

MARKET STREET

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



MESSENGER

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

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Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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What Kind of Legacy Will You Leave?

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It is common to hear people discuss the legacies of those who have passed from this earthly life. The discussion on one's legacy often involves the favorable impressions that are remembered and the influence for good that one has had. It is important to realize that each of us will leave a legacy behind. It may be good or it may be bad, that is up to each individual. Let us look at a few legacies that we find in the scriptures.

Hebrews 11 is a chapter of legacies. This chapter is often referred to as the "Heroes of Faith". The Hebrew writer in this chapter recalls the legacies that have been left behind of great men of faith. The writer reminds us of the good legacies of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sara, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, and Samuel. This chapter then concludes that there were many others. The point here is not that these individuals never did anything wrong and never sinned in their lives, but their hearts were turned toward pleasing the Lord. As the Hebrew writer begins this list he says of the righteousness of Abel's life, "by it he being dead yet speaketh." (Hebrews 11:4). How true that is that as we are reminded of the great examples of faithfulness and the lives that were lived, we indeed find valuable instruction in the legacies of these lives.

Legacies can be good or bad. The scriptures also furnish us with many legacies of individuals that did not please the Lord. Cain is one who in a jealous rage killed his brother Abel (Genesis 4). Esau is remembered for his unfaithfulness in the selling of his birthright for a morsel of food (Hebrews 12:16). Lot's wife is remembered for a bad legacy in that upon leaving the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, looked back to see the cities and was turned to a pillar of salt (Luke 17:32; Genesis 19:26). Judas Iscariot is another that is remembered with a bad legacy in that he betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14-ff). The rich man that came to Jesus asking, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Jesus told him to sell all that he had and come and follow him; he left sorrowful because of his unwillingness to part with his possessions (Mark 10:17-22). King Agrippa was taught the truth by Paul but

responded, “Paul, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:28).

Now we must ask ourselves the question, “What kind of legacy are we leaving with our lives?” There are a number of people that we come in contact with daily in our lives, and what do our lives tell them about us? What are the things that our children will remember about their home: their father, mother, brothers and/or sisters? What kind of influence do we have on those at school, work, or in my family? Do our lives illuminate the light of Christ and doing His will as the most important thing, or do secular activities have the greatest bearing on who we are and what we do?

The kind of influence we have on others tells us the kind of legacy that we will leave. Those that are faithful to God and whose hearts are devoted to following Him will have a good legacy to leave behind. John noted the legacy of Christians when he wrote, “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them” (Revelation 14:13). What is your legacy?



Our Relationship With The World

Zack Lee

According to Jesus, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Yet the very world that God loved enough to send His Son rejected Him, crucified Him, and persecuted anyone who followed Him. We have been given several warnings about the world in the scriptures. James wrote, “Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?” (James 4:4). John wrote, “Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15). How do we guard ourselves against loving the world? What should be our relationship with the world?

We should first understand why it is that the world

hates us. If we make the commitment to be a disciple of Christ we are aligning ourselves with someone who was hated by His own people. Jesus said, “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you” (John 15:18). Jesus lived the perfect life. How could the world possibly hate Jesus Christ? In short, Jesus made the world look bad. His compassion exposed their cold hearts. His knowledge exposed their ignorance. His purity exposed their impurity. In Him we saw God in the flesh (John 1:1). Jesus was a constant reminder of the God the world hates. If the world is going to hate us because we are disciples of Jesus Christ, what should we do?

Expect Persecution

If we are going to live for Jesus we should expect persecution. “Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (1 Timothy 3:12). Peter said that “if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name” (1 Peter 4:16). When we hear the word persecution we immediately think stoning, beating, or martyrdom. However, in Peter's first letter he wrote to Christians who were being slandered, mocked, ridiculed, and insulted because they were living a Christian life. That is the type of persecution that we face today. “In all of this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you” (1 Peter 4:4). The world will be surprised when we do not talk the way they talk or live the way they live. We should not be surprised when we are ridiculed, we should expect it. When we learn to expect persecution we can also embrace it as an opportunity to share in the sufferings of Jesus. “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation” (1 Peter 4:12-13). We can also take comfort in knowing that when we suffer we are not alone and others have suffered more. “But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world” (1 Peter 5:9).

Love the Lost

While the people in the world hate us because of our love for Christ, we must love them. We should keep ourselves from the lusts of the flesh that are trying to pull

us away from God because the world is watching us, waiting for us to make a mistake. Peter wrote, "Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:12). If we truly have a love for lost souls, we will want to be the best example of a Christian we can possibly be so that by our good deeds we can bring more souls out of the world and into the kingdom of God. While the world does evil against us and insults us, we should not return evil for evil or insult for insult. "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21). Remember that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." God's love is universal and it is personal. God loves you and He loves the sinner that lives next to you, works next to you, shops next to you, and drives next to you. He loves every soul and wants all people to be his children.

Live in the World, But Not of the World

The natural desire for someone who has crucified the old man of sin is to withdraw from the world. However, God calls us to do the opposite. "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand and it gives light to all who are in the house" (Matthew 5:13-15). We cannot be the light of the world if we withdraw ourselves from it. We could not possibly carry out the great commission that tells us to "Go into all the world and to preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and is baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned" (Mark 16:15-16). We must learn to be in the world but not allow ourselves to be contaminated by the sinful influences all around us.

When we allow God to help us have a proper perspective, we can endure the temporary trials and afflictions of this world. "For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:17-18). We can rise above the wicked treatment we

will experience while we are in the world because we live with an eternal perspective.

-via *Manslick Road Speaker*; Louisville, Kentucky

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Robert Allen Tinnon; Athens Limestone, rm. 304

Clifford Smith; Huntsville Hospital, CICU

At Home:

Gayle Ball

Fay Ferguson

Gladys Johnson

Sue Warren

Harold Hays

Evelyn Hays

Lola Colwell

Polly Davis

Bobbie Adcock

Ruth Lawson

Molly Weeks

Janet Jones

Jeff Waddell

Jeff Bates

Thomas Lovell

Marie Welden

Sue Hargrove

Buddy Lawson

Ruth Lawson

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118

Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

Wilton Pepper, rm. 114-B

J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

Marjorie Lambert, rm. 91

Mary Smith, rm. 85

Bernice Thomas, rm. 98

Limestone Manor:

Albert & Mary Norton, rm. 96

Limestone Lodge:

Ruth Owens, rm. 12W

Shut-In:

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.

Reba Adams, at home

Mary Coggins, 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:

Joel Smith; Iraq

Whitney Smith; Japan

OUT OF TOWN: *The Smiths: Kenneth and Peggy* are in Nashville this week...*Hunter Cox* will be Florida this week...*Ida Nell Griffin* left on vacation this past week.

WORK GROUPS: This evening, following our evening worship service, will be the time for Work Group 2 to meet. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group this evening.

OUR MEETING: Our Gospel Meeting with *Buc Chumbley* preaching is just a few short weeks ahead of us. There are some invitation cards at each exit for you to take and give to those that you invite or some invitations with an envelope to send.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *River Bend church* in western Lauderdale county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Bill Hall*.

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

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent Center on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

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.

THE RECORD: Attendance—Week of March 7th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 116
Morning Worship 151
Evening Worship..... na

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 91

Gospel Meeting

April 18-22, 2010

Buc Chumbley, Speaking

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 14th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Prayer Jack Cannon
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Joel Hamm
Assisting Marion Mitchell
Serving Delmer Carter..... David Terry
..... Russ Wulfekuhl..... Tim Craig
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Prayer Albert Bowers
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 14th:

Usher Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System Tim Craig

Wednesday, March 17th:

Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Bible Reading..... (Ecclesiastes 1:1-11)
..... Danny Johnson
Prayer Monroe Pressnell
Invitation Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Sunday, March 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements TBD
Song Leader TBD
Prayer TBD
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding TBD
Assisting TBD
Serving TBD TBD
..... TBD TBD
Closing Prayer TBD

Evening Worship

Announcements TBD
Song Leader TBD
Prayer TBD
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper TBD
Closing Prayer TBD

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 21st:

Usher TBD
Work Sound System TBD