

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.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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Who Is On The Lord's Side

David A. Cox

"Then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp and said, 'Whoever is on the Lord's side — Come to me!' And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him." — (Exodus 32:26).

Moses had gone to Mount Sinai and received the Ten Commandments from the Lord. Moses came down to Israel and communicated the commands to them. The children of Israel affirmed all together, "All the words which the Lord has said we will do" (Exodus 24:4). Moses then returned to Mount Sinai to receive the two tables of stone with the Ten Commandments written on them. While Moses was away, the people suggested that Aaron make gods for them. Aaron commanded the people to bring their jewelry of gold, and he made of the gold a molded calf. The children began to worship this calf, and Moses returned to see their unrestrained behavior; he rebuked them severely and said, "Whoever is on the Lord's side, Come to me!" Let us consider this thought.

Who Can It Be Said Is On The Lord's Side?

Those on the Lord's side have left the influence of the world and look to the Lord for their direction and guidance. People who are more concerned about what the world thinks, looking to the world's standard for what is right, are not on the Lord's side. Those on the Lord's side have exerted their life in the direction God directs in His word. Those on the Lord's side will look to the rule and reign of God in their lives. Are we accepting and following the precepts of God? Or are we looking at something or someone else to direct us? If we are on the Lord's side, we will look only to Him.

Why Should We Be On The Lord's Side?

The Lord's side is the side of justice and truth. Many today do not value truth and justice. However, when people stand in judgment, the judgment rendered will depend on their relationship to truth and justice. To be on the Lord's side is to accept the teachings of Jesus and to keep them. To walk in truth is to walk according to the word of God (John

17:17), and Jesus said that truth sets man free from the bondage of sin (John 8:32). Jesus came to bring salvation to man, but He never will force one to be on His side. The difference between being on the Lord's side or not being on the Lord's side is heaven or hell. The side we choose will determine our destiny. The choice is up to each individual to make for themselves. Are you walking according to the truth? Are you living a life that is just serving the Lord? If so, your life is on the Lord's side and as you continue on that pathway of life, salvation and an eternity in heaven are your hope.

May we all choose to be on the Lord's side and commit to serving Him in our lives. May we come to Him and lay our lives down before Him, consecrating ourselves totally to Him in living holy, righteous, and godly lives.



The Blessing of Loss

David Edwin Harrell, Jr.

The similarities between parents and children is frequently striking, reaching far beyond physical resemblances. I sometimes detect my gestures and demeanor in my children, and I can see Deedee's as well. I think it is impossible to say whether such things are genetic or environmental, inherited or learned.

We know that physical traits are in the genes—"which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" (Matthew 6:27). Noble noses are given, not chosen. More mysterious are those habits and manners that pass from generation to generation. My signature is virtually a carbon copy of my father's—a fact I did not stumble on until I was middle-aged.

I began thinking about this matter because of a sentence in a book I recently reviewed. In a survey of evangelicalism, Randall Balmer, a Columbia University historian, wrote:

"I'm not sure there is anyway I could document this, but I suspect that the greatest fear that haunts evangelical parents is that their children will not follow in their footsteps, that they will not sustain the same level of piety as their parents—stated baldly, that they are headed

for hell rather than heaven."

I am not sure that there is any way I could document it, but I believe that is the most haunting uneasiness that I detect among Christian parents. The most dreadful thought we entertain in this world is that our children will not be like us.

The source of this concern, I think, is not mainly vanity. Of course, I am proud when my children do well, and I am saddened when they fail. Everyone likes it when someone tells him that one of his children is "just like you".

Our apprehension has more to do with compassion. It is natural for parents to love children, to want to protect them from troubles (2 Corinthians 12:14). Having made hundreds of wrong choices in our own lives, and having discovered a haven of rest in Christ, we yearn for our youngsters to avoid the tragedies that lurk at every turn in life. It saps our spirits to see them suffer; it blesses our lives to see them prosper. "A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother" (Proverbs 10:1).

But Balmer correctly surmises that the chief fear of the Christian parent, "baldly stated," is that the child will lose his or her soul. Our concern is a proclamation of faith, of our firm persuasion that there is more to come. In the end, all else is trivial. Sleepless nights, disappointed hopes, financial struggles—all anxieties become irrelevant as we look toward eternity. It is in heaven that we want to see our children safe and sound at last.

At this point in reflecting, we should think briefly on the sublimity of the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). To have a wayward child is tragic, to see your child suffering is distressing, but all such travail fades into insignificance when the prodigal comes home. The only real parental fear is eternal separation.

~via *Cyfair Family News & Notes*; Cypress, Texas.



Proclaiming the Lord's Death

Mark McCrary

What is the single most important event in human history? The discovery of fire? Creation of the wheel? The internet? Facebook? Texting? Twittering?

For the child of God, what should be the most important event is the death of Jesus Christ for our sins. That moment where He gave Himself so that we might have salvation.

The apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 11:26, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." Christians gather on the first day of the week to remember what Jesus did. Paul said we proclaim what He did.

In many ways, it is a sad proclamation. In Romans 5:6, Paul also wrote, "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Jesus gave His life because you and I chose to sin. Jesus' blood was shed because we were selfish and willful. He paid the price so we do not have to. If we were to be right with God, there was no other way. That ought to cause profound sorrow in our hearts.

But, it is an equally joyous proclamation. Christ willingly—and, the Hebrew writer adds, gladly (Hebrews 12:1-3)—gave Himself for us. God so loved the world that He gave His Son. And, Jesus so loved the Father and us that He went. Because of what Jesus did we may have salvation, though we are not worthy. Thanks be to God!

That's why the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week is so important. It is a time when we remember, we give thanks and we proclaim. We do this every Lord's Day (Acts 20:7) because it is a shared meal with Christians, and we desire to gather each Lord's Day to worship God and encourage one another. We do it each Lord's Day because we must always remind ourselves of this foundational truth: while we were enemies, Christ died for us.

So, this week, when you take the Lord's Supper, proclaim! Proclaim your sorrow that you caused His death. Proclaim your joy that His death brings your salvation. Proclaim it to your brothers and sisters. And through the week, let's proclaim it to the world through

godly behavior and reverential honor for God.

~via *Douglas Hills Church of Christ*; Louisville, Kentucky.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Bonnie Morris	Jewel Dean Kennemer
Barbara Ash	Sharon Nave
Brenda Haraway	Albert Haraway
Steve Stringer	James Adams
Shirley Miller	Betty Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	Doris Lovell
Tim McGuire	Barbara Piper

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Priscilla Tucker	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Charlotte Griffin
Freddie Mae Elmore	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Nikki Ogles
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
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	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	

Limestone Health Facility:

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

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
Irene Inman; at home
Stan Stanford; at home
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Keith Holt; Centennial Hospital – Nashville, Tenn.

Updates:

Bonnie Morris is dealing with tendinitis in her foot and ahs not able to be up on it...**Jewel Dean Kennemer** had x-rays on hip last week and it showed no fractures... **Vicki Stringer** is doing better after the blood transfusion last week...**Barbara Ash** is making improvement with her case of RSV... **Charlotte Griffin** is at home with Hospice...**Ruby Dean Ezell** was able to be back at services last week ...**Brad Brown** is at home from the hospital...**Harold Davis** is scheduled to see an RA doctor on October 31st ...**Tommy Coblentz's sister, Barbara Piper**, has a mass in her stomach...**Doris McGuire's son, Tim McGuire**, is scheduled to go back to the doctor on Thursday this week...**Debra Holt's aunt, Charlotte Adams**, continues to be very low, and the family is with her around the clock ...**Barbara Ash's brother, Stephen Bassitt**, continues under hospice care...**Keith Holt, the oldest son of Danny and Larry's brother, Mike**, continues to recovery in the Centennial Hospital in Nashville.

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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: There is will be a ladies Bible class beginning to meet again on Wednesday night. They first class will be on October 5th.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: *The Oneal church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Mitchell Dalrymple*... *The Russellville church* is Russellville beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Jonathan Caldwell*.

OUT OF TOWN: **Sheila Holt** has been in Anaheim, California with her work... **The Curriers: Kevyn & Mary Glenna** are in Monterey, California this week visiting with Keenon...**David Cox** is in St. George's, Grenada beginning a meeting today at Willis.

AWAYFROMUS: Some of our young people are away from home. Keep them in your prayers.

Kenneth Adams is in Auburn for school.
Keenon Currier is stationed in Monterey, California.
Addison Holt is in Birmingham for school.
Christian Usery is in Birmingham for work.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Sept. 25th:*
Sunday: Bible Classes..... 99
Morning Worship..... 131
Evening Worship..... 94
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 82

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 2nd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Albert Haraway
Prayer.....Nathaniel Adams
Preaching..... Joel Hamm
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
Assisting Stephen Lynn
ServingMatthew Usery....Matthew Vaughn
.....Charles VaughnClayton Hamm
Closing Prayer Bob Broadus

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton
Preaching..... Trenton Barksdale
Lord's Supper Stephen Lynn
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell
Other Assignments for the week of October 2nd:
Ushers.....Tommy Coblentz/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System..... Russ Wulfekuhl

Wednesday, October 5th:

Song Leader Tony Thomas
Bible Reading..... Hunter Cox
.....(John 19:17-27)
Prayer..... Frank Melton
Invitation..... Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds

Sunday, October 9th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Albert Haraway
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer.....Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....Kasey Harbin
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....Tommy Coblentz
Assisting Harvey Nixon
ServingNathaniel Adams..... Heath Dollar
.....Sam Gregory Landon Adams
Closing PrayerDan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Albert Haraway
Song Leader Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....Kasey Harbin
Lord's SupperTommy Coblentz
Closing PrayerJerry Baker
Other Assignments for the week of October 9th:
Ushers.....Marvin Putman/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System..... Larry Holt