

# 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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## 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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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## *If I Knew I Were Going To Die Tomorrow – What Would I Tell My Children Today?*

**Bryan Gibson**

Forgive me for the sins I've committed against you. There may be things you still have against me (Matthew 5:23-24), and so I want to make sure that I'm forgiven by you - and by God. I've tried hard, but I know my example has been imperfect. I've been too harsh at times, other times not firm enough. Please forgive me and make it your aim to be a better parent to your children than I have been to you.

I love each and every one of you. Your mother and I rejoiced the day each of you were born (John 16:21), but that was nothing compared to the feelings we had when you were born again (John 3:3-5). I'm looking forward to an eternal reward (2 Timothy 4:6-8), but you children have been my reward here on this earth (Psalm 127:3-5). I've tried to demonstrate my love in a number of ways, but I do hope that you remember most the love I've shown for your soul.

Take really good care of your mother. When you get children of your own, you'll appreciate her even more than you do now. She has always been willing to "spend and be spent for your souls" (2 Corinthians 12:15). I would like to believe that she has made up for my deficiencies as a parent - when I didn't have time, she did; when I was too soft, she was firm; when I was too harsh, she provided a softer touch. Stay in touch with her and help her with whatever she needs (1 Timothy 5:4).

Serve the Lord faithfully, and that means daily (Luke 9:23). The very reason Jesus died for you is that you might live for Him (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). I pray that you remain healthy, and that your families prosper financially, but above all, I pray that your souls will prosper (3 John 1:2). Whatever you may accomplish in this life, whatever happiness you find - it won't mean a thing if you lose your soul (Matthew 16:26).

Keep your nose in God's word (2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:1-3). I've been studying it closely for many years, and I've fallen in love with it. I shudder to think where I would be without it, the foolish decisions I

may have made without its guidance, how unprepared I would be for this time of departure (2 Timothy 4:6).

Keep heaven in your sight at all times. It's where I plan on going, and it's been my hope for each one of you since the day you were born. I wish I could tell you that this time of sorrow will be your last, but it won't. But that's okay because these times of sorrow will make you long for a better place - a place that Jesus has prepared for you (John 14:3); a place where you will never die, where there will be no more pain and sorrow (Revelation 21:4); a place that needs no light, because it is completely lit up by the glory of God (Revelation 21:23; 22:5). Think of the best day you've ever had, multiply that by 10 million (is that enough?), and then imagine every day throughout eternity being just like that.

One more thing - please sing, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," at my funeral. It's my favorite song.

-via *The Exhorter*, Athens, Alabama



## ***"Learning Gratitude"***

**Don Hooton**

If there is one sin most prevalent today it is ingratitude (Romans 1:21). God does so much for us and what we owe Him is enormous. Yet our infrequent expressions of thanks mixed with our frequent petitions might make people think we have little. Sometimes we are much like the little boy who was given an orange by a man. When the boy's mother asked, "What do you say to the nice man?," the little boy thought and handed the orange back and said, "Peel it."

In the ministry of Jesus, there was an occasion where gratitude was the message. Ten lepers approached Him and called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" They all shared the same position - they were societal outcasts because of their leprosy. They all shared the same desire - their petition signified that they were all willing to be approached in their call for mercy. What they all shared shows that they all had the same opportunity to show gratitude.

In His response, Jesus told them to go and show

themselves to the priest. As they went, their body was healed. We should notice that they were not healed immediately but they were healed as they went. As they obeyed the command of the Lord, the Lord healed them. Petitions, like prayer, are useless without obedience. Still, nine of them went on their way and for the first time, and no one knows how long, they were able to embrace their wife, kiss their children and hug their friends - something for which their arms would have ached. Leprosy was not merely painful, it treacherously separated its victim from society. So we are not surprised that their feet carried them there.

Yet one still returned to Jesus first. The text says, "When he saw that he had been healed, [he] turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan." What is significant here is that he came to Jesus first. He did not wait. He did what his heart compelled. What is also significant is that he was the only one who returned and he was a Samaritan - a race Jews repulsed. Just one - the unlikely one most might think - saw the difference Jesus had made and believed it more important, than anything else, to thank Him for it. He saw the work Christ made in him and saw an opportunity to praise God.

The lesson is that many pray but fewer praise. All ten had every reason to praise God and thank Jesus but only one did. Of course, we could speculate that one may have waited to see if the cure was real or another to see if it would last. Maybe another decided he probably never really had leprosy and another planned to thank Jesus later. Maybe one thanked the priest and another himself - since he reasoned, after all, it was his own faith that made him well. Still maybe one believed that he was doing exactly what the Lord told him to do. The truth is, all Jesus commanded them to do was to go to the priest. Maybe the nine rationalized their lack of gratitude by commending their obedience?

But one came back. He learned gratitude because his humble heart allowed him to see what Jesus had made of him. And he fell down and praised Him. So as this season of thanksgiving begins, let's put aside all of the self-elevating excuses that keep us from the praise and thanksgiving that God so richly deserves - and thank Him. Take the moment to see who you were before God worked His grace in you and thank Him - even if the other nine never join you.

-via *Needmore Bulletin*; Haleyville, Alabama.

## *Lest You Forget*

**Shane Williams**

You would think the people of Israel would never have forgotten God. Not only had God brought them out of slavery in the Land of Egypt, but he brought them through the Red Sea. Then each day in the wilderness He fed them with manna. He even saw to it that their clothes didn't wear out (Deuteronomy 8:4, Nehemiah 9:21). And He brought them into a land filled with abundant resources.

Everywhere they looked, the Israelites saw God at work. Yet they turned to other gods and forgot the One who had led them and cared for them. That memory loss proved fatal. Before they entered the Promised Land, Moses warned them:

Deuteronomy 4:9, "Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren"

Deuteronomy 4:15-16, 19, "Take careful heed to yourselves...16 lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, 17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, 18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. 19 And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage."

What was Moses' point? Don't forget what you've seen! Don't forget what God has done for you! Remember and teach these truths to your children!

Deuteronomy 4:23-24, "Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the Lord your God has forbidden you. 24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."

We are not living under the old covenant today

but there is an important lesson here for us. Will we remember what God has done for us? Will we recount His blessings and teach our children? Will we follow the same forgetful path that Israel followed? Let us take time to remember what God has done for us and then give Him the love, devotion and service He deserves.

-via *The Lilbourn Light*; Lilbourn, Missouri.

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## Radio Program

### Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN - 770AM

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

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## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

#### *In The Hospital:*

*Janet Berryhill*; Decatur General, rm. 460

*Gladys Sandlin*; Crestwood Hospital, ICU

*Phil Pressnell*; Vanderbilt Rehab.

#### *At Home:*

Jane Meredith

Hazel Toone

Rachel Grubbs

David Gardner

Mary Ruth Gardner

Eva Felker

Phillip Harwell

Keena Adams

Jeff Mitchell

Ray Bailey

Jeff Waddell

Emma Clark

Jim Currier

Randy Graviett

Bernice Martin

Mary Bates

Una King Currier

Jesse Carter

#### *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 is in the east wing.

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

**DIRECTORIES:** There are new pictorial directories located at all the entrances to the building. These directories are complete and you may remove all of the pages from you 3-ring binder and replace them with these new pages. If you do not have a 3-ring binder, please let us know. We have the 3-ring binders that you will need. Let us know of any corrections that need to be made and we will reproduce updated pages on a regular basis. Also, the pictorial directory will be available on the church's website in a members only section. We will be getting the information to you about that in the upcoming weeks.

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL:** Remember the Children's Bible drill will be this afternoon at 4:30 in the small auditorium in the west wing. I hope that all of the children will be able to be present.

**THE RECORD: Attendance – Week of November 7th Sunday:**

Bible Classes..... 140  
Morning Worship ..... 175  
Evening Worship..... 110

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes..... 98

**Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

*Come and Join Us As We Study Together*

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, November 14th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Jonathan Keenon  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Assisting ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Serving ..... Will Chumbley ..... Keenon Currier  
..... Ronnie Locke ..... Chris Sides  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Rusty Brand  
Closing Prayer ..... Hunter Cox

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 14th:

Usher ..... Tyler Cox  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams

**Wednesday, November 17th:**

Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 7:10-25)  
..... Nathaniel Adams  
Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell  
Invitation ..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Benton Ball

**Sunday, November 21st:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Assisting ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Serving ..... Will Chumbley ..... Keenon Currier  
..... Ronnie Locke ..... Chris Sides  
Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer ..... Rusty Brand  
Preaching ..... Joel Hamm  
Lord's Supper ..... Rusty Brand  
Closing Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 21st:

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