

MARKET STREET



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

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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..... 6:30 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

Dealing With Loneliness

David A. Cox

"Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted." — (Psalm 25:16).

Do you ever have times that you experience loneliness? If so, you are not alone. In a world with so many ways to connect, many people feel disconnected and isolated. However, loneliness is not a new problem. In Psalm 25, David is well aware of what it is to experience loneliness as he proclaims, "For I am desolate." Sometimes, loneliness may come from our faults and decisions. However, it is also true that when one is striving and doing the right thing, people turn away and leave them alone. What can one do to deal with times of loneliness?

Look To God's Word

As one looks to God's word the promise of God is there, but also the strength gained by mediating on His word. There are four scriptures to remember:

1. **Matthew 28:20** — *"Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* The promise Jesus makes here is that His disciples will never be alone. There is never a time that God is not with us. God's promise to be with us always implies that we can always talk to God in prayer. God is always with us, looking over us and wanting to hear from His people (1 Peter 3:12). As the people of God, we can tell God our feelings, concerns, hopes, and desires. What a promise that God has left His people, "I am with you."
2. **Proverbs 18:24** — *"A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."* The fact is that friends come and go throughout life. Why is that the case? Because people change. Some people are more spiritual in their focus in life, and others are not; the life one lives will bring different people into one's life. The changing of friends is fine because life changes. However, as disciples, there is always a friend who is there. He is there in all the lonely passages of life.

3. *1 Peter 5:7* — “ *Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*” God wants His children to be in constant communication with Him. The reason is that life presents man with many hurdles and obstacles. In times of these hurdles, the temptation is to isolate oneself from others, But God’s answer for these times is “Cast your cares on Him.” God loves and cares for each one, and He does intend for each one to get through their struggles by themselves. Lean on the Lord, and let Him walk with you in times of trouble.
4. *Romans 8:38-39* — “*For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” Paul says, “Nothing can separate us from God.” When the times of loneliness come, remember that God is with us always, and no man can pluck us out of His hands. The key is not to focus on what one can see but on our faith and trust in God.

In times of loneliness, remember these scriptures and have the faith seen in David as he pours out his heart to God and asks the Lord to “turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me.” How thankful disciples can be to have God on our side.



Who Can Be Against Us?

Mark McCrary

It seems that a lot of Christians are down and out right now, discouraged by recent events in our country. Let’s find a few words of encouragement from God’s word—Romans 8:31-39...

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall

bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’”

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Christian, have hope! Trust in God in difficult days!
~via *Growing In Godliness*; Louisville, Kentucky.



Trust in the Lord

Jeff Curtis

Immoral actions often prompt situations that are even more immoral and unacceptable. In Judges 20 and 21 an account is given where Israel was faced with a horrible rape and murder. However, their response led to a terrible civil war and the killing of women and children. After those events, Israel confronted the possible extinction of one of the tribes. Their efforts to address the problem resulted in more deaths, kidnapping and intimidation. A bad response to a bad situation doesn’t result in good.

Judges 20 and 21 should remind the church to take care in how people react when something terrible or immoral occurs. The story of Joseph in Genesis 37-50 describes a more positive response to bad events. Joseph set a better example when he told his brothers, “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive” (Genesis 50:20). A tragic event, an immoral act, or a horrible situation doesn’t mean the world is outside

of God's control. God can work good in any situation.

The difference between the Israelites in Judge 19-21 and Joseph in Genesis is a willingness to find direction in God's instructions. Doing what is right in one's own eyes often makes the matter worse. Doing what is right in one's own eyes while claiming it is God's will deepen the moral dilemma.

Humans, even Christians, will sin and create moral dilemmas. Only through dependence on God can troubles and immorality be curtailed. Then work can be started toward healing and restoring fellowship with God. As a wise man once said,

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

God has the power to help us if we will only trust in Him and seek His guidance. His words are pure. Let's rejoice in them and him today.

~via *The Encourager*; Shelbyville, Tennessee.



Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Patricia Abernathy	Penny Bates
Jennifer Threet	Peggy Mitchell
Larry Mitchell	Shelby Kirkland
Pat Nixon	Jeanette Weir
Shirley Miller	Amy Gill
Larsen Plyler	Lance McGuire
Wayne Faulk	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Danny Johnson	Paul Adcock
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Doris Lovell
Sharon Nave
Vicki Stringer
Nikki Ogles
Judy Vaughn
Lloyd Adams
Cindy Walker
Wynell Romine
Jerry Lawrence
Liz Fusch
Tim McGuire
Mary Cox

Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper
Anita Wheeler
Wynell Romine
Jeanette Weir
Charles Burns
Al Pollard
Anthony Sutton
Henry Fusch
Kimberly Pressnell
Monica Nelson

Updates:

Bob Broadus had surgery on his foot on Tuesday and is recovering well from it ... **Dale Adcock** has been dealing with the shingles this past week ... **Penny Bates** has a growth on her thyroid and will be having surgery to remove it ... **Patricia Abernathy** continues her rehabilitation... **Paul Adcock** continues to take his treatments for his prostate cancer... **Sharon Nave's** surgery at UAB is scheduled for November 20th... ... **Jackie Cox's daughter-in-law, and my sister-in-law, Mary Cox**, received word that her pancreatic cancer is stage-4... Remember our expectant mother, **Lynsey Adams**, in your prayers.

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Brenda Wilson, rm. 38
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 2	Auteen Campbell, rm. 96
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Connie Brock, rm. 62

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	Ann Bush, rm. 75
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Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Limestone Lodge
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Irene Inman; at home
Lona Jackson; Vitality Living Upland Park, Huntsville
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee
Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

CARD WRITING: There is a card writing group that meets regularly to write and mail cards to people for appreciation and encouragement. The group will meet Monday morning at 10:30. If you would like to participate, join them in the morning.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Ashes:* Harold & Barb have been in Kentucky this past week... *The Hamms:* Joel &

Sharma have been out of town on vacation... **Sheila Holt** has been working out of town this week ... **The Snells:** *Larry & Louise* are back home after being in Memphis, Tennessee last weekend... **The Farris':** *Larry & Courtney* are in Gulf Shores this weekend.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Charles Vaughn and all the family** in the passing of Charles' mother, **Dorothy Iomgene Belue**. She passed away on Thursday morning in Newport, Michigan. Her funeral will be on Wednesday at the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Flat Rock, Michigan. She will be laid to rest in the Michigan Memorial Park. May the Lord this family at this time.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made? We continue to make and update photos of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made soon.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: Remember the Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the West Auditorium. They are beginning a new study on **"Heading for Heaven."** All ladies who are able to come are invited to be a part of this class.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing on Tuesday evening at 5:30 at the Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Midway church** in Lauderdale county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Alan Yeater*.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Remember the Children's Bible Drill this afternoon at 4:45 before our evening service. I hope all our children can come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of November 5th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	148
	Morning Worship	173
	Evening Worship	120
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	94



Communion Preparation for November

- Communion Bread — Heather Cox
- Communion Cups — Danny Holt

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Clayton Adams
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Hunter Cox
Assisting	Terry Andrews
Serving	Albert Haraway
	Harold Davis
	Nathaniel Adams.....
	Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Christian Usery
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer	Marcus Morris
Other Assignments for the week of November 12 th :	
Usher	Danny Johnson/Hayden Pierce
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl

Wednesday, November 15th:

Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading.....	Harold Davis
	(Acts 19:1-10)
Prayer.....	Larry Holt
Invitation.....	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Sunday, November 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Larry Tucker
Serving	Luke Vaughn
	Sam Gregory
	Heath Dollar
	Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed
Other Assignments for the week of November 19 th :	
Usher	Danny Johnson/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews