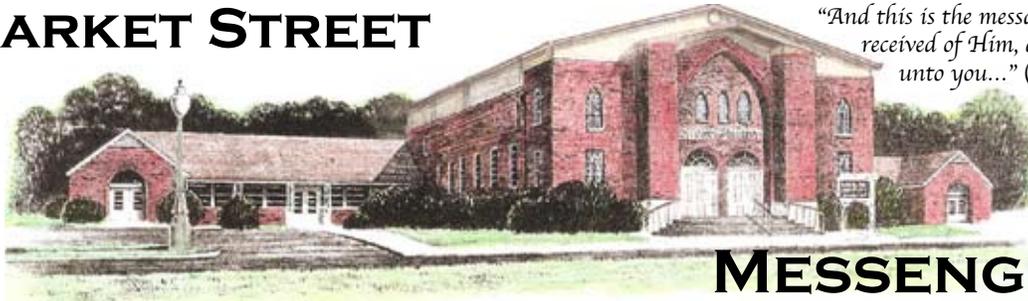


# MARKET STREET



*“And this is 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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# Vacation Bible School

## June 21 – 24

(Monday through Thursday)

**10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

Classes from Infant through College will be studying the theme

## Rise & Shine For Jesus

The adult class will will be looking at the theme

### “A Portrait of Jesus Christ”

Monday – Bob Watson “I Am The Light of the World”

Tuesday – Norm Webb, Sr. “I Am The Good Shepherd”

Wednesday – Eric Reynolds

10:00 a.m. – “I Am The Resurrection and the Life”

7:00 p.m.– “I Am The Way, The Truth and The Life”

Thursday – Norm Webb, Jr. “I Am The True Vine

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## *Great Salvation*

**Jim H. Deason**

I do it also. Sometimes I use too many superlatives. Even the common things of life I will sometimes call “great”, “super” or “tremendous”. Then when something truly extraordinary comes along I’m left without adequate adjectives to describe it. But the Scripture is sparing in its use of such modifiers. Therefore, when an inspired writer calls something “great” you can know that it is so! The writer of Hebrews asked, “how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...?”

Salvation is great because God designed it. David declared, “Thou who has done great things; O God, who is like Thee?” (Psalm 139:17). And Job exclaimed, “Behold, God is great...” (Job 36:26). From before the foundation of the world, God the Father planned that man should be redeemed through the blood of His Son, Jesus (Ephesians 1:3-7). That He, the great Creator and Sustainer of the universe, would care for my eternal well being, plan its ever detail, and execute the plan without fail, is a wonderful blessing indeed.

Salvation is great because Jesus died for me. For some family member or some good man we might give our lives. But God demonstrated “His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Especially moving are the words of Paul in Galatians 2:20, “the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.” For Paul, the death of Jesus on the cross was not vague and impersonal. He saw Jesus on the cross paying the penalty he deserved. It is for my sins that Jesus faced Calvary and that makes the blessing of salvation great.

Some things are truly “fabulous”, “spectacular”, and “awesome”. But the greatest of these and deserving of all the superlatives one can use is the blessing of salvation in Jesus Christ. This blessing is offered to every man and every man should seek it (Matthew 7:21)

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

### *Remember Our Study Periods*

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

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## *A Worthy Man*

**Bubba Garner**

When someone exercises great self control or perseveres through many a trial, we sometimes say that they have the “patience of Job.” When another stands like a rock amid the changing whirlwind of life, we attribute to them “the faith of Abraham.” And when someone uses prudence and sound judgement in making a difficult decision, we say that they possess the “wisdom of Solomon.”

As much as Job persevered and Abraham became the father of the faithful, Solomon excelled in wisdom all the more. When he prayed for “an understanding heart to judge Thy people to discern between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9), God gave him more wisdom than any who came before or followed after his reign. The Scriptures tell us that “men came from all peoples” (1 Kings 4:34) to hear his fitly spoken words.

Many of Solomon’s wise sayings are compiled in the book of Proverbs. Perhaps one of the more famous sections is the very last collection, often called “The Worthy Woman” (Proverbs 31:10-31). The first verse of the chapter identifies the words as those of King Lemuel, considered to be a possible pseudonym for King Solomon.

This section of Scripture has inspired many a ladies class and Bible study on how to be a worthy woman. But the very same text also identifies some characteristics needed to become a worthy man. It’s not the same list that the world would compile to achieve success. But these characteristics are the standard by which the Lord measures worth.

A worthy man is a one-woman man. After mentioning that her worth is far above jewels, the very next verse about the worthy woman is that “the heart of her husband trusts in her” (Proverbs 31:11). That suggests that he doesn’t have to worry about where she is, what she’s doing, or who she’s with. He trusts her. But it also says something about the man himself. He is devoted to his wife. He trusts in her with all of his heart.

Being “a man” in some circles means being a player, someone who has sexual relations with as many women as possible. But Paul commanded husbands to love

their wives “just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her” (Ephesians 5:25). Jesus had no other mission in mind when He came from heaven. His sole intent and purpose was on the sanctification on His bride. It is the worthy man who regards his wife with such singular devotion.

A worthy man has a worthy name. “Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land” (Proverbs 31:23). The gates of the city were where business was conducted, where legal matters were decided, where the elders made judgments. One of the things that makes a woman worthy is that she does not choose for herself a worthless man. Her husband is regarded as honorable by men of honor.

It was Solomon who said “a good name is to be more desired than great wealth, favor is better than silver and gold” (Proverbs 22:1). One of the reasons that King Lemuel is thought to be the same as King Solomon is the resemblance of their names: Lemuel means “for God” or “devoted to God” and Solomon’s given name Jedidiah means “beloved of the Lord.” Either description is a worthy goal. And yet how often do men lose their good names in the pursuit of things of far inferior value? Worthy men can’t be bought.

A worthy man is a family man. “Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her, saying, ‘Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all’” (Proverbs 31:28-29). This is certainly not the man of the modern sitcom. He is either portrayed as incapable of leading the home or so wed to his work that he comes by occasionally only for a quick meal or to sleep one off. And this is supposed to be funny?

Not so with a real, worthy man. Like Joshua, who was both a military leader and the commander of Israel, he puts the spiritual needs of his family first (Joshua 24:15). He does not show his strength in the number of pounds he can lift or the distance he can hit a ball, but in how he serves his worthy woman and the precious souls entrusted to him. It is his life’s work and worth.

Books abound on how to become men of renown. But the wisdom of the world doesn’t even approach the wisdom of Solomon. It comes from one Shepherd.

-via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

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

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

#### *In The Hospital:*

#### *At Home:*

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

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

**OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our Vacation Bible School will begin in the morning at 10:00. There has been much time put forth in preparing for the classes. There will be classes for babies through adult. The classes through High School/College will be studying the theme “*Rise and Shine For Jesus*”. This will be a very good study and I know that all the students in the classes will benefit from it. The adults will be studying the theme “*A Portrait of Jesus Christ*”. In this class we will look at five of the “I Am” statements that Jesus makes in the Gospel of John. *Bob Watson; Norm Webb, Sr.; Eric Reynolds; and Norm Webb, Jr.* will be the

speakers in these classes. I hope that everyone who is able to come will be a part of these studies. Tell others about these classes and invite them to come join us.

**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.

**GOSPEL MEETING/VBS:** The *Wooley Springs church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. The speaker will be *Lowell Sallee*...The *Midway church* in Lauderdale County is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Greg Gwin* will be the speaker.

**CONFESSION:** *Anita Wheeler* came forward last Sunday morning asking for prayers for unfaithfulness to the Lord in her life. We appreciate the good attitude of heart that Anita has in wanting to do what is right and to please the Lord. May we all be an encouragement to her as she has and will be to us.

**WORK GROUPS:** Tonight will be the time for work group three to meet. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group after 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 able to be present.

**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 13th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 130  
Morning Worship ..... 180  
Evening Worship..... 118

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 108

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**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**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

**Wednesday, June 23rd**

Song Leader ..... Marion Mitchell  
Bible Reading..... (Ecclesiastes 8:10-17)  
..... Will Chumbley  
Prayer ..... Marty Adams  
Invitation ..... Eric Reynolds  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

**Sunday, June 27th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Rusty Brand  
Assisting ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Serving ..... Chris Sides ..... Ronnie Locke  
..... Keenon Carrier ..... Landon Adams  
Closing Prayer ..... Marty Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Rusty Brand  
Closing Prayer ..... Monroe Pressnell

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 27th:

Usher ..... Rusty Brand  
Work Sound System ..... Danny Johnson