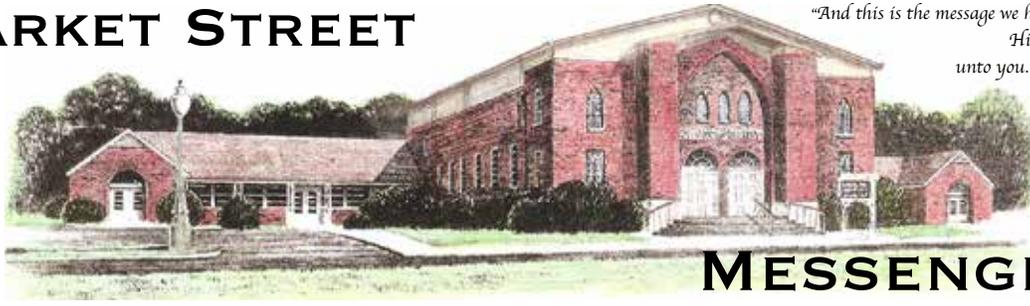


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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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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David A. Cox, Editor

"Be of Good Cheer"

David A. Cox

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!" – John 16:33

There is not any person living who is not acquainted with trouble. As Jesus is talking to His disciples, He has faced trouble in His life and is facing the most heart-wrenching event in history, the cross. He is facing the most agonizing and painful death for man, the death on the cross. At this time, He tells His disciples to "Be of good cheer" or "Take courage." Let us see how Jesus comforts His disciples.

In Jesus You May Have Peace.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He starts comforting the disciples reminding them of the peace they can have as they keep their faith and abide in Him. Jesus has already told them, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). The peace that Jesus will give to a man is internal peace. The peace the world gives may provide moments of external happiness or joy, but those moments can quickly evaporate when the troubles of life come. There are times in life when trials and anxiety will come. Jesus, the Prince of Peace can give you the peace that can calm the troubles we face.

You Will Face Tribulation.

Jesus plainly says, "In this world you will have tribulation." Here Jesus is warning the disciples that trials and tribulations will come; there is no way to avoid them. The idea that when one is a disciple, all the problems will go away is never taught in the Scriptures. However, Jesus is telling them to be prepared. Jesus had pain and suffering in His life because that is what this world will give. The importance of Jesus teaching that troubles can be expected is vital to being courageous and of good cheer.

Jesus Has Overcome the World.

Jesus tells the disciples that being of good cheer is possible because

He has overcome the world. The disciples can now face the trials in life, and even while the tears may be flowing, there is rejoicing because Jesus has won the battle. In the world, there will always be sorrows, pains, struggles of all kinds, but like the disciples of the Lord, we can rejoice.

Indeed, we can see how the child of God can and should be of good cheer. When the trials in life come, there will be no need to second guess ourselves about God's love for us. He loves us, gave His life for us, and overcame the power of Satan; death. Now, we can see life and live life with hope, that is sure. Why should we not be of "good cheer?" Let us resolve to live our lives in Christ with courage and good cheer.



Jesus – On The Brutality of War

Mark W. White

As disciples of the "Prince of Peace" we must think as Jesus thought. It is possible to reason from the Lord's statements and arrive at His conclusions regarding almost any matter presented to us. Christians must constantly ask, "How would Jesus feel about this?" or "What would Jesus say about this?" Luke 6:40 states, "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he is fully trained, will be like his teacher." We can know how Jesus feels about the brutalities of warfare.

In Matthew 24, Jesus issues several warnings about the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman army. The siege of Jerusalem occurred in A.D. 70, forty years after Jesus issued His warnings. "When you see the abomination of desolation ... then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains...but woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! But pray that your flight will not be in winter or on the Sabbath..." (Matthew 24:15-20, NASB). Jesus knew that brutal armies would not make any exception for women and little children, or the harshness of the winter season. World history is replete with accounts of human warfare where the most vulnerable are treated as if they

were themselves violent, threatening aggressors! Such brutality is designed to break the spirit of an enemy and bring about surrender, so that innocent non-combatants will not be further harmed.

Expectant mothers, children, the elderly and the infirm are most often the first casualties of war. Jesus looked upon Jerusalem with compassion and knew that these defenseless people in Judea would suffer immensely at the hands of brutal aggressors from Rome. Since that time, He has also witnessed countless episodes of warfare where such atrocities have occurred. Wicked perpetrators of war have both purposely and recklessly aimed their weapons at the most vulnerable. God takes notice of such barbarism and will judge those who murder and maim the innocent.

Unfortunately, our information age has afforded us a front row seat to witness the cruelties of the machinery of warfare. We now have unprecedented views of just how evil some humans are and how unrelenting their lust for power, property and prestige can be. King Jesus is not at all pleased by the hatred, bloodshed and disregard for human life which warfare brings.

~via Cy-Fair Family News & Notes; Cypress, Texas.



The Kingdom Is Within You

Kenny L. Chumbley

The basis of all government is self-government. It increasingly seems the ineptitude and heavy handedness of our ruling class springs from a lack of self-control. How can anyone govern anything or anybody until they have first learned to govern him or herself?

Self-government, self-rule, self-discipline is what Jesus was talking about when He said, "the kingdom of God is within you." It's what James was talking about when he said, "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight

and war” (4.1– 2). Addictions don’t just happen; they happen when the war inside is lost. Wars and rumors of wars don’t just happen; they happen when the war inside is lost. And the same goes for injustice, insider trading, slander, violence against another, etc.—all of these result because someone has lost or is losing the battle for their soul.

And because this matter is so serious (for what does a man profit if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul), and because self-control doesn’t develop automatically, Paul, in 1 Corinthians 9.24–27, tells us we are to reckon ourselves like an athlete on a racecourse running for a prize. To gain the prize, we must so run (KJV), run in such a way as to obtain it. The verbs Paul used reveal the difficulty and strenuousness of the contest: run, compete, fight, bring into subjection. Only through such effort, discipline and training can the kingdom be in us.

~via *Gibson City Bulletin*; Gibson City, Illinois.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Brad Brown	Nikki Ogles
Shirley Miller	Betty Jo Lovell
Betty Pepper	Doris Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	Diane Kilpatrick
Gabriella Gentry	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Phillip Harwell	Cornelia Pepper
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Leigh Ellen Elliott	Wynell Romine

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77 Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Limestone Health Facility:

Marci Bassett, rm. 42 Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Bobby Ogles, rm. 113 Ann Bush, rm. 75

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
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:

Kolton Hardison is to go to the GI doctor in Birmingham on Tuesday... *Dale Adcock’s* neck surgery is scheduled for April 6th... *Carol Dean* is scheduled to have more tests on her heart on April 4th... *Betty Lovell* has continued to have problems with her arthritis.

OUT OF TOWN: *Christian Usery* is working in Birmingham, and we have missed him at some of our services... *Leah Richardson* has been in Florida this past week for her spring break.

TOMMY GREENE (1938 – 2022): It is with sadness we note the passing of *Tommy Greene*. Tommy passed away on Tuesday at his home. He had been a member of the Market Street church since 2013 and was always faithful in his presence at the services. Tommy’s health began to decline about 4-5 years ago, and he continued to attend as much as he was able until 2019, when his health would not allow him to be out. Tommy’s visitation and funeral were on Thursday afternoon at the Market Street building, and he was laid to rest in the Athens City Cemetery. May the Lord bless his family at this time.

MARY RUTH GARDNER (1933 – 2022): With sadness, we note the passing of *Mary Ruth Gardner*. Mary Ruth passed away on Wednesday morning at the Limestone Health Facility. Mary Ruth and her husband, David, were longtime members of the Market Street church. Mary Ruth had attended here just about her whole life. Mary Ruth has dealt with several health

issues for many years and has not been able to attend as she would have liked to. She loved the church here and would nearly always in my visits with her talk about the church here and always wanted to hear news from the church. About ten years ago, Mary Ruth and David's health declined to the point that they could not live alone and moved to assisted living and health care facilities. Mary Ruth was in the Limestone health facility in recent years. Mary Ruth's visitation was Saturday afternoon. Her graveside service was Saturday afternoon at the Roselawn Cemetery, where she was laid to rest. May the Lord bless her family at this time.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Brenda Jones, Dan Lovell, Doris Lovell & Jeanette Weir* in the passing of their cousin, *Houston Waddell*. He passed away Wednesday. The visitation was on Friday afternoon at Limestone Chapel, and the graveside service was Friday afternoon at Higgins Cemetery. May the Lord bless Brenda and all the family at this time.

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

UKRAINE: The terrible atrocities inflicted on the people in Ukraine are heart-wrenching to see. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren there.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: We are thrilled to know that *Jonathan Traylor* has let it be known that he wants to be a part of the work here at Market Street. Jonathan has moved here recently with his work, and we are glad to have him with us. Let us all extend a warm welcome to Jonathan.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the "*The Christian in a Secular Age*."

THE RECORD: *Attendance for week of March 13th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	118
	Morning Worship	147
	Evening Worship	109
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	93

Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 20th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting	Stephen Lynn
Serving	Luke Vaughn
	Charles Vaughn
	Matthew Usery.....
	Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds
Other Assignments for the week of March 20 th :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, March 23rd:

Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading.....	Keenon Currier
	(John 10:22-30)
Prayer.....	Frank Melton
Invitation.....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Keenon Currier

Sunday, March 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Albert Haraway
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Marty R. Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Larry Tucker
Serving	Griffin Holt
	Sam Gregory
	Heath Dollar
	Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Albert Haraway
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt
Other Assignments for the week of March 27 th :	
Ushers.....	Keenon Currier/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews