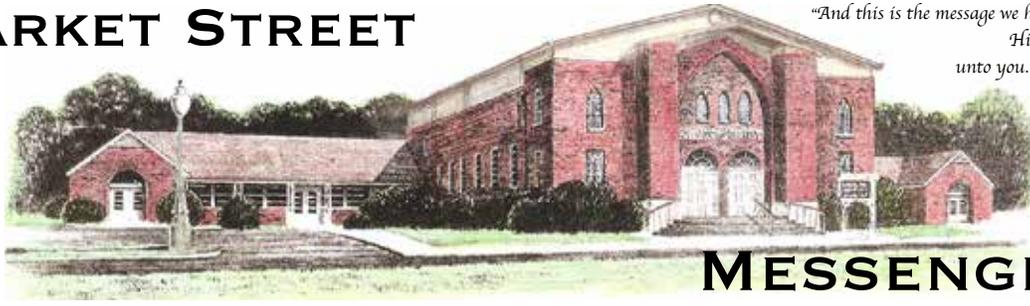


MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

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Learning From the Widow's Mite

David A. Cox

"So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.'" (Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus had just finished teaching His disciples the dangers and hypocrisy among the leaders of the Jews. Jesus and His disciples sit at the temple, opposite the treasury. Jesus observes people coming in and giving into the treasury as they sit. Each person gave different amounts for the law of Moses required a tenth. As Jesus is watching, a widow comes and gives two mites, which made a quadrans. A quadrans was 1/64th of a denarius, a day's wage. She gave what would be equivalent to just a few minutes of work. She did this while others gave large sums of money into the treasury. Jesus saw this draws His disciples to what He has seen. He points out that the widow had cast in more than all the others who had given. There are valuable lessons that we can learn in this unique event.

The Real Worth of Action

From the incident, we learn that there is great value to our actions. An individual's action shows an indication of one's character. The one talent servant in Matthew 25 failed to be moved to act with what he saw was not much value. We must remember that it is not about what I might do but what the Lord can do. The servant's inaction brought rebuke and condemnation for not using what was in his power to do.

On the other hand, the widow with only two mites is commended and held up as an example. While in the temple, many were in awe of the buildings and their beauty and adornment, and they only could see the great value of physical things. Jesus points His disciples back to the real value of the action of this poor widow who was overlooked by all. Let us remember that with our actions, there is great value.

The Lord Looks at the Heart.

Jesus, on this occasion, contrasts the faithfulness of the poor widow

to the self-righteous. The Pharisees were constantly in conflict with Jesus due to their self-righteous attitudes. As the gifts of the wealthy would be cast into the collection drums, the coins would make ringing sounds heard throughout the temple. Jesus states that the widow's gift that no one noticed honestly was the greatest. Why? Because she gave all her living. Jesus' point here is not just about her money, but she gave herself. She gave her heart and soul to God. The two mites were offered from a spirit of devotion to God and not from a spirit of rivalry or display. God recognizes all the things we do, and regardless of what we do, God knows where our heart is in our service to Him.

The story of the widow's gift is often overlooked in the foundational lessons that it can teach us. Let us remember these two lessons from this short text in scripture and let these lessons make us more like the people God wants us to be.



Noah: Following God's Plan

Steven Matthews

*"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."
(Genesis 6:8)*

Shortly after God created mankind on the earth, mankind corrupted it. God was grieved. We can sense the passion of the Lord, because He had desired so much from humanity, but sadly, He was overwhelmingly disappointed and "sorry that He had made man on the earth" (Genesis 6:6). It pained God to see what man had become. Today, God is grieved by the sin that exists in the world, and even more specifically, my sin and your sin.

But Noah gives us hope. Even in a wicked world, there was Noah, who did not follow the crowd. In all the earth, there were only eight souls who were pleasing to God. Noah gives us hope that we, too, can live a Godly life in a wicked world. Despite the conditions of Noah's day, he was a just and blameless man—and God was aware of Noah's goodness. Noah found favor in God's

sight, which resulted in him and his family being saved from the flood. Likewise, God is aware of our goodness, and we will be saved come the Day of Judgment if we maintain our faithfulness.

Noah "did according to all that the Lord commanded him" (Genesis 6:22, 7:5). Where did the obedience of Noah come from? Faith (Hebrews 11:7). Noah's faith moved him to obey God: God called upon Noah to exercise a great amount of faith. It had never even rained before, yet God promised that a flood would destroy every living thing upon the earth. Noah believed God in spite of this, was moved with godly fear, heeded the warnings and obeyed God's instruction. As a "preacher of righteousness," Noah's faith in God caused him to undertake the task of building an ark in preparation for rain—simply because God told him to.

So why do we need to find grace in the eyes of the Lord? It's not because we face the threat of a worldwide flood. God promised He would never again destroy the world in such a way (Genesis 9:8-17). It's because we face the promise of the end of the world. Peter reminds us in II Peter 3 that just as the world was once destroyed by water, so it shall be destroyed by fire when Jesus returns. With this promise in mind, Peter calls us to "be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14). Just as Noah "found grace in the eyes of the Lord," we need to be "found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless."

We have a choice. God lets us choose which path to take. In Noah's day, the world had a choice; the majority made the wrong choice. We don't have to go along with the majority. Like Noah, we can be faithful to God in an ungodly world. God does not want anyone to perish, but for all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). So when we turn from sin and turn faithfully to God, what do we find? "Grace in the eyes of the Lord."

~via *Tidewater church of Christ*; Chesapeake, Virginia.



News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Dale Adcock	Carol Dean
Ruby Dean Ezell	Don Bates
Mike Wheeler	Dan Lovell
Betty Pepper	Brad Brown
Doris Lovell	JoAnn Gilbert
Betty Lovell	Shirley Miller

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
Cornelia Pepper	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Matt Bassford
Sadricia Wilson	Leigh Ellen Elliott
Wynell Romine	Elmina McLemore
Anthony Sutton	Charlotte Adams

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Irene Inman, rm. 121
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77

Limestone Health Facility:

Bobby Ogles, rm. 113	Ann Bush, rm. 75
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	Marie Nave, rm. 79a

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Bobbie Adcock; at her son's home
Nell Barksdale; at home
Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Traditions
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Stan Stanford; at home
Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Anthony Sutton; UAB Hospital, rm. ICU
Betty Christopher; Huntsville Hospital

Updates:

Dale Adcock was able to get her cast off this past week...
Judy Vaughn had a procedure done on Thursday at

Vanderbilt... **Bonnie Sutton** is to have a procedure done on his back in Birmingham on Wednesday... **Helen Blankenship** received the results from her tests last week and got a good report. They will work with her blood pressure... **Don Bates** is to go the heart doctor on Tuesday... **Ruby Dean Ezell** has not been able to be at services. She is scheduled for injections in her back on August 16th... **Dan Lovell** was improved enough this week to get his sling off and begin a more aggressive therapy... **Peggy Pepper** fell last week and is continuing to recover from the fall. She is at home... **Irene Inman** continues in the Athens Health and Restore Rehabilitation for therapy... **Taylor Gregory's grandfather, Lindsay Bates**, had some tests done on Wednesday for his heart... **Judy Vaughn's cousin, Betty Christopher**, had surgery done last Monday and is in the Neuro-Spine unit at Huntsville Hospital... **Tena Wells daughter-in-law's father, David Duke**, was involved in a hit and run accident last weekend in Texas and broke his back and legs... **Debra Holt's cousin, Anthony Sutton**, had his surgery last Wednesday, and all indications things went very well.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class will not meet this week due to the Lectureship at Athens Bible School. They resume meeting next Tuesday morning, July 19th, at 10:30 a.m.

NEW QUARTER IN BIBLE CLASSES: This past week, we began a new quarter in our Bible Classes. There are classes that meet every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. If you are not coming to our classes, now would be a great time to begin.

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

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Eastside church* in Red Bay is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Jeff Archer*.

LECTURESHIP THIS WEEK: The *Truth/CEI Lectureship* will be at Athens Bible School this week. The lectures will begin on Monday night with a period of singing followed by a lecture. Starting Tuesday morning at 8:00, there will be morning lectures and evening lectures. There is a flier on the bulletin boards with the particulars for the sessions of the lectureship. The theme this year will be *"I Believe in Jesus."* Please plan to attend these lectures; they will be very good

and timely.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEAKER: Wednesday night, brother *Phillip Stuckey* from *Edna, Texas*, will be speaking in the adult class. He will be down for the lectures at Athens Bible School this week.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Adams: Nathaniel, Laura, De-clan & Jack* have been in Kentucky this past week. . . *The Haraways: Albert & Brenda* have been in Florida this week. . . *The Adams: Marty, Marvella & Kenneth* are in Auburn this weekend getting Kenneth settled in. . . *The Ashes: Harold & Barb* are in Indianapolis, Indiana, this week. . . *The Putmans: Marvin & Irene* have been out of town this week on vacation. . . *The Wulfkubls: Russ, Lisa & Ali* have been out of town this past week in the upper midwest. . . *Keenon Currier* is in Monterey, California, where he is stationed.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made? We are continuing to make and update pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Mark your calendars for our *Gospel Meeting* on *September 11-14*. *Buc Chumbley* will be the speaker in this meeting.

UKRAINE: Continue to remember the people suffering in the Ukraine as they deal with the terrible atrocities being inflicted upon them. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren there.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of July 3rd:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	115
	Morning Worship	134
	Evening Worship	103
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	93

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

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



**MARKET STREET
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Keith Hinkle
Serving	Griffin Holt..... Marvin Putman
.....	Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer	Landon Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer	Tommy Burns
Other Assignments for the week of July 10 th :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Tommy Coblenz
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, July 13th:

Song Leader	Jonathan Traylor
Bible Reading	Albert Haraway
.....	(John 16:1-8)
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Invitation.....	Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer	Hayden Pierce

Sunday, July 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Stephen Lynn
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting	Jerry Baker
Serving	Charles Vaughn
.....	Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer	Heath Dollar
.....	Harold Ash

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Clayton Hamm
Other Assignments for the week of July 17 th :	
Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Danny Holt
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews