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From Where I Sit . . .

"Giving Thanks For The Gospel"

We are so fortunate to live in a time when Bibles are available in nearly every bookstore, variety store like Wal-Mart, and in most libraries. Most homes in America have several copies. It wasn't always that way. A person in Bible times was very fortunate if their family had managed to acquire any portion of the copies of Scripture that scribes from centuries before Jesus had copied.

Some Jews in foreign lands were fortunate to get hold of the translation of the old Hebrew and Aramaic text into Greek. This translation from about 200-225 B. C. was called the Septuagint. Usually only wealthier people might have portions of these ancient scrolls. It appears from some quotes such as in Stephen's sermon of Acts 7 that Jesus, the apostles, and other evangelists of the First Century often quoted Old Testament passages from the Septuagint-Greek translation. It's conceivable that these might be the parchments that Paul asked Timothy to bring to him in prison (2 Timothy 4:13 (KJV)¹³The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.

It's important for us to take note that God took careful measures to preserve His Holy Message by means that were adequate to guarantee to us today that we have an accurate rendering of this same saving Gospel that Jesus came to preach. We need to appreciate just how easy our access is to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and learn to be thankful for its saving message! Most folks didn't have easy access to these Scriptures, especially since they were copied by hand and limited in number of copies available. These folks had to wait for public readings of the sacred Scriptures in the Synagogues and the Temple: Acts 15:21 (KJV)²¹ "For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day."

Do you remember the day that Jesus went into his home village of Nazareth and Went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath Day: Luke 4:16-22 (KJV)¹⁶ "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.¹⁷And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, ¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to he al the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.²⁰And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.²¹And he began to say unto them, <u>This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears</u>.²²And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?"

Friends, Jesus was not only a preacher of the Gospel, He was the message! That day the Good News had come to their assembly in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The word gospel means "good news, good tidings." It was good news when the angels announced His birth (Lk. 2:10); and the message of His coming and the salvation He came to bring is the Good News that the world needs today!

He came to preach that Good News! This message is called the Gospel of Christ: Romans 1:16-17 (KJV) ¹⁶For I am not as hamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Thanks be to God!!!

. . . Terry Broome



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Ken Lawrence is continuing in tests to see what kind of treatments that the doctors think would be effective. He would appreciate the prayers of the church.

Joan Jackson is feeling a little better but is dealing with extreme arthritis in her back. Please pray for Joan. Tom Hancock underwent knee replacement surgery in Huntsville on Tuesday. Please pray for him as he recovers.

Joel Gardner had successful knee surgery to repair his meniscus on Tuesday. He is recovering at home now. Please keep him in your prayers.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Meghan Cornelison Ernestine Pace LaRue Anderson Vara Stiles **Tammy McGuire Bill Price** James Rice **Stan Hastings David Precise Cheryl Ellis** Melba Sloan Beckv Russell Sam Wright Margaret Crawford **Izella Proctor** Hayley Hastings **Ginger Myers** X'shi Ana Benavides Irene Gist Mary Lawrence **Polly Franklin** Sophronia Burney Ken Lawrence, Sr. **Harold Reynolds Judy Roberts** Holly Cobb Jennifer Chandler, sister of Janet Necklaus. Jackie Evans, employee of Woods Cove Florist, 2661 Snodgrass Rd. 35769. Judy Tidwell McBride, member at Larkinsville, 322 Co. Rd. 15, Woodville, AL 35776. Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley. Kenny Jimenez, son-in-law of Dave & Elane Bagley and

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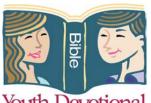
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Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Sept. 20 — Sack Sunday

— Area-Wide Devo, Huntsville

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Measure Of Our Love	Wed. Bible Study.Sunday Bible Study.Sun. A.M. WorshipSun. Night Worship.Contribution.\$9058.41Budget.



Area-Wide Devo hosted by Owens Cross Roads church of Christ for Youth, 7th-12th grades, will be on September 20th in Huntsville. The devo Youth Devotional will be from 4:30 p.m. til 7:00 p.m. at Green Mountain State

Park. They will be taking precautions by keeping each youth group separated and providing prepackaged food and condiments. They will also have people assigned to serve the food to each group. If you will be going, please let Chad know.

Dear Broad Street Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, phone calls, offers of food and your love. Hoping to be able to assemble with you all again.

In Christian love, Ernestine Pace

On February 29 of this year we aired our first prerecorded worship service with songs, prayers, the Lord's Supper and sermon on our website and YouTube. This was the best we could do at that time because we could not meet as a congregation due to the COVID-19 virus. For the past several weeks we have been allowed to meet as a congregation but acted cautiously to avoid compromising those who had health issues or other underlying reasons to avoid a public gathering. All the while we've discussed the possibility of some day offering a live streaming of our worship service in real time from our auditorium for those who must stay at home. We are working to make this a reality in the near future. We will only air two more Sundays of the prerecorded service, and we ask your patience for whatever time beyond that it takes to have the system up and working properly. When it is fine-tuned, we will give proper instructions of where to access it, probably on our broadstreetchurchofchrist.com address. We look forward to the day when more and more of the church feels comfortable joining us in person. We still practice social distancing and encourage people to use their masks when entering and leaving though they can use their own judgement during the actual service.

Our food pantry is extremely low at this time. We will have a Sack Sunday on September 20th. Please bring a sack or two when you come to worship service. Here is a list of suggested items: Restock the SHELVES canned meats, tuna, peanut



butter, oatmeal, chili, soup, stew, dried beans, rice, spaghetti & sauce.



Because of the devastating destruction left by the recent hurricanes, the Elders have decided to send donations to aid those affected. For the next ASTER two weeks you may give your donations to one of the elders or

ministers earmarked disaster relief. Please do not put it in the collection baskets. These funds will be sent to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville.

My Biggest Concern as the Pandemic Goes On

By Adam Faughn

For the better part of six months now, we have been dealing with coronavirus restrictions and changes. Our schools, jobs, recreation, shopping, and even our churches have had to do things differently. Every aspect of our lives has been touched to some degree.

As a preacher, I have some serious concerns over what all of this is doing to individual Christians and to each congregation. But there is one concern I have that is greater than any other.

What is it?

Well...My biggest concern is NOT lower attendance or giving numbers. Yes, it is difficult to preach to a room that is half-full (or less), but I know that many are watching on livestream, and that's the best they can do right now. It may be difficult, but it's not my biggest concern.

My biggest concern is NOT for those Christians who post on social media about shopping outings and going out to eat and going on little get-aways, but then won't come to worship because they "are trying to be careful." It's very disheartening, but it's not my biggest concern.

My biggest concern is NOT seeing families who are having to deal with issues that have been simmering for a long time and, now that they are home together a lot more, have those issues explode. Children are having to watch their parents argue and fuss, and couples wonder if they will make it much longer, but that's not my biggest concern.

My biggest concern is NOT how this has hurt personal evangelism. Right now, the thought of talking to someone else and asking to meet face to face is so frowned upon by so many that we are not willing to ask, out of fear. So, personal Bible studies are drying up, but that's not my biggest concern.

My biggest concern is NOT children and teenagers missing Bible classes for weeks (and months) on end; thus, not getting as solid of a foundation of Bible learning. I hate that they aren't getting those things, but it's not my biggest concern.

My biggest fear is NOT seeing Christians take to social media to gripe and complain about politics or masks or anything else. Nor is it seeing Christians go back-and-forth in public view on these matters, letting the world see disunity when it should see love. It bothers me to no end, but it's not my biggest concern.

My biggest concern is NOT that some people are taking their "extra" time to binge Netflix and Hulu and Disney+, but are not using their time to read their Bible or watch spiritual content. As such, they are atrophying in their spiritual lives and, in many cases, growing desensitized to sin by what they are taking in, but it's not my biggest concern.

I could go on, but you didn't choose to read this for what types of things are NOT my biggest concerns.

So, what is? As a preacher, and as someone who simply cares about souls, what is my biggest concern as this pandemic continues to stretch out week after week and month after month?

It's that I will get so discouraged and tired that I stop caring about these things.

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The Word of God (the Bible) never changes.

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The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020.