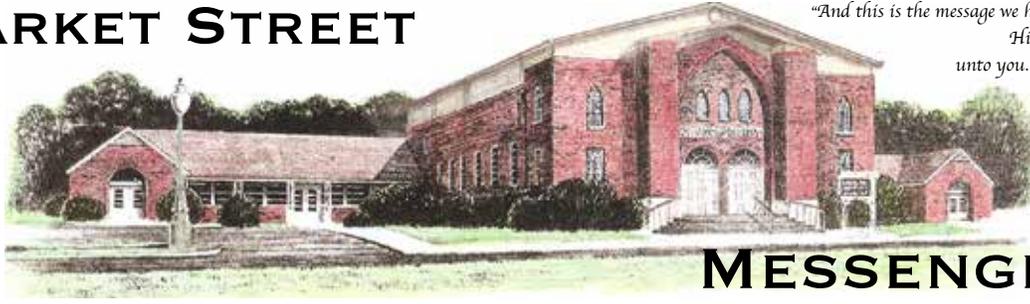


MARKET STREET



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

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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

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"It Is Finished!"

David A. Cox

"So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit." – (John 10:30)

How many Fridays had come and gone as the Jews prepared for the Sabbath Day? But this Friday was a different day. It was a day filled with a rush to take Jesus of Nazareth, who was arrested during the night, charged, tried, and set on crucifying Him. It may be that a casual observer would have given no attention to the things that were done. However, it was on this day that Jesus fulfilled the plan to save man. As Jesus was hanging on the cross, He spoke His last words in His earthly ministry, exclaiming, "It is finished!" It is in these words we see the ruling passion of His life. Jesus stated that the work He came to do was complete and was a source of satisfaction. What is it that was finished in Jesus' death?

The Old Testament Types were Finished.

To fully understand the Old Testament, we must have the New Testament to see the types and shadows of the Old Testament. The book of Leviticus is more clearly seen in the book of Hebrews as a commentary to it. In the sacrifices, how and where did they originate? Who instituted them? What was the purpose? These are things that the law required, but there was a plan for a better covenant with better promises (Hebrews 8:6-ff). All of this was completed as Jesus finished His work, fulfilling the law and nailing it to the cross (Colossians 2:14).

Christ's Suffering was Over.

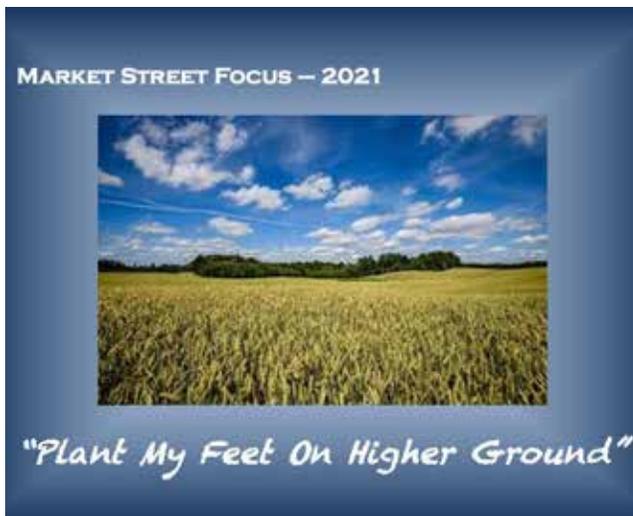
John declared, "we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Jesus came to earth and lived as a man. In His life, He suffered in many ways. Jesus suffered hunger, thirst, weariness, and pain. He experienced the loss of loved ones, loneliness, sorrows for sins of others, and insults. We see Jesus at the grave of Lazarus, where He was sorrowing with the family and friends (John 11:33-36). In the garden of Gethsemane, we see the anguish that He bore as He faced the cross that was before Him (Matthew 26:36-46). We see Jesus' lamenting over Jerusalem and their rejection of Him (Matthew

23:37-38). The Jews at His trial calling out to Pilate, “Let Him be crucified!” (Matthew 27:22). Even among His closest associates in His ministry, one of them, Judas, betrayed Him. Just before Judas betrayed Him, Jesus said, “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour?’ But for this purpose, I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name” (John 12:27). Yes, Jesus suffered much in His life on earth. The sufferings He bore on the cross are almost unfathomable. Jesus did not stop short of completing the plan of God even while experiencing great suffering. It was perhaps this that caused Jesus to exclaim from the cross, “It is finished!” The suffering and battle over sin were over.

The Work of Redemption was Done.

Jesus’ work in coming to earth was to save man. The law was given to man by Moses, but the law would not save man. Man would keep the law and offer the sacrifices for sin, but the sins were not forgiven. There was no escape from the penalty of sin under the law. John tells us, “For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). Jesus came and offered His life as the atonement for sin (Romans 3:23-25) and redeeming man. Jesus did not stop short in doing His work of saving man. He completed it, and it was finished at the cross. What a glorious thought to be redeemed!

Jesus finished and completed His life in fulfilling the scriptures and suffering whatever was before Him to complete the work of redemption. The question is: Will we be as committed to following the teachings of scriptures to please God and do the things to avail ourselves of the salvation that is in Christ?



Life Is Too Short to Waste

Jeff Himmel

Suffering Job observed, “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). Sadly, many of us waste those few days because we’re too busy focusing on — and sometimes creating — the trouble! Life is too short to waste.

Life is too short to waste on petty grudges. “A man’s discretion makes him slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook a transgression” (Proverbs 19:11). “Do not be eager in your heart to be angry, for anger resides in the bosom of fools” (Ecclesiastes 7:9). Love “is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs” (1 Corinthians 13:5).

Life is too short to waste on jealousy and envy. Envy is self-destructive. It is “rotteness to the bones” (Proverbs 14:30). “Love...does not envy” (1 Corinthians 13:4). Envy defiles us (Mark 7:20-23). “For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing” (James 3:16). “For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?” (1 Corinthians 3:3).

Life is too short to waste on selfishness. Love “does not seek its own” (1 Corinthians 13:5). “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4).

Life is too short to waste on living in the past. “Do not say, ‘Why is it that the former days were better than these?’ For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this” (Ecclesiastes 7:10).

Life is too short to waste on worry. “For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing...And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life’s span?” (Luke 11:22-25).

Life is too short to waste on sin. “He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it” (1 Peter 3:10-11).

~via *Plant City Planter*; Plant City, Florida.

The Offer of Grace

T. Doy Moyer

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men...” (Titus 2:11)

If God’s grace has appeared to bring salvation to all, then why aren’t all saved? Because grace is something that still needs to be understood and received in truth (cf. Colossians 1:6; 2 Corinthians 6:1). Grace is “on the table” for everyone, but not everyone will partake of it. “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36). “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life” (John 5:39- 40).

Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles” (Acts 13:46).

This is not God withholding His grace. This is people shunning the grace that God offers. May we all receive God’s grace willingly and thereby partake of the salvation for which Christ shed His blood for all.

~via *Blackfoot Weekly Bulletin*; Blackfoot, Idaho.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Jennifer Threet	Barbara Ash
Mike Ogles	Betty Lovell
Pat Nixon	Shirley Miller
Jimmy Johnson	JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell	Justice Gentry
Diane Kilpatrick	Janice Cagle

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Mike Ogles	Donna Wright
Peggy Pepper	Loretta Warner
Vicki Stringer	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Judy Vaughn

Lloyd Adams	Jeanette Weir
Cornelia Pepper	Carrie Warner
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Barry DeFoor	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	David Collier
Phillip Harwell	

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Eleese Barksdale, rm. 23B
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Connie Brock, rm. 62	

Limestone Health Facility:

Opal Conn, rm.	Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Joy Warner, rm. 106	Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38
Frances Bowers, rm. 67	Ann Bush, rm. 75
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Bobbie Adcock, at home
Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor
Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter’s in Huntsville
Barbara Carter, Traditions
Una King Currier, Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur
Irene Inman, at home
Bobby Ogles, Merrill Gardens, Madison
Stan Stanford, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Alan Thornton, Limestone Lodge
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Mike Ogles began his treatments this past Monday for his Lymphoma. ... **Opal Conn** fell and broke her hip on Monday. She had surgery on Wednesday and is now at Limestone Health for rehab... **Jennifer Threet** had shoulder surgery on Friday at Crestwood Hospital in Huntsville... **Bob Broadus** had a port inserted last week to receive antibiotics for an infection... **Nancy Abernathy’s daughter, Janice Cagle**, had surgery on Tuesday in Athens... **Tommy & Marcella Coblenz’s son-in-law, Al Pollard**, as he is taking treatments for his leukemia... Remember our expecting mothers **Heather Cox** and **Casey Curry** in your prayers.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, May 24th, at 10:30, to write and mail out cards. If you would like to be a part of this, please come next Monday morning. The group meets in the west auditorium.

IDENTIFIED: We rejoice to learn that **Una King**

Currier has let it be known that she wants to join the work here at Market Street. Sister Currier is the mother of *Kewyn Currier* and has moved from Birmingham to Riverside Senior Living in Decatur. Let us extend a warm welcome to Una King... Also, **Alan Thornton** has also let it be known that he desires to be a part of the church at Market Street. Alan is a brother to *Nancy Abernathy*. Let us extend a warm welcome to Alan.

PICTURES MADE: Pictures are continuing to be made after services. If you need to get your picture made go to room 22 in the east wing,

GRENADA TRIP: In St. George's, Grenada, the Archibald Avenue church has planned a Vacation Bible School and meeting that Kerry and I will be going down to help them conduct. There are several supplies that we will be shipping down to Grenada before the trip. In times past, you have been interested in helping in this way, and some have ask me about it this year. Below I am giving a list of some of the things that will be needed::

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| Contruction Paper | Pipe Cleaners |
| Writing paper | Bible Lesson Stickers |
| Scissors | Hole Punch |
| Pencils | Dry Erase Markers |
| Crayons | Yarn or String |
| Liquid Hand Soap | Hand Sanitizer |
| Towels/Tissue | Popsicle Sticks |
| Highlighters | Glue/GlueSticks |
| Bible Timelines | Classroom posters |
| Pocket Folders | VBS-Charts,Certificates,Tags |
| Bibles | Tracts |

If you would like to participate in this, you can purchase the supplies and bring them to the building, or you can give money, and the items will be purchased to pack in the barrels. All of the things will need to be here at the building before June 2nd. The shipping company will come on that day to pack the drum to be shipped.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Coxes:* *David & Kerry* returned Monday from attending the Florida College Lectures in Temple Terrace, Florida last week... ***The Holts:*** *Larry & Shelia* have been in Savannah, Georgia this past week ... ***The Stiles:*** *Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of May 16th:

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| Sunday: | Bible Classes | 127 |
| | Morning Worship | 151 |
| | Evening Worship | 103 |
| Wednesday: | Bible Classes | 88 |

Remember Our Song Service at 5:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 23rd:

Morning Worship

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| Announcements..... | Marty R. Adams | |
| Song Leader | Hunter Cox | |
| Prayer..... | Harvey Nixon | |
| Preaching..... | David Cox | |
| Lord's Supper | | |
| Presiding..... | Larry Tucker | |
| Assisting | Mike Ogles | |
| Serving | Heath Dollar | Sam Gregory |
| |Matthew Usery..... | Charles Vaughn |
| Closing Prayer | David Barnett | |

Evening Worship

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| Announcements..... | Marty R. Adams |
| Song Leader | Joel Hamm |
| Prayer..... | Frank Melton |
| Preaching..... | Song Service |
| Lord's Supper | Larry Holt |
| Closing Prayer | Bob Broadus |

Other Assignments for the week of May 23rd:

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| Ushers..... | Larry Mitchell/Heath Dollar |
| Work Sound System..... | Nathaniel Adams |

Wednesday, May 26th:

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| Song Leader | Hunter Cox |
| Bible Reading | Danny Johnson |
| | (1 John 4:1-11) |
| Prayer..... | Kenneth Smith |
| Invitation | Keenon Currier |
| Closing Prayer | Danny Holt |

Sunday, May 30th:

Morning Worship

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| Announcements..... | Larry Holt | |
| Song Leader | Stephen Lynn | |
| Prayer..... | Larry Tucker | |
| Preaching..... | David Cox | |
| Lord's Supper | | |
| Presiding..... | Terry Andrews | |
| Assisting | Harvey Nixon | |
| Serving | Heath Dollar | Russ Wulfekuhl |
| |Roger Hammonds .. | Danny Johnson |
| Closing Prayer | Larry Mitchell | |

Evening Worship

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| Announcements..... | Larry Holt |
| Song Leader | Bob Broadus |
| Prayer..... | Hunter Cox |
| Preaching..... | |
| Lord's Supper | Terry Andrews |
| Closing Prayer | Clayton Hamm |

Other Assignments for the week of May 30th:

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| Ushers..... | Danny Holt/Marcus Morris |
| Work Sound System..... | Marty R. Adams |