

MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

Market Street church of Christ

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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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Freedom From Bondage

David Hartsell

Moses was born during a perilous time for Israel. The Egyptian king who exalted Joseph and invited Jacob's family to live in the land of Goshen was a distant memory. The new monarch did not know Joseph. He became frightened by the dramatic increase in Israel's population. So he enslaved Israel and made them rigorously serve in Egyptian building projects. Out of fear, the Egyptian monarch ordered newborn male Hebrews to be thrown into the Nile River. Moses' parents disobeyed this command. Instead they made a little basket in which they placed baby Moses and set him among the bulrushes near the bank of the Nile. Pharaoh's daughter came to the river to bath. She found the babe crying. She had compassion on the child and adopted him as her own son.

As Moses grew to manhood he defended a Hebrew who was being abused by an Egyptian. He killed the Egyptian. When this became known Moses fled to the land of Midian and lived there for the next forty years. In the mean time, things were getting worse for Israel. They were grievously suffering. "And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them." (Exodus 2:25) Israel was in bondage and they needed a deliverer. The Lord instructed Moses from the burning bush to return to Egypt and lead His people out of captivity. Moses obeyed and ten plagues later God brought out of Egypt with His mighty hand. The final plague, the death of the firstborn, brought great suffering throughout all of Egypt. There was not an Egyptian household that was not affected. At the same time, not one death occurred among the Hebrews. They had been instructed to kill a Passover lamb and put the blood on the sides of the door and the lintel. "And when I see the blood, I will pass over you." (Exodus 12:13) Pharaoh was distraught and ordered the Hebrews to leave immediately. Israel had watched God do many wonders to protect them and humble Pharaoh. Now it was their turn to act. They had to turn their backs on bondage, trust God, and follow Moses to freedom.

There is a parallel between Hebrew bondage and our slavery to sin.

Sin is often a horrible taskmaster. We become slaves to it. (Romans 6:12-18) We have all been under its power before. Like Israel, we needed a deliverer. Jesus Christ was sent by God to “deliver us from the power of darkness.” (Colossians 1:13) He did this not with animals’ blood but His own. (Hebrews 9:11-15) Even after all that our Lord has done, we must take steps to be free from bondage. We must have faith in Jesus as God’s Son, turn our backs on sin, and upon confession of our faith, be baptized into Christ. (Galatians 3:26-27) Israel went through a baptism that freed them from bondage. (1 Corinthians 10:1-2) We must do the same!

~via *Stanley Avenue Bulletin*; Andalusia, Alabama



Don't Ever Give Up!

Eddie J. Caskey

Perhaps you have started some project or job, or started toward some goal, only to go part way and then give up. Why did you quit? Was it that the task was too hard? Maybe it was too costly. Maybe you did not believe it would yield the desired results. People give up for a variety of reasons. Let us notice a few reasons why people quit on God.

Some people are like Demas, who quit on God because they love the present world (2 Timothy 4:10). It may be that Demas simply lost interest in pursuing godliness, or maybe he was afraid for his life, but whatever the reason, he quit. Notice Jesus’ warnings in the parable of the sower: “Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful” (Luke 4:18-19). John tells us that we are not to love the world or the things in it (John 2:15-17). These temporary things will drive out the love of God. Be on guard against the weeds of this life choking out the true message of Jesus Christ

in your life.

Some others quit because of the sins of others. The great prophet, Elijah, fled to the mountains and felt alone after the showdown with the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18-19). He believed he was the only one left that was faithfully serving God. He wanted to give up, until God reminded him that there were 7,000 others who had not bowed their knee to Baal. God then tells Elijah, essentially, to get back to work. Let us not give in to the devil’s temptation to drown ourselves in self pity, but rather immerse ourselves in the work of the Lord.

Still others will give up because of their own sins. We remember vividly the scene in the garden of Gethsemane, when Judas Iscariot leads a well-armed multitude to arrest Jesus and lead Him to His eventual death (Luke 22). The ultimate betrayal of the traitor’s kiss has burned itself into our imaginations. The effect on Judas was even more devastating. After trying unsuccessfully to return the “blood money”, he hangs himself (Matthew 27:1-5). No matter how great our sin may be, let us never quit on God. Paul points out that some in Corinth were formerly fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, and extortionists, yet God washed, sanctified, and justified them (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Though there may be times when others have quit on us, let us never give up on God. There was a time when Paul rejected John Mark (Acts 15:38), considering him unprofitable to the service of the Lord. Later, however, John Mark is Paul’s first choice to help him (2 Timothy 4:11). Don’t you ever give up! You can be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom.

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

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN – 770AM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00

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“On A Daily Basis”

Bill Hall

A man, asked recently to describe memories of his college days twenty-five years ago, replied, “A few big moments; many goofs, but, overall, pleasant memories.”

Would these words not describe our memories of life generally? As we recall our years, there are always the “big” moments, the emotional “highs,” that we love to relish. Then there are the “goofs,” the embarrassing occasions that just keep coming back to haunt us. But through it all, the pleasant memories sufficiently prevail to enable us to feel generally good about life.

But, in reality, success or failure in life is not determined by the “big moments” or “the goofs.” We will not be eternally saved on the basis of a few great spiritual achievements or eternally lost on the basis of a few great spiritual achievements or eternally lost on the basis of a few gross mistakes (assuming they have been repented of). Life consists of everyday actions and decisions, and it is these that bring ultimate success or failure, eternal happiness or eternal damnation. “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me” (Luke 9:23).

It is one thing to express concern for our children as we talk of their future spirituality and faithfulness. It is quite another to provide on a daily basis a spiritual atmosphere in the home, a good example of godliness and faithfulness, consistent and loving discipline and a love for God and respect for our fellowman that are so essential to the training of our children. It’s the little impressions that are made day by day that prove to be so decisive.

It is one thing to dream of some day being appointed an elder in the church. It is quite another thing to put forth the effort on a daily basis to learn the Scriptures, to develop leadership ability, to grow spiritually, and to live as to gain the confidence of a discerning congregation. One does not qualify for the eldership in one big leap. It comes through daily development.

It is one thing to talk a “good line” on priorities. It is quite another thing to put God first on a daily basis. The devil knows so many ways to test our resolve in these realms. Our intentions are good, but, through

his subtlety, he has us selling our souls for a mess of pottage or thirty pieces of silver.

It is one thing to think that we would die for the Lord if our faith were so tested. It is quite another thing truly to live for Him on a daily basis. Egos may be fed on the “big moments,” but true spirituality develops through daily prayer, study and meditation.

Our lesson is this. Set your goals for the future, and set them high. But recognize that it’s the little, day-by-day moments, the often forgotten moments accumulated through the years, that truly shape our destiny. Tomorrow’s success depends upon the choices and decisions that are made today. Make them with care.

~via *Needmore Bulletin*; Haleyville, Alabama

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Gladys Johnson; HealthSouth - Huntsville, rm. 303

Bayless Romine; HealthSouth - Huntsville, rm. 203

At Home:

Polly Davis

Lola Colwell

Tim Dean

James Craig

Molly Weeks

Marie Welden

Matt Poff

Tony Corsbie

Jeff Waddell

Henrietta Word

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118

Mary Norton, rm. 111

Albert Norton, rm. 111

Mary Smith, rm. 85

Lorene Bradford, rm. 117

J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

Rosella Pugh, rm.

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

Jerry Gilbert, 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:

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

WORK GROUPS: Tonight is the night for Work Group 3 to meet. If this is your group, remember to meet with your group tonight following our evening service.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: This afternoon at 4:30 will be the time for our Children's Bible drill. I hope that all of our children will be present at that time.

NURSERIES AVAILABLE: There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing and the other in the east wing.

OUR MEETING: We had a great meeting this past week with *Jeff McCrary* preaching. Jeff did a great job in preaching the gospel of Christ. I know that all who came benefitted from the lessons he preached. It was good to have him and Melody with us. We made CD's of the meeting. If you would like to have copies, please let us know.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Mt. Zion church* is engaged in a gospel meeting this week through Wednesday. *Lowell Sallee* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Sardis Springs church* is engaged in a gospel meeting this week through Wednesday. They will have different speakers as follows: Sunday morning – *Kasey Harbin*; Sunday evening – *Tracey Miller*; Monday – *Jeff Smith*; Tuesday – *Jonathan Reeder*; Wednesday – *Jeremiah McElyea*; Thursday – *Lance Taylor*... The *Somerville church* will be having a meeting through Wednesday. *Buc Chumbley* will be speaker in this meeting... The *West Madison Street church* in Pulaski, Tennessee will have *R. J. Stevens* preaching through Thursday evening... The *Anderson church* in Anderson will be engaged in a meeting this week through Thursday. *Jeff May* will be the speaker.

THE RECORD: Attendance – Week of September 13th
Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 135
Morning Worship 162
Evening Worship..... 129

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 107

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 20th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Rusty Brand
Song Leader Frank Noblitt
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Joel Hamm
Serving Tyler Cox Delmer Carter
..... Raymond Brown Cory Nelson
Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Evening Worship

Announcements Rusty Brand
Song Leader Frank Noblitt
Prayer Marion Mitchell
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday September 20th:

Usher David Terry
Work Sound System Danny Johnson

Wednesday, September 23rd:

Song Leader Marion Mitchell
Bible Reading..... (Proverbs 21:11-20)
..... Landon Adams
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Invitation Warren Glass
Closing Prayer Marty Adams

Sunday, September 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Jack Cannon
Prayer Frank Noblitt
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Joel Hamm
Serving Tyler Cox Delmer Carter
..... Raymond Brown Cory Nelson
Closing Prayer Tyler Cox

Evening Worship

Announcements Rusty Brand
Song Leader Jack Cannon
Prayer Frank Noblitt
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday September 27th:

Usher Marty Adams
Work Sound System Tim Craig