

MARKET STREET



"And this 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..... 7:00 p.m.

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How Is Man Saved?

David A. Cox

In Romans 3:10 we read, "There is none righteous, no not one", then in verse 23 we read, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." From these verses, we learn that man is guilty of sin and separated from God. However, God is "not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9). God sent 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 are ye 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 commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Man is saved by the blood of Christ. "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but His (Christ-DAC) own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12). Notice Revelation 1:5, "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that 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 that 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 unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved..." (1 Corinthians 15:1-2).

Man is saved by faith. Christ speaking says, "...for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). Notice the

importance the writer of Hebrews gives to the subject faith, “But without faith it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those that 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. “...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12). This does not mean that man can work to merit his salvation, but there are works of obedience that man must do. Upon *hearing* the teaching of the word of God taught and *believing* it; man is to *repent* of his sins. Repentance is commanded for salvation, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). After the change of heart comes, then 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 man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:10). *Baptism* is also commanded for man to be forgiven of his sins. We see this in Peter’s statement in Acts 2 and in Peter’s first epistle when he states “that baptism doth also now save 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 of our salvation and the urgency with which we need to obey. “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Radio Program Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN – 770AM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00

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Have A Bad Day

Dee Bowman

I should have known how it was going to be by how it started. I dropped the shampoo in the shower. Then when I got through shaving and doing all the other stuff you do to get ready, I caught my foot in my pants and did a St. Vita’s Day dance all over the bathroom floor.

I have to take several pills every morning. I dropped the little plastic cup I had them in and they went all over the floor. Even after I found my glasses, I couldn’t locate them all.

I bit my lip at breakfast (that means I have three more times to bite it before it gets well). By then I was almost afraid to get the car out of the garage. But I left the house courageously and started for the office. Every light was red. Every truck and pickup in Harris County was not only in front of me, but poking along at a snail’s pace. Then when I turned onto Spencer, a lady in front of me, who was putting on her make-up and talking on the cell phone at the same time, swerved in front of me, almost taking off my front fender. I restrained myself, saying, “What difference does it make.”

By then I knew what it was. “It’s a bad day,” I thought. They come, you know. They just come. And the more you try to do something with them, the more confusion and chaos you cause. You just have to endure them until you can take some Tylenol PM and go to bed (assuming you don’t trip over the bedspread as you get in). But even after you recognize what it is – and you can usually do that pretty early – you still have to endure it.

Well, the phone was ringing when I got to the office. It was a fellow who has decided that I am the world’s champion false teacher just because I’m friends with somebody who is friends with somebody who taught error before he died. He kept pushing me for some sort of email debate on “the questions facing the brotherhood today.” I was not able to convince him that I had little to do with “the brotherhood,” that I was just trying to do my work here and help all of us go to heaven. That wasn’t enough. The conversation became heated. And I got louder and louder because I felt the sting of his ridiculous assertions more and

more. I didn't lose my temper, but brother was I on the edge! I finally took all I could take and I told him off – so much so that after the conversation ended and about 20 minutes or so had passed, I called him and apologized – not for what I had said, but for the vehemence with which I said it. He responded poorly. It's hard not to get angry again when somebody tells you you're going to hell. Oh well, I did what I could, albeit maybe not with the love and meekness I should have exhibited at the beginning. But I tried to take care of that, too. His answer? Do you want to do a public debate? Phooey! Bad day.

But that wasn't the end of the bad day. I went to lunch. I had seen a TV commercial for a new sandwich with low-carbs for \$2.99. It was a special they were running. I ordered it – I thought – asking for the new low-carb pita bread. When I got to the register to pay for my sandwich that lad told me the price was \$4.76. "How come?" I asked. "Because you had the pita bread," he said. "Do you mean that it's \$1.77 for one piece of bread?" I asked, as kindly as I could. "I guess," he said, "that's what the computer says and I have to do it that way." (Isn't it interesting how machines now run our lives instead of our running the machines?)

Well, enough. It didn't get any better. One little bad deal after the other came. My pen ran out of ink. I couldn't find a post-it note. I lost a whole chapter on the computer and never saw it again. It was the pits, that day was.

I once wrote in my journal, "Lord, please don't come today – I don't think I'm ready."

Bad days are part of life. How we handle them is important. Some suggestions? Sure.

Use the bad days for good. Bad days help us. Bad days, if they are reflected upon properly, teach us good stuff. For instance, I got a good dose of humility out of that bad day last week. When I got to thinking about it, I had too much pride in almost every instance. "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall," said the wise man (Proverbs 16:18). And "Only by pride cometh contention." He said that too (Proverbs 13:10). There are lots of things we can learn from bad days – that life is short, that we need more knowledge so as to make better choices, that friends are more important than progress, that character is better than money, that excellence is more excellent than success. Bad days teach us good things.

Use the bad days to draw closer to God. When everything is good, when there are no cars in your lane and nobody is on your back about anything, when things are just fine, it's easy to forget God. We dare not. When a bad day comes, we should use it to make sure that when we have a good one we don't forget who we are and from whence we are come. Thankfulness can certainly come out of bad days. Prayer is closer when things aren't right. God is more important when we need help. Brethren have a greater value when we're down and out.

Remember, the sun will shine again. "In the day of prosperity, be joyful, but in the day of adversity, consider." Good advice from Solomon, the man who saw life from every angle (Ecclesiastes 7:14). We need to rejoice at all the good things we have. There's a time for that, a time to be glad and enjoy all our blessings. But when things are not good, we need to reflect, ponder, meditate. That's good for us, too. Bad days come, but so do good days. And for those of us who are His children, we have a blessed assurance that the sun will shine again, even if we must endure the most horrible day of all.

Oh, by the way, I sure had a good day the next day. But I doubt that I learned as much.

~via *College View Columnns*; Florence, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Gladys Johnson; Huntsville Hospital, room 564

Lifford Abernathy; Hillside Hospital, Pulaski, Tenn.

Mike Sherbert, son of Wendell & Yvonne; UAB

Jeff Waddell, Brenda Jones' brother; St. Thomas, Nashville

Jack Jones; recovering from surgery

At Home:

Wendell Sherbert

Margaret Vaughn

Jerry Gilbert

Robert Tinnon

Carl Hargrave

Molly Wilson

Martin Casteel

David Gardner

Kennedy Pepper

Uyles Reed

Doris Reed

Janet Goosen

Virginia Lovell

Angela Green

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 108 Jerry Tucker rm. 99
Rosella Pugh, rm. 33 Mary Smith, rm 85
J.D. Clanton, 11E

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17
Mae Alesi, rm. 35

Limestone Manor:

Ruth Owens , rm. 80

Shut-In:

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.
Jimmy Killen, at home
Clara Lewis, at home
Reba Adams, at home
Mauvis Phillips, at home
Majorie Lambert, at home
Fred Varnell, at home
Ellis Dunnivant, at home

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember all those that away serving in the military for our country. Those among us that are serving away from home:

Cody Brown; Iraq
Josh Hooten; Japan

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Mauvis Phillips** and *all the family* in the passing of Mauvis' uncle, *Olin McMeans*. His funeral was this past Monday afternoon.

SPECIAL STUDIES: The **Oakland church** will begin a series of special studies on Wednesday, January 7th and it will continue for ten weeks. The studies will begin at 10:00 a.m. The theme will be "*Solomon's Secrets*". *Jeff May* will be the teacher.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: The directory updates are ready to be picked. If you have not picked-up your updates yet, please get them as you leave this morning.

THE RECORD: Attendance – Week of January 4th

Sunday:

Bible Classes 123
Morning Worship 146
Evening Worship 121

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 95

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, January 11th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Wayne Vaughn
Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer Marty Adams
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Marion Mitchell
Assisting Stuart Wilson
Serving Nathaniel Adams... Danny Johnson
..... Russ Wulfekuhl Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements Wayne Vaughn
Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Marion Mitchell
Closing Prayer Rusty Brand

Wednesday, January 14th:

Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Bible Reading (Proverbs 4:14-27)
..... Nathaniel Adams
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Invitation Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Steve Bradley

Other Assignments for Sunday January 11th:

Usher Marty Adams
Work Sound System Cory Nelson

Sunday, January 18th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Steve Bradley
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Marion Mitchell
Assisting Stuart Wilson
Serving Nathaniel Adams... Danny Johnson
..... Russ Wulfekuhl Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Evening Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching Rusty Brand
Lord's Supper Marion Mitchell
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Other Assignments for Sunday January 18th:

Usher Rusty Brand
Work Sound System Frank Noblitt