

# MARKET STREET



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

# MESSENGER

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## *You Are Who You Choose To Be*

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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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Imagine the scene: the nation of Israel has conquered Canaan and each tribe has received its inheritance. The great leader, Joshua, has become an old man and is giving a final encouragement to the people to serve the Lord (Joshua 23:1-2). Near the conclusion of his speech he exhorts them saying, "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 23:14-15). At the center of Joshua's words is the key to the whole endeavor...choice! One of the greatest powers God has given to us is the power to choose.

These choices are made daily and have an accumulated effect. Each choice is added to another, and then another, and another, until eventually we have established a way of life. Our character is defined by that pattern. Moreover, our eternal destiny is determined by these choices.

Notice the words of our Savior in Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." Jesus' cry for men to "enter" is a plea for men to choose to enter. We should choose to live our lives according to the disciplined principles of God's most holy way. To do otherwise is akin to building a mansion upon shifting sands (Matthew 7:24-27).

So, let us choose Jesus, and Him alone, "...for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Let us choose to seek out Godly wisdom. After all, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statues of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the

fear of the Lord is clean enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward” (Psalm 19:7-11).

The most important choices in life are the spiritual ones. You can be a wise godly person, but it demands making the proper choices. Remember Joshua’s bold invitation, “Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve” (Joshua 24:15). You are who you choose to be!

-via *The Melrose Memo*; Richardson, Texas.



## *The Other Sheep of John 10:16*

**Matthew H. Allen**

John 10:16 has served as a major claim for the legitimacy of Mormon teaching for many years. Upon reading the passage of scripture – by itself – it first appears that they (Mormons) could have a point. *“And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”* Does John 10:16 point toward people living in the Americas some 1500-1800 years after Christ? A look at the context of the John 9-10 is essential in answering the above question.

Beginning in John 9:3, Jesus healed a blind man, Jesus made clay, placed the clay on the eyes of the blind man, and commanded him to wash in the pool of Siloam (John 9:6-7) As one continues through John 9, he will find that the Pharisees cast the man healed by Christ out of the synagogue when he announced his belief in Christ. Jesus got word of the excommunication in John 9:35-41. Beginning in John 10:3, Jesus recites a parable showing that He was about to form His church comprised of Jews and Gentiles.

Shepherding was a common occupation in the days of Christ. God’s appointed one, the Messiah, was pictured in prophecy as the shepherd of His flock (Isaiah 40:31). Jesus mentioned shepherds and their sheep in much of His teaching (Matthew 18:12-14; Luke 15:3-

7; 12:32; John 21:15-17). The good Shepherd, Jesus, found the blind man in John 9:35 and introduced him to the true fold. In John 10:6, John tells us that those who heard him speak the parable in 10:3-5 did not understand. Beginning in verse 7 and continuing through verse 8 Jesus explained the parable to them.

Sheepfolds were mostly walled, unroofed enclosures. Each morning, a shepherd would take his sheep out of the sheepfold to lead them out to pasture. The only entrance to the sheepfold was through a heavily fortified door, which would keep wolves and predators out of the structure. In 10:7, Christ said He was the door of the sheep. Both sheep and shepherds must come into the flock through Christ (See also 14:6). As one continues through Christ’s explanation he will see that Christ cares for those who are His own. He would be willing to lay down His life for His sheep (10:10-11).

In John 10:12-13, Christ indicated the Jewish leaders at that time as being merely “hireling shepherds.” They were only interested in protecting their social/financial status. There was absolutely no desire on their part to act in the best interests of the people. They were in danger of being cursed by God (Zechariah 11:37). In John 10:14-15, Christ refers to Himself as the good Shepherd. The sheep in His flock have confidence/trust in Him. They know that all He does is for their good. He knows them so intimately that He sees they require the sacrifice of His life to be delivered from sin. The result of His laying down his life for the sheep is that the flock might increase in size (10:16). The sacrifice of His life was not just for the Jews (who were already in the fold), but for all who will be drawn to Christ and desire to become part of His flock The Gentiles would be introduced into His fold. Daniel King has said, “Israel’s place – in the scheme of things was ultimately to be a ‘light to the nations’” (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; 56:8).

Christ intended that men of all races and peoples should come into the one fold and follow Him as the one Shepherd. This would be a fact that would not be fully understood by the apostles and Jews until after His death. One might remember how Peter had to be convinced of God’s acceptance of the Gentiles by a series of dreams in Acts 10. Paul said that the gospel was for the Jew first and also the Greek (Romans 1:16). Christ said “I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 8:11).

Just before His ascension Christ commanded the apostles to preach the gospel to every person – not just the Jews (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). No where does the context point to American Indians – much less the Mormons who would live some 1500-1800 years after Christ. One would have to have a total disregard for the context by insisting that this could refer to anyone other than the Gentiles. Let us thank God that salvation has come to ALL men – through Christ. Indeed the gospel is for all – the Jew first and the Greek! Paul wrote, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith”*” (Romans 1:16-17).

-via *New Living*; Brownsburg, Indiana.



## ***Lies About Sin***

**Shane Williams**

Becoming like Christ is a never-ending process. A Christian will not come to a point when he can say there are no struggles with sin in his life. Only in heaven will we be without sin. I believe that’s why John warned us to look out for three lies about sin:

1. Saying “we have fellowship with Him” while we “walk in darkness” (1 John 1:6).
2. Saying “we have no sin” (vs. 8).
3. Saying “we have not sinned” (vs. 10).

After each of these lies, John gives us the truth. First, if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another and Jesus’ blood cleanses us from all sin (vs. 7). Second, if we confess our sins He forgives and cleanses us (vs. 9). Third, if we sin, we have an advocate with the Father. Jesus speaks in our defense (2:1). He is the propitiation (satisfaction) for our sins (2:2).

We all struggle with temptation. We make mistakes and sin. Denial doesn’t do us any good. We must see sin for what it really is.

-via *The Lilbourn Light*; Lilbourn, Missouri.

# ***Gospel Meeting***

September 13-17, 2009

Jeff McCrary, Speaking

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## ***News & Notes***

### **THE SICK:**

#### ***In The Hospital:***

#### ***At Home:***

Virginia Miller	Lola Colwell
Caroline Wilson	Elvin Stoffregen
Tony Corsbie	Jeff Waddell
James Craig	Mary Davis
Matt Poff	Angela Green

#### ***Athens Convalescent Center:***

Betty Bates, rm. 17

#### ***Limestone Health Facility:***

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118	Jerry Gilbert, rm. 111
Lorene Bradford, rm. 117	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Mary Smith, rm. 85	Rosella Pugh, rm. 33
Crutcher Harbin, rm. 100	

#### ***Limestone Manor:***

Ruth Owens, rm. 80

#### ***Shut-In:***

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.  
Jimmy Killen, at home  
Reba Adams, at home  
Majorie Lambert, at home  
Albert & Mary Norton, at home

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

Cody Brown; Iraq  
Brandi Lawrence; Afghanistan  
Joel Smith; Iraq  
Whitney Smith; Japan

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL:** This afternoon at 4:30 we will be meeting for the children's Bible drill. I hope that all the children will be present.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** We are glad to announce that *Danielle Moses* has expressed her desire to be a part of the work here at Market Street. We are glad to have *Danielle and Kaden* with us. We look forward to them working with us and us with them in the work God has given us to do.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Lenna Ruth Bates and all the family*, in the passing of Lenna Ruth's brother-in-law, *H.C. (Mutt) Bates* this past week. His funeral was Friday afternoon at the Spry Funeral Home and his burial was in the Higgins Cemetary.

**HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDY:** This coming Saturday evening will be the time for our High School/College Age study. We will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. and studying the "*The Unchangeableness of God.*" Remember this effort and tell others about it.

**WORK GROUPS:** Work Group 3 will meet tonight in the small auditorium in the west wing following our evening service. If your last name starts with Hu – O you are in group 3.

**PREACHING AWAY:** *Warren Glass* is preaching at the *West Rogersville church* today at all services due to *Joel Holt*, the preacher there being out of the country in Italy.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Oakland church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Greg Gwin of Columbia, Tennessee* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *Hughes Road at Gooch Lane church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Ferrell Jenkins* will be the speaker in this meeting.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance – Week of August 9th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 130  
Morning Worship ..... 161  
Evening Worship..... 112  
**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 91

*Remember Our Study Periods*

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, August 16th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Frank Noblitt  
Prayer ..... Marty Adams  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Assisting ..... Kenneth Smith  
Serving ..... Tommy Burns ..... Nathaniel Adams  
..... Curtis Glass ..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
Closing Prayer ..... Lifford Smith

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Frank Noblitt  
Prayer ..... Tim Craig  
Preaching ..... Marty Adams  
Lord's Supper ..... Kenneth Smith  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday August 16th:  
Usher ..... Ronnie Locke  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams

**Wednesday, August 19th:**

Song Leader ..... Marion Mitchell  
Bible Reading ..... (Proverbs 19:21-29)  
..... Nathaniel Adams  
Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Invitation ..... Warren Glass  
Closing Prayer ..... Gilbert Hardy

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**Sunday, August 23rd:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Benton Ball  
Assisting ..... Albert Bowers  
Serving ..... Chris Sides ..... Marvin Putman  
..... Landon Adams ..... Marion Pepper  
Closing Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Benton Ball  
Closing Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for Sunday August 23rd:  
Usher ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Work Sound System ..... Danny Johnson