

# 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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## *"One Thing Is Needful"*

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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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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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If the question was asked, "What is the most needed thing in your life?" the responses would most likely be varied. In Luke 10:38-42, we read of an incident that occurred in the life of Christ, when He visited some of His dear friends in Bethany. The friends were Mary, Martha and Lazarus. During the visit of Jesus, Martha was doing everything to make Jesus' visit enjoyable. But as Martha was busy, her sister Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet and hearing the things He taught. In a moment of frustration at her sister's apparent lack of concern, Martha asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her in the serving she was doing. Jesus responded, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42). The purpose of this article is to focus on the statement here that Jesus made, "One thing is needful."

In life there are so many things that demand our attention. It may even seem that these things are of great importance and may well be. In Martha's case, the serving of her company was important. But she failed to realize that something else was of even greater importance. It may be that even in our own daily affairs of life that things such as work, school, etc. cloud out what is truly the most important thing. Jesus made it clear to Martha what the proper priority should be. It was the very thing that Mary had chosen. It was that "good part" Mary chose that Jesus compared to the "many things" that troubled Martha.

The "many things" in this passage refers to the temporal or physical things of this life and the "good part" deals with the heavenly or the eternal things which "shall not be taken away." While we must attend to physical things, let us not become preoccupied and lose sight of the one thing that is needful; the things that will help us get to heaven.

Mary in choosing the "good part" had not lost sight of her priorities. She was absorbed with the spiritual and eternal things of God. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth

from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Mary understood this and was not sidetracked by the physical things around her.

Let’s remember this great lesson that Mary teaches us and not neglect the things that will help us to build a spiritual and a close relationship with God. Let’s read and study our Bibles; feeding on the word of God daily. Let us be faithful in our attendance with the saints on every occasion possible. Pray and communicate with our Father in heaven. Remember our close relationship with God is the key to our enjoying the abundant life now (John 10:10) and the joys of heaven for eternity (John 14:1-3).

May we ever be aware that even though there are many good things that we may spend our time doing, we must put first the “one thing that is needful” if we are going to form an abiding relationship with our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us give strict attention to hearing and heeding what the scriptures teach which will help us to grow in our relationship with Him.

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## *Vacation Bible School*

June 21-24, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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## *Careful To Answer*

**Robert F. Turner**

When Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were called before the king and faced charges of refusing to worship the golden image he had erected, Nebuchadnezzar asked, “Who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands?” Things looked pretty dark.

But they replied, “We have no need to answer thee in this matter” (AS). The King James version reads, “We are not careful to answer thee in this matter” (Daniel 3:15-16). The thought seems to be, we will not choose

our words carefully - concerned lest we offend; we will not try to “talk our way out of” this situation. And they added, “Our God is able to deliver us” (if it suits His purposes to do so) “but if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”

Several years back a preacher said John (the Immerser) “lost his head” because he “lost his head” - he was not tactful in his criticism of Herod. John had said, of Herod’s marriage to his brother Phillip’s wife, “It is not lawful for thee to have her” (Matthew 14).

John was not “careful to answer,” someone might say. Well, he certainly was not trying to “butter up” the king. On the other hand, John and the captive Jews of Daniel 3, were very careful to maintain their faith in God and to court His approval. John lost his head, and the three Hebrews were thrown into the fiery furnace, but each gained more than he lost. We “have no need” for **any** man’s approval as we have need for God’s approval.

Jesus said, “Fear not those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell” (Matthew 10:28).

We are not advocating crudeness? Daniel’s brethren were respectful to the king; and love for souls will forbid our becoming a bully with the truth. Shouting, stomping pronouncements of damnation are often signs of weakness, while genuine strength is accompanied by humility. But genuine strength speaks truthfully, directly and clearly, **regardless** of temporal consequences - and **because** of inevitable eternal consequences.

-via *The Lord’s Body In Clermont*; Clermont, Florida.

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## Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN – 770AM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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# *A Synopsis of Bible Miracles*

**T. Doy Moyer**

The purpose? To produce faith in Jesus Christ (John 20:30-31) and to confirm the word of God (Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:1-4).

The nature? The outcome was immediate (Mark 7:35, etc.). The results were marvelous and even the enemies of Christ could not deny them (see Acts 4:16).

The duration? Miracles and spiritual gifts were to cease when revelation was completed (1 Corinthians 13:8-12).

Jesus promised the apostles that they would receive all truth (John 16:13). The apostles claimed to receive it (2 Peter 1:3). Revelation is complete (Jude 3); and therefore miracles and spiritual gifts through men have ceased.

Miracles are understood. Thousands claim to do them, yet offer no proof that what they do is even close to Bible miracles. Don't be fooled. Open your Bible and see for yourself. Read the miracles firsthand, then you will know the difference between truth and error.

-via *The Manslick Road Speaker*; Louisville, Kentucky.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

#### *In The Hospital:*

#### *At Home:*

Martin Casteel	Monroe Pressnell
Janet Berryhill	Lola Colwell
Polly Davis	Cheryl Hill
Bobbie Adcock	Emma Clark
Scott Adams	Molly Weeks
Jeff Bates	Jeff Waddell
Marie Welden	Jeff Mitchell
Bernice Martin	Randy Graviett
Mark Hargrove	

#### *Athens Convalescent Center:*

Betty Bates, rm. 17

#### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118      Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E      Mary Smith, rm. 85

#### *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

**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

Andrew Deen; Japan

Whitney Deen; Japan

**NURSING HOMESINGING:** Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING:** Our Vacation Bible School is just one week from beginning. There will be a meeting this afternoon at 4:00 to go over the things and preparations that will be on-going this week. The date for our VBS is June 21-24 (Monday – Thursday). There are invitation cards and flyers advertising the VBS at each exit. Please take some of these with you and give them to those that you invite.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** We are in the process of updating the church directory. *Rusty Brand* and *Joel Hamm* are making new pictures of everyone for a new pictorial directory. Please see *Rusty* or *Joel* to get your picture made. They will be making the pictures in the little auditorium on the west wing.

**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: Evelyn Hays 1931 – 2010:** We are saddened with the news of the passing of sister Evelyn Hays this past Sunday night. Sister Hays' health had declined, along with brother Hays' battle with cancer, that kept both of them away from services the last several months. Brother and Sister Hays had long been members of the Market Street church. We will miss the cheerful demeanor of the Hays. Brother and

Sister Hays' funeral was Wednesday afternoon and their burial was in the Roselawn cemetery.

We also want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Jane Meredith** and **Betty Bates** in the passing of their sister, **Stella Goodin**. She passed away Sunday as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Her funeral was Wednesday afternoon at Limestone Chapel.

**GOSPEL MEETING/VBS:** The **New Hope church** is beginning a vacation Bible school this evening at 7:00 and it will continue through Friday evening. They will be studying "The Full Armor of God". The speakers in the adult class will be: Sunday – *Bob Watson*; Monday – *Joe Olson*; Tuesday – *David Cox*; Wednesday – *Ernest Campbell*; Thursday – *Aaron Andrews*; Friday – *Donnie Miller*... The **Elkton church** is beginning a vacation Bible school today with services at 7:00 p.m. through Wednesday. *Joe Corley* will be the speaker... The **Brookhill church** in Killen is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. Alan Yeater will be the speaker in this meeting... The **College View church** in Florence is beginning its summer lecture series on Monday and it will continue through Thursday evening. They will have sessions beginning at 9:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The speakers will be *Paul Earnhart*; *Sewell Hall*; *David Hartsell* and *Gerry Sandusky*. There will be a period of singing at 6:30 p.m. led by *Tim Stevens*.

**OUR GRADUATES:** We want to congratulate our graduates from Market Street Street on their accomplishments. **Danielle Moses** graduated from *Tanner High School* and **Tyler Cox** from *Athens Bible School*. May these graduates be blessed as they continue their lives and may they always be faithful to the Lord.

**HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDY:** Our next High School/College Age study will be on June 26th. We will be looking at our **Relationship To The Church**. There are some fliers at each exit to distribute to those we invite to the future studies. If you know of some people in these ages groups, please invite them to join us.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance– *Week of June 6th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 132  
Morning Worship ..... 171  
Evening Worship..... 113

**Wednesday:**  
Bible Classes..... 106

**Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.**

## Men Privileged To Serve:

### Sunday, June 13th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Tyler Cox  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Assisting ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Serving ..... Danny Johnson ... Nathaniel Adams  
..... Hunter Cox..... Marvin Putman  
Closing Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 13th:

Usher ..... David Terry  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams

### Wednesday, June 16th

Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Bible Reading..... (Ecclesiastes 7:15-29)  
..... Russ Wulfskuhl  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Invitation ..... Rusty Brand  
Closing Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin

### Sunday, June 20th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Rusty Brand  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Marty Adams  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Assisting ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Serving ..... Danny Johnson ... Nathaniel Adams  
..... Hunter Cox..... Marvin Putman  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

#### Evening Worship

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

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 20th:

Usher ..... Tyler Cox  
Work Sound System ..... Stuart Wilson