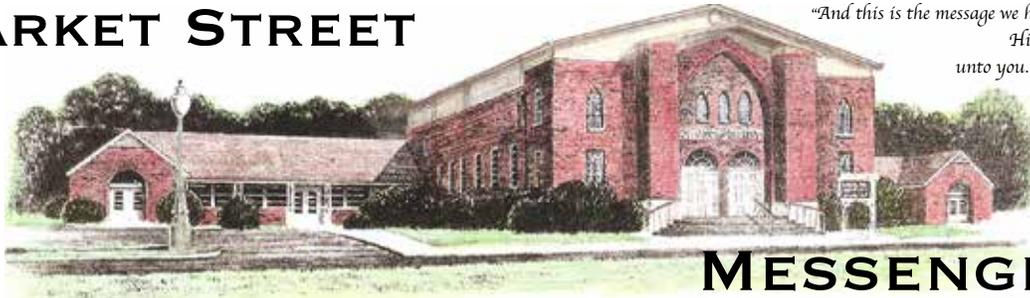


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Things To Come

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“Then He continued by saying to them, Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name’s sake. It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. So, make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all because of My name. Yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives” (Luke 21:10-19 NASV).

In 586 BC the Babylonians destroyed the temple King Solomon had built years earlier (970 BC). Even though the Jews who returned from captivity rebuilt the temple, an older generation lamented the lost glory and beauty of the original. “Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison?” (Haggai 2:3). John 2:20 refers to King Herod’s temple renovation, a project that actually extended beyond his lifetime. The temple was in the heart of Jerusalem—city center. More, the temple was the heart and life of Judaism. The temple was where Israel met with God. Early in life, Jesus made two trips to Jerusalem. Now, the temple would be destroyed. Why? There were clues; yet, the money changers, religious leaders, and hard-hearted Jews missed the true significance of the temple; it was time for a cleansing. The life and death and teaching of Jesus, the one who is greater than the temple, said it was time for judgment to come on the recalcitrant Jewish nation. The chosen people of God, with all of the hopes and dreams and possibilities imaginable, rejected not only the prophets of God, but also, the greatest prophet of all. They soon cried: Crucify Him! Crucify Him!

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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David A. Cox, Editor

Using Old Testament judgment language, Jesus said nations would turn on each other. Natural disasters would occur (Ezekiel 36:29-30). Prepare to stand strong; you will be persecuted in the synagogues. In Acts, Luke tells that story repeatedly, especially early in the life of the church. This would be the time to give up; instead, this was an opportunity to show their faith in Christ, their testimony. The Apostles were able to preach faithfully even as they were thrown into prison. Jesus said: don't be so concerned about these matters that you deliberate constantly about how to persevere. Even your loved ones will turn against you.

Chaos ensued when the Roman army surrounded the city and destroyed the temple. A cause for concern? Yes! Still, Jesus said: Not a hair of your head will perish. Did some Christians die during these times? But even if they died, were they really dead? No. They were alive in Christ. The disciples asked questions about the temple and the city. Jesus said times will be tough but you will live. When the Roman armies come to our city, into our lives, when our struggles increase, what can we do? Jesus said: Endure and then you will live.

~via *The Lenexa Edifier*; Lenexa, Kansas.



Worse Than the Flu

Aaron Kemple

"A man's spirit will endure sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?" (Proverbs 18:14)

Lots of folks around us are sick right now. The flu and other yucky-ness is going around. I had my own bout with it in recent days. The above verse encourages us to think about how a person's spirit can endure physical sickness and eventually move on. Most of us can be sick for a few days, slowly fight off a cold or flu bug, and get over it in a relatively short amount of time. Afterwards, the inner spirit isn't much worse for the wear.

But Solomon also encourages us to realize that if the spirit is "crushed" ... who can bear it? "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones" (Proverbs 17:22). A vibrant and hopeful spirit can sus-

tain a person in difficult times and give them the drive to keep going, but when someone is "crushed" on the inside, even their physical condition might deteriorate to match their inner state. David put it this way: "I am poor and needy, for my heart is wounded within me" (Psalm 109:22).

There are people all around us who are broken and crushed on the inside. As you consider that truth and maybe even envision some faces, also consider what Proverbs says about the power and potential of careful, compassionate, wise words:

- Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. (Proverbs 12:25)
- To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is! (Proverbs 15:23)
- The heart of the wise instructs his mouth and adds persuasiveness to his lips. Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. (Proverbs 16:23-24)

Let's remember this week that the Lord who "binds up the brokenhearted" (Isaiah 61:1) has comforted us in our afflictions that we might comfort others (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). Who knows the difference "a good word," an "apt answer," or "gracious persuasiveness" could make in the life of someone who's hurting. That's wisdom and an opportunity worth praying for today.

~via *Charlestown Road Bulletin*; Albany, Indiana.



Preschool

Gary Henry

"Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterwards it yields the peace-able fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Hebrews 12:11).

It is sometimes through hardship that God gets our attention and prepares us to learn from Him. Not everyone has to experience hardship in order to become receptive to God, but many of us do. Many of us have to be "trained" by God's chastening. And while this is not "joyful for the present," it later "yields the peace-able fruit of righteousness," as the Hebrew writer said.

Often it is our attitudes that need adjusting before God's word can have much influence on us. If we're accustomed to thinking in worldly terms, we're simply not open to God's perspective. We have to learn the hard way that we've not been taking enough of reality into consideration. Our minds have to be pried open by trials and tribulations, and sometimes we're not receptive even then.

One of our most hindering attitudes is the insistence that we already know what we need to know. We're not teachable because we see no need to be taught. Rather than be taught, we'd rather be the ones doing the teaching, and we expend the biggest portion of our energy trying to get the world around us to adjust itself to our thinking. We have no time to listen, as busy as we are.

And so, through the Psalmist, God says to us: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). We won't have the proper reverence for God until we've gotten still, and stillness in God's school may not be something we're willing to accept. We may have to be forced to be still by the "preschool" of pain and suffering.

But if we have trouble being still enough to hear God, we also have trouble being quiet. Rather than shutting our mouths and listening, we talk and talk and talk: informing God what we'd like to have done, explaining to Him the uniqueness of our situation, and sometimes even calling into question His management of the universe. Is it any wonder we can't hear the truth? Is it any wonder God has to confine us to a corner and clamp His loving hand over our mouths, until we stop squirming and listen?

"When God gets us alone through suffering, heartbreak, temptation, disappointment, sickness, or by thwarted desires, a broken friendship, or a new friendship—when He gets us absolutely alone, and we are totally speechless, unable to ask even one question, then He begins to teach us" (Oswald Chambers).

~via *Cy Fair New & Notes*; Cypress, Texas.



Remember Our Study Period

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Dale Adcock
David Barnett
JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell
Larry Morris
Kelli Gordon

Heather Cox
Mitzi Carruth
Bobbie Adcock
Ann Bush
Judy Whitt
Jerry Hinkle

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright
Vicki Stringer
Nikki Ogles
Lona Jackson
Jeanette Weir
Cornelia Pepper
Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker
Al Pollard
David Collier
Una King Currier
Gene Carpenter

Loretta Warner
Freddie Mae Elmore
Anita Wheeler
Judy Vaughn
Janice Cagle
Ella Melvin
Carrie Warner
Kenneth Fisher
Charles Burns
Phillip Harwell
Joan Carpenter
Lloyd Adams

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Sharon Simmons; St. Thomas Rehab. Nashville
Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Elease Barksdale, rm. 22A
Connie Brock, rm. 62
Christine Hudson, rm. 77

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Alice Roberson, rm. 49

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge
Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter, Traditions
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Irene Inman, at home
Stan Stanford, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

David Barnett had out-patient surgery this past Wednesday on his shoulder...*Dale Adcock* is scheduled to have

surgery in the next week or two...*Sue Thomas' sister, Sharon Simmons*, came home from the rehab this past Wednesday...*Sue Thomas' granddaughter, Haley Gill*, continues her recover from her surgery...*Louise Melvin's grandson, Luke Davis*, continues his rehabilitation following his back surgery.

ROSS B. MELVIN (1936 – 2020): It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of *brother Ross Melvin*. Ross passed away last Saturday at his home. Ross will be missed at Market Street. He loved the Lord and he loved the people of God. It was no doubt that he was loved by many. Ross was always an encouragement to the work here. I know of many who have expressed to me how much he had encouraged them. We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Louise, Russell, Teresa, April and all the family* in Ross' passing. The memorial service was on Tuesday night and he was laid to rest in the Athens City Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

BILL R. EDEN (1947 – 2020): With deep sadness again we note the passing of *brother Bill Eden*. Bill passed away suddenly last Tuesday morning at his home. Bill was a very conscientious man and was a man who love to study the word of God. Bill will be missed at Market Street. He loved the Lord and he loved the church at Market Street. We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Brenda, Russell, Carly, and all the family* in Bill's passing. There will be a private graveside service on Monday afternoon at the Roselawn Cemetery where his body will be laid to rest.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Paul and Dale Adcock*, in the tragic passing of their son, *Paul Adcock, Jr.* this past Monday night. There was a graveside service at Gatlin Cemetery in Ardmore where his body was laid to rest. May the Lord bless *Paul, Dale and all the family* at this time.

IDENTIFIED: *Sue & Joel Taylor* have been attending with us for some time. We have been glad to have them with us. They have let it be known that desire to be identified with the church here. Let us extend a warm welcome to Sue and Joel.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Stiles: Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... *Opal Conn* is back at her home after a lengthy visit in Mississippi... *Christian Usery* is in Montgomery working.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of September 20th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	
	Morning Worship	137
	Evening Worship	103
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	62

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting	Larry Holt
Serving	Mike Ogles..... Danny Johnson
Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer	Frank Melton

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for the week of September 27th:

Ushers.....	Marcus Morris/Steve Bradley
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, September 30th:

Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading	Joy Warner
James 2:14-13
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Invitation	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Wayne Vaughn

Sunday, October 4th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Albert Haraway
Assisting	Larry Tucker
Serving	Matthew Usery..... Matthew Vaguhn
Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	David Barnett
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Albert Haraway
Closing Prayer	Keith Hinkle

Other Assignments for the week of October 4th:

Ushers.....	Heath Dollar/Keenon Currier
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt