be at services, as he would like to have been, over the last few years. Steve was a man of great passion and loved the Lord. May the Lord bless *Vicki*, and his daughters, *Amy* and *Tiffany* in this time of sorrow.

OUT OF TOWN: *Kewyn Currier* was working in Mobile this past week...*Shelia Holt* is in Washington, D.C. with her work...*Ida Nell Griffin* is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with her daughter, Julie.

CONFESSION: This past Sunday morning, *Kenia Adams* came forward asking for prayers for her forgiveness in not living as a Christian should and for strength and courage in living her life. We appreciate Kenia's good heart to desire to please God. We want to encourage Kenia as she has encouraged us in being faithful to the Lord.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: Remember the Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the West Auditorium. They are beginning a new study on "*Heading for Heaven.*" All ladies who are able to come are invited to be a part of this class.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing on Tuesday evening at 5:30 at the Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care.

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 22nd:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	141
	Morning Worship	161
	Evening Worship	123
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	102



Communion Preparation for November

- Communion Bread — Heather Cox
- Communion Cups — Danny Holt

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 29th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Marcus Morris
Serving	Heath Dollar
	Marvin Putman
	Matthew Usery.....
	Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Jerry Baker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Marcus Morris
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed
Other Assignments for the week of October 29 th :	
Usher	Larry Mitchell/Hayden Pierce
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, November 1st:

Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading.....	Landon Adams
	(Acts 18:1-17)
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Invitation.....	Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer	Clayton Hamm

Sunday, November 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Jerry Baker
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Marcus Morris
Serving	Matthew Usery.....
	Matthew Vaughn
	Danny Holt
	Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer	Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Jerry Baker
Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Prayer.....	Marty R. Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Terry Andrews
Other Assignments for the week of November 5 th :	
Usher	Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt