

# 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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## *Following The Right Example... Being The Right Example*

**Eddie J. Caskey**

It has been said that the most valuable gift you give another is a good example. Truth be told, we cannot help but be an influence upon the lives of others. It is also true that our own lives are shaped, in many ways, by societal pressures. Therefore, as Christians, it is imperative that we follow only those examples that are worthy of the name of Christ. We must also be sure that we purposely become shining lights that illuminate the proper way (Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:14-17).

Who should be our example? It should become obvious to us that God has provided numerous examples in His holy scriptures. We should never consider ourselves so far removed from those of old that we fail to recognize the value of their example. Paul exhorted the brethren in both Corinth and Philippi to imitate his own manner of life (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17). He also told them to "note those who so walk". This means that other Christians can provide us with extraordinary encouragement as we view their godliness. The Hebrew writer tells us, "Do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12). While it may be difficult to believe that we could emulate the life of someone like the Apostle Paul, the scriptures testify otherwise. Please note that what makes Paul, or anyone, a proper role model is their similarity to Christ. Paul continued in 1 Corinthians 11:1, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ". Peter tells us that Jesus left us an example and that we should therefore follow in His steps (1 Peter 1:21). Could there be a greater model of the perfect life?

This also proves that Christians are not only expected to be proper examples to others, but that they can be proper examples. As Timothy was urged, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). Paul also told Titus to exhort the young men to show themselves to be a pattern of good works (Titus 2:6-8). Furthermore, according to Romans 12:1-2, if we offer our entire lives on the sacrificial

altar of faith, then we can actually “prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” That is strong influence!

Romans 14:7 tells us that “no one lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.” Therefore, since it cannot be denied that we can have a very profound effect on others’ lives, let each of us endeavor to be worthy of emulation. Let us be mindful of the kind of example we are setting in front of others. Let us strive to be role models to others, Christians or otherwise.

Who is your example? Is it Christ and those who imitate Him? Who is following your example? Will that pattern lead them to Heaven? What sort of example are you? Is it worth following? Think on these things!

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



## *That's What I Was Told*

**Dennis Carrow**

As Pennsylvania mass murderer, George Sedoni, planned to murder innocent victims and take his own life, he wrote on his internet blog of things that influenced his decision. On December 31, 2008, he wrote, “Tetelestai Church in Pittsburg, PA - “Be ye Holy, even as I have been holy! Thus saith the Lord thy God!” , as pastor Rick Knapp would proclaim...this teaches (and convinced me) you can commit mass murder then still go to heaven. In any case...I think his teaching did the most damage.”

At the heart of his entry is the popular doctrine of “once saved, always saved.” While I am confident those who teach this doctrine have no intention of one committing mass murder or suicide, as reflected in Sedoni’s entry, the doctrine is empowering to those who desire to commit sin.

Sadly, this was not the end of his tragic story. The day leading up to his horrific act he wrote, “Maybe soon, I will see God and Jesus. At least that is what I was told. Eternal life does NOT depend on works. If it did, We will all be in hell. Christ paid for EVERY

sin so how can I or you be judged BY God for a sin when the penalty was ALREADY paid. People judge but that does not matter. I was reading the Bible and The Integrity of God beginning yesterday, because soon I will see them.” (August 3, 2009)

Again we have revealed the end of this tragic doctrine. An individual who with premeditation took the lives of three innocent women, then committed suicide took comfort and strength in the teaching of once you are saved you can never be lost.

Some will say, “Well, I don’t think he was ever saved.” However, read again his final blog entry. He had faith, he believed in Jesus, and the anticipated heaven, but the sad reality is he accepted a perverted teaching that allowed for his depraved behavior.

If you have been one exposed to and accepted this teaching you must solemnly question if it is from God!

Jeremiah spoke of religious men who did what this doctrine does. I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets...they strengthen the hands of the evildoers, so that no one turns back his wickedness (Jeremiah 23:13,14).

Any doctrine that empowers sinful behavior should be challenged. It is easy to fall prey to deception when we encounter a teaching cloaked in “religion” while appealing to the fleshly desires. Peter warned, of those who speak “Great swelling words...(and) allure through the lust of the flesh” (2 Peter 2:18,19).

It is unfortunate that several doctrines that have this appeal are widely accepted. While professing to exalt God’s grace and mercy, they pervert it. The gospel delivers us from sin. It does not leave us there.

### **Consider Some Things You Have Heard**

Intermingled in conversations about life and religion are doctrines that teach salvation is by faith alone, with the intention of empowering one to continue in sin. However, the Bible plainly states, “Faith by itself, if it does not have works is dead” (James 2:17). Justification can only come through a faith that obeys (vs. 24).

Yet, time and time again we hear things such as “You should get a divorce, God wants you to be happy; if you’re not happy in your marriage you should find someone else.” (But, consider Malachi 2:14; Matthew 19:9).

Or, “If it’s not convenient for you to have a baby right now you should get an abortion. It is your right as a woman. (But, consider Psalm 139:13-16; Proverbs 6:17).

This list goes on and on. Individuals who find someone to appeal to their desire to engage in something that is contrary to the will of God by altering the gospel of Christ. This is what the teacher at the church in Pennsylvania did to the mass murderer. This is precisely what the doctrines of “sin nature” and “once saved always saved” do.

Friends, examine what you were told with what the word of God says. Deception is a powerful thing. It can have us embracing a lie, and entering a world of darkness. Prove all things. Hold fast to that which is good.

-via *What Is True?*; Little Rock, Arkansas.

the inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16). The gospel is the power of God to save (Romans 1:16).

Second, we can see Jesus through the spoken word. The preaching of the gospel is the means by which God has chosen to save men (1 Corinthians 1:21). The gospel was preached at Corinth and preachers today are charged with the responsibility to “preach the word” (2 Timothy 4:1-2).

Third, we can see Jesus through the lives of Christians. The goal of every Christian is to become more like Christ. Paul said that Christians are living letters and are “known and read by all” (2 Corinthians 3:2). By living a godly life, Jesus is magnified and God is glorified (Matthew 5:16).

Are you helping the world see Jesus?

-via *Manslick Road Speaker*; Louisville, Kentucky



## *Seeing Jesus*

**Zack Lee**

The Bible presents Jesus Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords. He summarized His mission by saying, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” The world has a great need to see Jesus and to be obedient to His teachings. This is not optional. It is essential in having the abundant life.

The Greeks wanted to see Jesus (John 20:20-21). Nicodemus came to see Jesus by night (John 3:1-2). Zacchaeus climbed up a sycamore tree to see Jesus (Luke 19:2-4). The world desperately needs to see Jesus. But how? Here are three ways:

First, we can see Jesus through the written word. John ended his gospel by saying “these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing that you may have life in His name” (John 20:31). Christ is not only the mediator of the New Testament, but all scripture is also given by

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

#### *In The Hospital:*

*Margaret Carter*; Crestwood Hospital; rm. 422  
*Bayless Romine*; Valley View Rehab. - Madison  
*Heather Adams*; St. Jude - Memphis, Tenn.

#### *At Home:*

Polly Davis	Lola Colwell
Jerry Gilbert	Wayne Garner
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	Albert Norton, rm. 111
Gladys Johnson, rm. 114	Mary Norton, rm. 111
Lorene Bradford, rm.117	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Rosella Pugh, rm.	Mary Smith, rm. 85

#### *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

**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

**WORKGROUPS:** Tonight is the night for Work Group 2 to meet. If this is your group, remember to meet with your group tonight following our evening service.

**HIGHSCHOOL/COLLEGE AGE STUDY:** This Saturday evening, October 17th, at 6:30 p.m. will be the time for our High School/College Age studies. Remember these efforts and tell others about them.

**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.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Rita Smith* in the passing of her mother-in-law. *Ester Smith*, last week. She was buried in the Athens City Cemetary...Also, we express our deepest sympathy to *Mary Will Johnston* in the passing of her brother-in-law, *Ed McCracken*. He was buried Thursday in Roselawn Cemetary.

**WEBSITE:** The church's website is undergoing a redesign and it will be complete in a couple of weeks. There will be improvements made to the site and after the redesign is complete, it will allow us the ability to upload the sermons preached at Market Street weekly. The web address is:

MarketStreet-church .org

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Elgin Hills church* in Elgin is engaged in a gospel meeting this week through Wednesday. *Tim Henderson* will be the speaker.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance – Week of October 4th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 126  
Morning Worship ..... 145  
Evening Worship..... 114

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 94

**Remember our Service This Evening 5:00.**

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, October 11th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Kenneth Smith  
Assisting ..... Rusty Brand  
Serving ..... Ronnie Locke..... Tim Craig  
..... Hunter Cox..... Delmer Carter  
Closing Prayer ..... Frank Noblitt

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Marty Adams  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper ..... Rusty Brand  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday October 11th:

Usher ..... David Terry  
Work Sound System ..... Danny Johnson

**Wednesday, October 14th:**

Song Leader ..... Marty Adams  
Bible Reading.....(Proverbs 22:17-29)  
..... Marion Mitchell  
Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Invitation ..... Joel Hamm  
Closing Prayer ..... Tim Craig

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**Sunday, October 18th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Stuart Wilson  
Song Leader ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Larry Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Serving ..... Russ Wulfekuhl..... Tommy Burns  
..... Marion Pepper ..... Landon Adams  
Closing Prayer ..... Benton Ball

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Stuart Wilson  
Song Leader ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith  
Preaching ..... Rusty Brand  
Lord's Supper ..... Larry Mitchell  
Closing Prayer ..... Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday October 18th:

Usher ..... Raymond Brown  
Work Sound System ..... Tim Craig