

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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Please Join Us For Our

Gospel Meeting

May 15 – 19

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist – Jeff May

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Having A Happy Home

David A. Cox

How tragic it is to see the homes in our day that are far from happy. God instituted the home and it is to be a place of happiness. But homes are falling apart and at an ever alarming rate and many are just not happy in their homes. The answer to these problems may be varied and seem to be very complicated, but we must understand that God intends the marriage relationship and the home to be a place of happiness. The home as God would have is designed to be a loving, warm and caring place of safety, but how can we have a happy home living in a society where the home and marriage relationship is under full attack? I believe that there some necessary ingredients for a home to be happy.

God Must Be First In the Home

God is the institutor of the home and if it is to be happy, then God must be in His place – that is first in the home. Many may think that spouse or children or jobs is what is to be given first place in the home, but God is to be first in every aspect of our lives if they are to be what He wants them to be and that is happy and fulfilling. When God and His will is given first place in the home, then it will help to solve many other problems that normally destroy the happiness of the home. If a home is to be happy then God will be there.

Must Have Communication

The key to understanding and happiness is communication. In any area of life where people are not happy, they will murmur and complain when communication is not what it should be. In the workplace, employee/employer problems often are caused by a lack of communication. In the home it is the same. We cannot assume that everyone knows what I am thinking. Many homes are destroyed because simple lines of communication are stopped. If we are to have a happy home we must major in communication. Peter stressed this when he wrote “Husband, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered” (1 Peter 3:7). We must have communication in our homes if they are to be happy. There will be differences, but they can only be worked through when there is communication that gives understanding.

Must Have Cooperation and Commitment

In the home there is a place in the family for each one to fill. Husbands, wives and children each have a place that God has given to them. If we are to have a happy home the husband must assume the leadership in the home, but he must not rule as a master of slaves. He is to be the leader and the family is to follow. The example of a shepherd comes to mind. The shepherd will not do things to scatter the sheep, but to secure their safety and to lead them in the right path. A man who is being considered to serve as an elder or shepherd of God’s family exhibits this kind of leadership. This kind of leadership will promote happiness and each will understand their need to fulfill their role in the home. The wife in this kind of home will not sinfully seek to take the leadership away from her husband. The home will be united working together as a team. This cooperation will promote happiness in the home. This cooperation begins as families commit to serving God in all things and not just some areas. This kind of home will not just give lip service to God, but exhibit a true daily walk of service and commitment. When cooperation and commitment exists in a home, it will be a home where happiness resides.

Must Have Love

Without love a home will suffer the loss of the great happiness that could be enjoyed. The importance of love is seen when Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Without love, our lives will be void of goodness and happiness. The characteristics of love that Paul lists are so important in order for the home to be happy. Notice Paul says that love is longsuffering, kind, is not envious, boastful or proud. Love does not act in an unbecoming way, does not seek its own good, think evil or is easily provoked, “beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a). The harsh, bitter, faultfinding spirit and the spirit of a lack of trust that looks for the bad of the other will not be present when love is there. Love is the ingredient in our homes that will eliminate many problems, but it will cause our homes to be a permanent place of happiness as long as

love resides in the home.

Yes, we can have a happy home when God is there, and love is present. Love will allow our homes to be open, honest and a place of trust. This will cause us to communicate and commit ourselves to the good and happiness of the home. These attitudes hinge on one's complete surrender of his life to the will of God. And what a joyous and happy home there will be when God reigns in the home.

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You Must Interpret Scripture

Mark W. White

Christians have a responsibility and obligation to interpret Scripture for themselves. The Bible is not subject to "private interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20-21) meaning that it means what **God** intended it to mean, instead of being left to the whim of individual readers of the text.

Roman Catholics believe that the Bible means what the Church, speaking through its councils and bishops, says it means. Surely our faith is not to be placed in the hands of fallible men!

Men wrote the Bible, but they were "moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). This means they did not insert their private opinions and clever ideas into Scripture.

However, for someone to argue that the Bible needs no interpretation is to deny the obvious. It is impossible to read and comprehend any piece of literature without interpreting the meaning of the words used to convey thoughts and ideas. The Bible is not exempt from this.

This is why we must be diligent in our study of the sacred text. We should use every means available to us in understanding God's revelation. Dictionaries, commentaries, encyclopedias and teachers are useful tools. When all relevant information is examined, we still must draw our own conclusions as to what any particular passage teaches.

We are all subject to misunderstanding the Bible. No one is infallible. We must study for ourselves and know what we believe. And we cannot afford to turn that over to our favorite preachers, a respected eldership, scholarly professors or brotherhood editors and simply say, "I believe whatever they believe."

-via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama



Vacation Bible School

June 13 – 16, 2011

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Margaret Carter	Gilbert Hardy
Hazel Toone	Gayle Ball
David Gardner	Mary Ruth Gardner
Bertha Johnson	Martha Rice
Mary John Thomas	Jeff Waddell
Jesse Carter	Matt Poff
Jim Currier	Una King Currier
Joe Collier	Sarah Collier
Ray Miller	Phillip Harwell
Don Bowling	Robbie Shoulders
Randy Graviett	

In The Hospital:

Rhett Bailey; St. Judes Hosp. Memphis, Tenn.

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65	Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
Mary Smith, rm. 85	

Limestone Manor:

Albert Norton, rm. 96

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home

Lola Colwell, at home

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

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:

- Andrew Deen; Japan
- Whitney Deen; Japan
- Matthew Cox; Iraq

RADIO PROGRAM: The radio program that the Market Street church has each Sunday morning at 8:30 has been on WVNN 770 am. The program is now being simulcast on WVNN-FM 92.5. We look forward to the new arrangement and hope that it will expand the audience. We appreciate all those who listen faithfully to the program. Remember to tell others about it.

CONFESSION: *Ronnie Locke* came forward last Sunday asking for prayers for forgiveness and strength. We appreciate Ronnie and the good heart he has and his desire to please God.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *New Georgia church* in Lauderdale county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Richie Thetford* is the speaker in this meeting... The *Weatherly Heights church* in Huntsville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday evening. *Phil Robertson* is the speaker in this meeting.

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.

WORK GROUPS: Tonight will be the night for work group two to meet. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group this evening.

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

THE RECORD: For the Week of May 1st

Sunday:

- Bible Classes..... 131
- Morning Worship 151
- Evening Worship..... 104

Wednesday:

- Bible Classes..... 104

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 8th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements Stuart Wilson
- Song Leader Tyler Cox
- Prayer Larry Mitchell
- Preaching David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding Marty Adams
- Assisting Dwaine Allfrey
- Serving Will Chumbley Russ Wulfekuhl
- Delmer Carter..... Marvin Putman
- Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Evening Worship

- Announcements Stuart Wilson
- Song Leader Tyler Cox
- Prayer Bonnie Sutton
- Preaching Warren Glass
- Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
- Closing Prayer Benton Ball

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 8th:

- Usher Keenon Currier
- Work Sound System Stuart Wilson

Wednesday, May 11th:

- Song Leader Hunter Cox
- Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 21:9-17)
- Landon Adams
- Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
- Invitation David Cox
- Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Sunday, May 15th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements TBA
- Song Leader TBA
- Prayer TBA
- Preaching Jeff May
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding TBA
- Assisting TBA
- Serving TBA..... TBA
- TBA..... TBA
- Closing Prayer TBA

Evening Worship

- Announcements TBA
- Song Leader TBA
- Prayer TBA
- Preaching Jeff May
- Lord's Supper TBA
- Closing Prayer TBA

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 15th:

- Usher TBA
- Work Sound System TBA