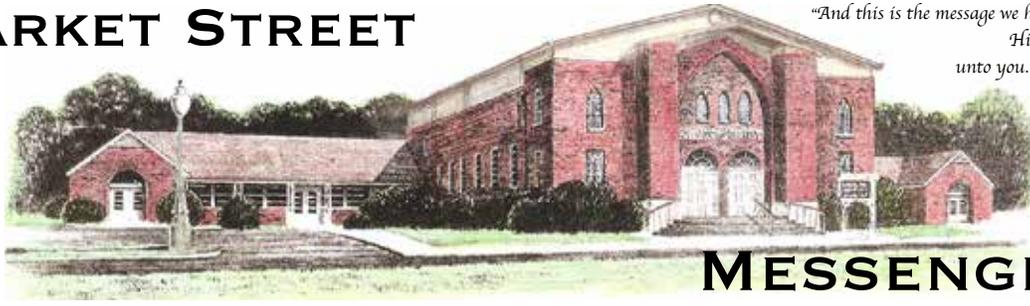


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“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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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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What Is A Miracle?

David A. Cox

“This beginning of the signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.” — (John 2:11)

The scriptures speak of signs or miracles and defined them much differently than our society often does. In our day, we find people referring to some unexpected or usual event as a miracle. For example, the 1980 U.S. Hockey team, after winning the gold medal against the Soviet Union, this event was referred to as the “Miracle on Ice.” In January 2009, a US Airways Flight, after leaving LaGuardia Airport in New York City, struck a flock of geese and the pilot made an emergency landing on the Hudson River. This was called the “Miracle on the Hudson.” The wonderful event of bringing a child into this world is often described as “the miracle of birth.” These examples were amazing events. We may be amazed and unable to express our amazement. Still, these things do not measure up to what the Bible refers to as “miracles.”

Miracles in Scripture

A miracle is an event observable to the senses that exceeds all natural laws and can only be explained based on supernatural power that comes from God. All of the events mentioned above do not meet the standards set by the definition. In the scriptures, miracles are sometimes called, wonders, signs, power, or works. Examples of miracles in scripture are:

1. *Exodus 14:21* — “Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.” Moses stretched his hand out over the sea, and the waters parted. There is no way, by natural law, that the stretching out of a hand would cause winds to blow or waters to separate. This was a true miracle that came from God.
2. *Numbers 21* — The children of Israel had been bitten by the fiery serpents and were dying. The Lord told Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.’ So Moses made a bronze

serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived" (Number 21:8-9). The children of Israel who were bitten looked on the serpent of brass and were healed. This was indeed a miracle, an event made possible by the supernatural power of God.

3. *Acts 3* —Peter and John were entering the temple at the gate called Beautiful. A man, lame from birth, was laid at the gate daily to ask alms of those entering. As Peter and John entered the temple, the lame man asked alms of them to which Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him" (Acts 3:7-10). The council described this event as "a notable miracle" (Acts 4:16). Again, it is only through the supernatural power of God that this man, who had been lame from birth, received the ability to walk.

The scriptures contain many more miracles, signs, wonders, and works of God that can only be explained by God's supernatural power. Miracles were done in the scriptures to confirm God's revealed will to man.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

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8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.

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Learning Life's Obvious Lessons

Paul Earnhart

Some years ago, Robert Fulghum wrote a best-seller entitled *Everything I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. It has become increasingly evident to me that some of life's most important lessons are exceedingly clear on the face of things. They don't have to be wrung from the depth of mystery and enigma. Yet many seem to wrestle endlessly with them. As someone has observed, the difficult people seem to work out very quickly, the obvious takes them a long time.

It ought to be obvious to the most casual observer that people are far more important than things. Why should we imagine that thinking, feeling, yearning individuals could find as great satisfaction in dead, unfeeling, unthinking, unspeaking objects as in those with whom we share the greatest and fullest association? Whoever imagined that a house makes a home: that all the material comforts in the world, even possessed forever, could fill the emptiness when those we love and who love us are gone? There is no profound philosophy in the fact that things possess no more than momentary utility while people can fill us with delight and joy. Why then do we continue to neglect people in favor of jobs, money, houses, furniture, clothes and cars?

It ought also to be apparent that the spirit of a person is more vital than their body and that what comes from within the heart is more important than the physical. We know that "the body without the spirit is dead" (James 2:26). We have had many painful demonstrations of that. And we know that outward beauty quickly loses its charm in the face of inward ugliness. As Solomon observed, "Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a lovely woman who lacks discretion" (Proverbs 11:22). Why then are we so slow to recognize that a person's life comes out of what he feels and thinks and values, and not from physical superficialities (Proverbs 4:23)?

Finally, perhaps the most evident truth that we are slow to recognize is the fact that God is more important than everything else. If there is a God who created us for His own purposes and ends, it does not require a flash from heaven to tell us that we have no more important duty and necessity in our lives than to know Him and to serve Him (John 17:3; Acts 17:26-28). If there is such

a God, we only live, breathe and move by His power, and He alone can tell us why we are here and how we ought to live the life He has given us. So that when Jesus says that the first and greatest commandment is "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" (Mark 12:29), it ought not to come as a shock to our senses. Common sense should have told us long ago that if Jesus is God's Son, we owe Him everything. So, before we can know the mysteries of heaven we must first learn the obvious lessons of earth.

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

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Betty Pepper	Peggy Mitchell
Ruby Dean Ezell	Alan Thornton
Gayle Ball	Margaret Carter
Shirley Miller	JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell	Justice Gentry
Diane Kilpatrick	Janice Cagle

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Mike Ogles	Donna Wright
Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Lloyd Adams	Phillip Harwell
Cornelia Pepper	Carrie Warner
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Barry DeFoor	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	Matt Bassford

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Elise 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:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59	Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38
Frances Bowers, rm. 67	Ann Bush, rm. 75
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	Bobby Ogles, rm. 13

Shut-In or A-way From Home:

Bobbie Adcock; at home

Nell Barksdale; at home
 Marci Bassett; Limestone Manor
 Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
 Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Barbara Carter; Traditions
 Unaking Currier; Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur
 Irene Inman; at home
 Stan Stanford; at home
 Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison
 William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
 Alan Thornton; Limestone Lodge
 Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Updates:

Margaret Carter received a good report from the tests she had done last week... **Mike Ogles** is taking his chemo treatments in Nashville... **Harvey Nixon** has been dealing with kidney stones this past week... **Peggy Mitchell** got the second in the series of shots in her knees this past week... **Betty Lovell** has been having knee problems the last few weeks... **Kolton Hardison** had a scope done on Friday at UAB Children's Hospital... **Priscilla Tucker** continues to be treated for her cancer... **Ewell Smith, Rita Smith's husband**, had to stop his treatments due to being diagnosed with the virus... **Courtney Farris' father, Larry Hime** is home from the hospital after his second stay there... Remember our expecting mothers **Casey Curry, Lynsey Adams, and Laura Adams** in your prayers.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet in the morning at 10:30, to write and mail out cards. If you want to do this, please join them in the morning.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class is meeting each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the *"Authority of the Scriptures."* The class meets in the West Auditorium.

OUR MEETING: This past week we were privileged to have a gospel meeting. This was the first meeting that we have been able to have since the fall of 2019 and the pandemic. **Kasey Harbin** was the speaker and did his job well. Everyone who was able to come were benefited from the lessons presented.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Courtney Farris** in the passing of her uncle, **Edward-Wiseman**. He passed way last week and his graveside service was on Monday in Nashville, Tennessee. May the Lord bless all this family at this time.

BRIDAL TEA: The ladies have planned a Bridal Tea

for *Elizabeth Usery* on October 3rd at the Deer Trail Clubhouse from 2:00 to 3:30. Elizabeth and *Garrett Mixon* will be getting married in November. Elizabeth and Garrett are registered at: theknot.com/us/garrett-mixon-and-elizabeth-usery-nov-2021

HYDERABAD, INDIA: This past Friday it was my privilege to be able to speak to the *Balanagar church* in Hyderabad, India. Brother *Yera Surrender* translated for me again. Brother *Johnson Babu* who the Market Street church has fellowship in the gospel is there and sent his greetings to the church here. The work seems to be going well there. It was also good to see *K. Bally Rao* among those who were studying. The virus had given them much trouble several months ago but has vastly improved.

GRENADA TRIP REPORTS: This evening, I will be with the *New Hope church* in the county giving my report of my recent trip to Grenada and the work done there... On Monday evening, I will be with the *Capshaw church* to give my report on the trip to Grenada and the work there. I look forward to being with these congregations and sharing the news about the work there.

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.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Adcocks:* Paul and Dale are out of town on vacation this week... *Joe Hinkle* is in Florida visiting with family there... *The Stiles:* Chuck & Benita are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... *Opal Conn* is in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of September 19th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	102
	Morning Worship	124
	Evening Worship	106
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	90



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Marcus Morris
Serving	Kenneth Adams.... Charles Vaughn
.....	Matthew Vaughn.... Russ Wulfekuhl
Closing Prayer	Frank Melton

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Jerry Baker
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for the week of September 26th:

Ushers.....	Danny Holt/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, September 29th:

Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading	Harold Ash
.....	(John 3:22-36)
Prayer.....	Larry Holt
Invitation	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Sunday, October 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Holt
Assisting	Stephen Lynn
Serving	Danny Johnson.. Roger Hammonds
.....	Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer	Sam Gregory
	Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Bob Broadus
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Holt
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for the week of October 3rd:

Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews