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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)*

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*We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.*

## **TIMES OF SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY**

**Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM**

**AM Worship 10:45 AM**

**PM Worship 6:30 PM**

### **WEDNESDAY**

**Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM**

(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## **Today's Sermon:**

*Why Doesn't  
Anyone Really  
Care Anymore?*

*Audio CD's are available  
free of charge in the foyer.*

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[www.truthandright.org](http://www.truthandright.org)*

*If you have any questions regarding  
what we teach and practice, please  
feel free to ask*

*We would like to invite you to a*

# *Gospel Meeting*

*April 18-23*

*with speaker:*

*Jarred Currence  
of Norton, OH*



*Sunday 10:00 AM*

*10:45 AM*

*6:30 PM*

*Mon.—Fri. 7:30 PM*

*"Come now, and let us reason together,"  
—Isaiah 1:18*

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# *"Patience" Can Save Your Soul*

*Mark White*

Who among us has no need for patience? Parents have an enormous need for patience because of the growth and the maturing of children. We know that their "growing up" will see many obstacles, and as parents we must be patient with them as they find their way in life.

When Jesus prepared His disciples for the task that would follow His crucifixion and resurrection, He told them of the troubles that awaited them. Luke 21 tells of Jesus giving instructions to them as they prepared to take the gospel to the world. The world itself would face great "earthquakes", "famine" and deadly "pestilence" coinciding with the apostles' persecution. His people would need a huge dose of "patience".

Here we must define our terms. Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines patience as it is commonly used today:

"...The power to wait calmly; endurance of pain or provocation without complaint."

We can picture a father teaching a child to ride a bicycle, all the time exhibiting "patience". Perhaps it's a coach explaining how to throw, catch, or hit a baseball. It takes "patience", a quality often more easily described or observed than to practice. Yes, everyone today needs patience, and most of all, Christians need patience.

In Luke 21:16-19, Jesus tells His closest friends, His apostles, that they would face hatred, betrayal and death as they did their Master's work. But in verse 21, note the imperative "... *In your patience, possess ye your souls.*"

We realize that, while "wait calmly" can play a part in the Christian's life, it cannot be the entire significance of "patience" here. In

fact, the Greek word that is translated "patience" carries with it an additional quality to merely "waiting." In his Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words, W. E. Vine states that terms like "endurance, perseverance and steadfastness" better describe that thought. Someone may "patiently wait" for the outcome to be seen more clearly, but there is still the need for endurance, for perseverance in the face of the opposition they would be facing, as described in the context of Luke 21. His apostles would be opposed, deceived, imprisoned and otherwise persecuted, but they must be "patient", willing to persevere in their everyday faith efforts. They must be determined to endure whatever Satan might place in their path.

Even in our daily tasks in the business world there is a need for this kind of "patience". The salesperson cannot give up at the slightest hesitance on the part of the potential buyer. The mechanic cannot give up until the "problem" is discovered and solved. Giving up when the "going gets tough" results in failure - and failure is not to be readily accepted on the part of the Christian, the parent, the spouse, the teacher or the preacher.

Satan and his cronies do not give up easily. Often they are more diligent, more determined than those who follow Jesus. For every determined servant of Satan there must be at least one "patient" servant of Christ. He has promised that He will be with us, and He reveals to us that the gospel is "*the power of God unto salvation*", Romans 1:16. If we wield the "*sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*," Ephesians 6:17, we will have the advantage. The "power of God" is greater than any power of Satan or any of his ministers may possess, Luke 1:37; 5:10; 18:27.

But - we must be "patient", we must steadfastly persevere in our responsibilities to our God:

- \* In our efforts of evangelism.
- \* In our standards of ethics and morals.
- \* In our searching, study and understanding of God's word.
- \* In our support of those taking the truth

of God to difficult places.

- \* In the way we treat our family, our friends – and even our enemies.
- \* In the way we approach our jobs and personal responsibilities.

What is the effect of such an attitude? We “possess”, we control, obtain and guide the destiny of our souls. And that is the “*hope of eternal life*” every Christian can enjoy, Titus 1:2; 3:7.

Whatever you do, don't give up!

~via *Market Street Messenger—Athens, AL*

## Openness

Gary Henry

***“Therefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon. Now when he was in affliction, he implored the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers . . . Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God”***

**~ 2 Chronicles 33:11-13 ~**

Hard hearts need to be “opened,” and sometimes the only thing that will open them is adversity. For this reason, we need to be careful about our attitude toward adversity.

Hardship tends to have a “chastening” effect upon us. If our hearts have begun to toughen up with a spirit of pride or self-sufficiency, the unwelcome pain of some seri-

ous difficulty can be a salutary thing. It can soften our hearts and open them up by reminding us of the proper reverence we ought to have toward our Creator, thus restoring our perspective.

Affliction doesn't always soften the heart, of course. Sometimes it has the opposite effect. Concerning those who lived in his day, Jeremiah said, “*O Lord, are not Your eyes on the truth? You have stricken them, but they have not grieved; You have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to return*” (Jeremiah 5:3). If we have chosen the “victim mentality” as our basic outlook on life, affliction will only make us feel more sorry for ourselves — our hard hearts will only grow harder and more resentful. A time can come when, for all practical purposes, we've lost our ability to “hear” the truth even when God is using adversity to get our attention.

Often, however, pain does have a beneficial effect, at least in the long run. Hardship has a way of scratching the shell around our hearts just deeply enough to let in a little of the truth we've been resisting, and the result is a more receptive, honest response to the circumstances around us. We're wise if we allow adversity to have this effect upon us.

There is an important sense in which we are strongest at our most painful moments of weakness. At least this much is true: our greatest opportunities to GROW in strength come when we respond to reminders of our weakness with humility and honesty.

***“Affliction plows and opens our hearts, so that into our innermost nature the truth penetrates and soaks like rain into the plowed land”***

***Charles Haddon Spurgeon***

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Scripture</b>	Malachi 3
<b>Reader</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Prayer</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Harold Marshall
Fruit of the Vine	Don Coen, Sr.
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Dan Marton
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tim Henderson

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Song Leader</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Scripture</b>	Malachi 4
<b>Reader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ken Prager

## Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Singing/Praying
<b>Invitation</b>	Dave Harless
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall

# *News N Notes*

**Please continue to remember these in your prayers:**

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please begin praying for our Spring Gospel Meeting, April 18-23 with Jarred Currence
- Charena Campbell
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Jerry & Dottie Henderson have made it safely to the Montana / Idaho area and will be working there for the next couple months
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother as she continues her recovery from breaking her leg.
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Kris Shane

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Nursing Home:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers
- Josephine Clow

#### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call:  
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