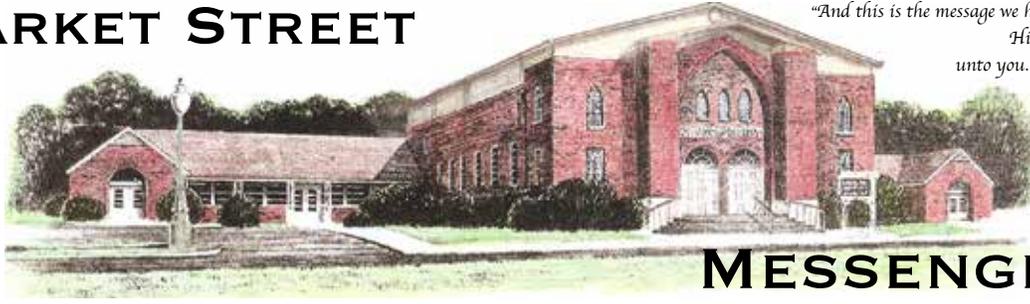


MARKET STREET



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

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Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

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Give Thanks to the Lord!

David A. Cox

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 106:1).

A casual reading of the Psalms, one would have to notice how many times the writers of the Psalms state to "give thanks to God." Why is giving thanks to God so important? It is because thankful people are content with how God has dealt with them, and they put their trust in Him. It is contentment and trust that will help us to remain unwavering in the trials and tribulations that come to us in life. Let us consider ways to help us be thankful to God.

Cultivate Thankfulness to God

Cultivating our hearts to be thankful is absolutely necessary if we are going to be thankful. To cultivate thankfulness means that we must take the attention off of ourselves and focus on what God has done for us. The daily provisions that we receive come to us from the bountiful hand of God. Remember, the food in the refrigerator, and the pantry is a blessing we have from God. Remember the relationships that we have with others, family, members within the congregation, and friends. Be thankful to God for these relationships and do not take them for granted. Remember the spiritual blessings we have in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). The mercy, forgiveness of sin, the avenue of prayer, etc. Be thankful for the day that we can enjoy, for the freedoms we have in our land. Take time to focus on the things to be grateful for and cultivate an attitude of thankfulness.

Rejoice in the Lord

Joy and thankfulness go hand in hand. One's life must be a life of joy and rejoicing if it is to be a thankful life. Often, we only think of joy when things are going well. The scriptures give us a picture of a child of God's life of joy regardless of the circumstances that we find ourselves in. The steadfast love and the mighty doings of God should cause us to be joyful, even in difficult times. The Hebrew writer speaks of Jesus going through the trials on to the cross "for the joy that was set before Him"

(Hebrews 12:2). Indeed, times can be trying and very difficult, but our rejoicing in the Lord should keep our attitudes expressing thanksgiving and praise to God.

Share with Others

The Psalmist said, "Give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!" (Psalm 105:1). Giving thanks to the Lord involves seeing all the things God has done and is doing for us. We will see the big things, see the numerous little things, and share them with others. In telling these deeds to others, they will see God's great love that He has for His people. They can see how joy and thanksgiving can drastically change their perspective. Let others know the joy of living a life with God.

Let's remember to "give thanks to the Lord!" He is so good and has blessed us in so many ways. Do not forget to see all these blessings. Let our lives radiate the heart of thankfulness to all those around us to know that they may give glory to God.



Prayer's Counterparts

Frank Himmel

The Bible constantly commends prayer. A number of references associate prayer with something else. Consider just a few of prayer's counterparts.

Prayer and faith. "All things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive" (Matthew 21:22). "But he must ask in faith, without any doubting..." (James 1:6). Our faith in God is what motivates us to pray. Every request must be made in full assurance of God's ability to grant what we ask.

Prayer and submission. "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14). We must have as much trust in God's wisdom as we do in His power. That trust leads us to ask only for what is in keeping with His will, and then to graciously accept His response.

Prayer and forgiveness. "Whenever you stand pray-

ing, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions" (Mark 11:25-26).

Prayer and watchfulness. "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 25:41). It makes no sense to pray "do not lead us into temptation" (Matthew 6:13) and then make little effort to avoid it or perhaps even hasten to places where it is the greatest. 1 Peter 4:7 links sound judgment and prayer.

Prayer and righteousness. "For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil" (1 Peter 3:12). "Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension" (1 Timothy 2:8). The prayers of those who ignore God's instruction are an abomination to Him (Proverbs 28:9).

Prayer and gratitude. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). Prayer must never deteriorate into a mere wish list. There is so much for which we need to praise God and give thanks!

Prayer and encouragement. "Now he was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Constant communion with our heavenly Father keeps us focused and able to overcome doubt, fear, and discouragement. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

~via *Path Lights*; Bossier City, Louisiana.



Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

Worthiness

Gary Henry

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1).

Worthiness does not mean arrogance or ignorance of grace. It simply means that we "practice what we preach". When there is an obvious inconsistency between the things we stand for and the way we live, it causes people to dismiss what we stand for. For that reason, we try to maintain conduct that is considered worthy or fitting for a person who believes what we do. Looking at it the other way around, we try to avoid "unbecoming" behavior – that which is not in accord with the standards implied by our position.

In a culture very much concerned with self-esteem, the concept of worthiness comes up in many discussions. In general, people want to have a sense of self-worth. Within limits, there is nothing wrong with that, but the question is: how do we obtain it? I suggest that it is not by having others constantly "affirm" us by telling us how wonderful we are. It comes, instead, from living in a way that is consistent with our principles – in other words, it comes from doing our duty. I agree with Edgar Friedenberg, who said, "What we must decide is perhaps how we are valuable rather than how valuable we are." When you can go to bed at night and know that you have made yourself useful to other people by conduct that is worthy of your calling, you won't have any trouble going to sleep. You'll know what you're worth.

This applies to every single one of us, no matter what our calling may be. All of us have some responsibilities and some relationships. Worthiness means managing our behavior in such a way that we reflect a positive light on these responsibilities and relationships. If I'm a farmer, I need to farm in such a way that people will think more highly of farming. If I'm a father, I need to be such a father that others will think more highly of fatherhood. But shame on me if I bring discredit upon the work that I do or upon any of the roles that I fill!

Finally, let's be reminded that worthiness is, first and foremost, an inward matter, a matter of the heart. If I strive for worthiness, I must do more than work on appearances. In the end, I won't be able to deceive others by adopting a worthy style or form. I must be a person of

worth and not just one who seems to have that quality. "Outside show is a poor substitute for inner worth" (Aesop).

~via *Sound Doctrine*, Las Vegas, Nevada.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Kevyn Currier	Debra Holt
Tena Wells	Jewel Dean Kennemer
Jennifer Threet	Bonnie Sutton
Carol Dean	JoAnn Gilbert
Jimmy Johnson	Doris Lovell
Ann Bush	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright	Loretta Warner
Vicki Stringer	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Janice Cagle
Cornelia Pepper	Ella Melvin
Wayne Wooldridge	Carrie Warner
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Lloyd Adams
Gene Carpenter	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Elsea Barksdale, rm. 22A
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59	Bobbie Adcock, rm. 121
Frances Bowers, rm.	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Deanie Britton, rm.	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Marci Bassett, 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
Alan Thornton, Limestone Lodge

Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

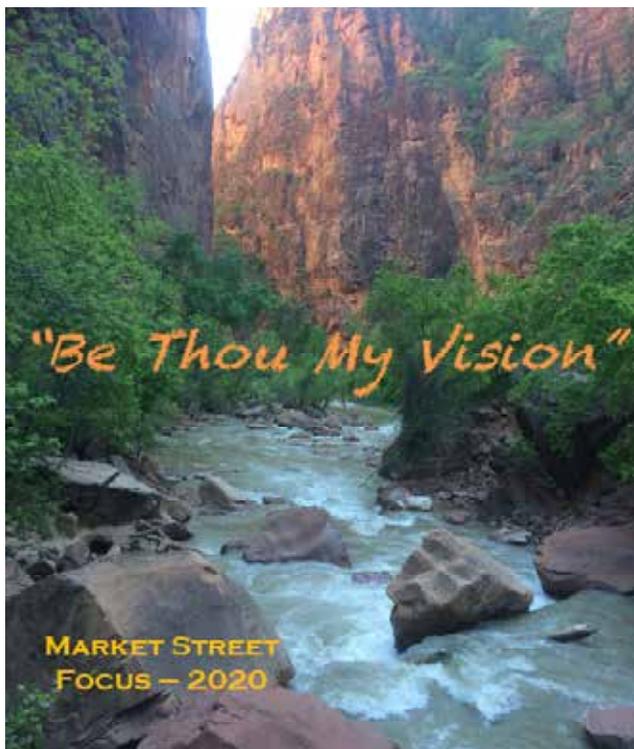
Peggy Mitchell's biopsy was done on Monday on her thyroid and is awaiting the results... **Debra Holt** has been sick with the flu this week... **Donna Wright's** CAT scan done last week showed two spots on her lung. They will be determining a course of treatment... **Marvin Putman** had batteries replaced in this Difibrillator... **Kevyn Currier** is recovered from his bout with the virus... **Justice Gentry** went to Birmingham on Wednesday morning for a second opinion concerning his treatment for Perthes Disease.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Nancy Abernathy** and all the family in the passing of Nancy's niece-in-law, **Kelli Gordon**. She passed away Wednesday morning and had a graveside service on Saturday afternoon at the Roselawn Cemtery. May the Lord bless all this family at this time.

OUT OF TOWN: **Tena Wells** was in Nashville this past weekend... **The Stiles:** *Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Christian Usery** continues in Montgomery working.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of November 15th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	91
	Morning Worship.....	106
	Evening Worship.....	72
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	56



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 22nd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting	Albert Haraway
Serving	Danny Johnson.....Matthew Vaughn
.....	Clayton Hamm
Closing Prayer	Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Frank Melton
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for the week of November 22nd:

Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Keith Hinkle
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, November 25th:

Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading	Russ Wulfekuhl
.....	(James 4:11-17)
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Invitation.....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Keenan Currier

Sunday, November 29th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tomy Coblentz
Assisting	Harvey Nixon
Serving	Tommy Burns.....Landon Adams
.....	Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer	Sam Gregory
	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Preaching.....	
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Terry Andrews

Other Assignments for the week of November 29th:

Ushers.....	Steve Bradley/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Nathaniel Adams