

MARKET STREET

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



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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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David A. Cox, Editor

"Teaching The Taught"

Monroe Pressnell

It's a noble work that we're called to do - To go preach the good news to every creature. It is not a work that we can choose to do or leave undone. We must be about the Father's business of teaching the whole world. But, at the same time and with just as much emphasis, we must be busy teaching those who have heard and obeyed the first principles of the gospel. I'm afraid that sometimes we are so busy teaching the lost that we somehow lose the saved. We make excuses for our "babe in Christ" brother for not being mature in his service to God while we continue to preach and teach him the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God (Hebrews 6:1). It's time that we tell our brother to grow up. It's time to feed him some solid food that causes him to become a full grown man. The church of our Lord needs some men who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.

We're afraid that we'll hurt our weak brother's feelings if we talk to him about attending all the services of the church, or about removing sin from his life, or about the dangers of worldliness or about the work or organizations of the church. We're afraid to tell him that pleasure, jobs or money and all the other things of this world are but passing and that his emphasis must be on spiritual things. We're afraid to tell him that everything that we do must be done with authority from God.

Let's take off the kid gloves and teach the Christians that we worship with, that Jesus expects us to "grow up in all things into him, who is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15). Let's look at our Bible classes, our preaching and our teaching to be sure that we shun not to declare the whole council of God (Acts. 20:27).

Remember the same apostle who told people on Pentecost to repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38), tells Christians to grown in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). That's not an option, that's a command.

-via *Jordan Park Reminder*; Huntsville, Alabama.

What Will It Profit A Man?

Drew Jones

It would be reasonable to guess that most people are familiar with the name and deeds of Sir Edmund Hillary--he and his Sherpa guide Tenzing are credited as the first men known to have reached the 29,029-ft. summit of Mount Everest. It would be just as reasonable to guess that a far smaller number of people have heard of George Mallory or Andrew Irvine, English mountaineers who were fatally bested by the formidable peak almost 30 years before Hillary's famous feat.

There is much debate in the climbing community, however, concerning just how far Mallory and Irvine managed to get before ultimately perishing in June of 1924. For decades, there has been speculation that the two men actually reached the summit, only to perish in their descent to camp. The great interest in this possible achievement eventually led to an entire research expedition in 1999 (the apply named "Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition"), launched with the goal of gathering evidence to determine the extent of Mallory and Irvine's climb. A specific objective of the expedition was the recovery of both men's bodies, which had gone undiscovered in the 75 years since their deaths; the remains of Andrew Irvine were of particular importance, since he was said to have been carrying a camera, whose contents would be valuable in learning how far the men had been able to progress.

Unfortunately, the expedition was unable to locate the body of Andrew Irvine--though they did discover the very well-preserved corpse of George Mallory. Fueling even further conjecture were the presence of one item and the absence of another. First, the expedition found Mallory's snow goggles in his pocket, indicating that the two men were making their descent after sunset. According to some, the only way Mallory and Irvine would have been away from camp this late in the day is if they had (at least) attempted to gain the summit.

Secondly, the expedition did not find a photograph of George Mallory's dearly loved wife, Ruth. According to the Mallory family--among others--George was carrying the photograph in order to place it at Everest's summit. Since the body was in such good condition--all of his other personal effects has been preserved, including documents and papers found in his wallet--many have come to the conclusion the Mallory must have reached

his goal and deposited the picture there as planned.

In any case, it is likely that we'll never know for sure what happened. Maybe they tried for the summit but turned back; maybe they tried and succeeded, 29 years before the New Zealander Hillary did so to such lofty acclaim. Even if they reached the very top, however, that success itself could only be considered relative. As Edmund Hillary asked, "If you climb a mountain for the first time and die on the descent, is it really a complete first ascent on the mountain? I am rather inclined to think personally that maybe it is quite important, the getting down, and the complete climb of a mountain is reaching the summit and getting safely to the bottom again."

With due respect for the dead, while I find the mystery of Mallory and Irvine interesting, I also have to admit that it doesn't really matter whether or not they ever reached the summit of Mt. Everest. The moment they died, their accomplishments utterly ceased to matter to them. Even if evidence existed which proved beyond doubt that they did make it, such knowledge would be of absolutely no use to two men who were no longer alive on this earth.

The alleged or disputed success of Mallory and Irvine makes me think of the words of Christ in Mark 8. "When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, 'Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desire to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. *For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?* Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels'" (Mark 8:34-38, emphasis mine).

It would be a thrilling moment of triumph to successfully scale the world's tallest and most daunting mountain--but would that act be worth losing your life? In the same way, Jesus asks all those who would follow Him: You might achieve great things in the life, amass great wealth, enjoy all sorts of pleasures, fulfill every desire and wish and goal that you've ever had, and live a long, fulfilled life--but would that life be worth losing your soul?

If our actions, our choices in this life, mean that our Lord would be "ashamed" of us, then they are entirely and tragically futile. If we serve only ourselves, and preserve our own lives, our own comfort, our own happiness, at the expense of serving God, we are making the same trade Mallory and Irvine made--momentary and fleeting accomplishment in exchange for life.

The way to eternal life is not through success, it is through service. It is not on a glorious road that will earn us the praise and admiration of the world, it is on a difficult path, bearing a cross, following a Savior who is despised by the world. If your soul is valuable, truly precious to you, make sure you are on that better road. Take up your cross and follow the Lord towards life.

-via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama.



Detached Members

Frank Smith

Perhaps the most quickly recognized illustration of a member of our body being detached is the retina, that part of the eye that receives the image and sends it through the optic nerve. When it becomes detached, that eye is unable to see.

Paul declared that we are all members of the body, if we are children of God, Christians (1 Corinthians 12:18-20). And he further taught that all of the members must work for the well-being of the whole body (Ephesians 4:16).

But we cannot function if we become detached from the rest of the body. That part of the body is cut off, or detached from the body, can be no benefit to the body. An arm severed from the body can do no work for the one who has lost that limb. But neither can the body continue to supply life to the part that is detached.

Even so, members of Christ can neither serve Him nor can He be a blessing to them, if they become detached from Him. A close association with the Lord in the body is necessary for the grace of God to save and bless us. Those members who have detached themselves from the church or have so lived as to have the fellowship of God's people broken will die as surely as a severed limb.

Jesus said, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, so neither can you, except ye abide in Me" (John 15:4). We cannot miss meeting and working with other saints as the church and bear fruit for the Lord. We must stay attached to His body in all things to keep our fellowship with Him, for He is the Head of the body. Are you well attached?

Let us keep well involved in worship, in teaching others, in study, in ministering to others' needs to keep our lifelines connected securely. Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation.

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

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Mary Bates; Huntsville Hospital; rm. 263

Gladys Adcock; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 302

At Home:

David Gardner

Mary Ruth Gardner

Hazel Toone

Bobbie Adcock

Keena Adam

Jeff Mitchell

Emma Clark

Jeff Waddell

Una King Currier

Jim Currier

Bernice Martin

Eva Felker

Randy Graviett

Jesse Carter

Jess Shores

Scott Adams

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

Lola Colwell, at home

Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74

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 the family of brother Billy Joe Legg. He passed away on Thursday night. Brother Legg was a member of the Market Street church for a number of years and served as one of the elders of the church for about 10 years. His funeral will be this afternoon at Spry Funeral Home at 2:00.

MABEL ADAMS 1928-2010: It is with heavy hearts that we note the passing of sister Mabel Adams. She passed away early Saturday morning. Sister Adams was dedicated and faithful member of the Market Street church and had been for many years. Her presence and encouragement was certainly felt and we will greatly miss her being among us. We want to express our deepest sympathy to her children: Johnny, Susan and Anita; her sister, Frances Bowers and all the family. Her visitation will be tonight from 6 until 9 at Limestone Chapel and her funeral will be Monday afternoon at 4:00 at Limestone Chapel.

NEW QUARTER IN BIBLE CLASSES: Today marks the beginning of our fall quarter in our Bible classes at Market Street. We have dedicated teachers and appreciate those who have taught this past quarter. On Sunday, October 16th, the *Bible History and Geography Class* that has been meeting on Wednesday nights only will begin meeting on Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings for this quarter.

JUDY VAUGHN: This Thursday brought to an end the work of Judy Vaughn as the church's secretary. She knew with her mother's health issues ahead of her that she would need to be available to assist her as needed. I personally and publicly want to express my appreciation to Judy for the work she has done. Judy's diligence to the work was evident. Remember Judy's mother, Eva Felker, as she undergoes surgery for cancer and her recovery.

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Carriger church* is beginning a meeting today with *Eric Reynolds* preaching. The meeting will continue through Wednesday evening...The *Bethel church* in Bethel, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening with *Joe Corley* preaching.

THE RECORD: Attendance – Week of Sept. 26th

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	122
	Morning Worship	169
	Evening Worship.....	132
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	110

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Jonathan Keenon
 Assisting Joel Hamm
 Serving Hunter Cox..... Will Chumbley
 Danny Johnson Russ Wulfekuhl
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer Bonnie Sutton
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Jonathan Keenon
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 3rd:

Usher Ronnie Locke
 Work Sound System Danny Johnson

Wednesday, October 6th:

Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 4:1-6)
 Danny Johnson
 Prayer Bonnie Sutton
 Invitation David Cox
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Sunday, October 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Stuart Wilson
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Jonathan Keenon
 Assisting Joel Hamm
 Serving Hunter Cox..... Will Chumbley
 Danny Johnson Russ Wulfekuhl
 Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements Stuart Wilson
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer Marion Mitchell
 Preaching Warren Glass
 Lord's Supper Jonathan Keenon
 Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 10th:

Usher Delmer Carter
 Work Sound System Stuart Wilson