

MARKET STREET



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

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Building A Home

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It happens all the time. Boy meets girl. They begin dating. They fall in love. They become engaged. They plan their wedding. They get married.

No doubt, some folks spend much more time planning their wedding than they spend in planning their marriage and their home. The wedding is a one-time celebration bonding two people in the most intimate relationship known to humanity. The marriage, however, was intended by God to endure for a lifetime. In our society, weddings are romanticized so that little girls grow up dreaming and planning for the day when they will be the beautiful Cinderella in the long flowing gown. Literally hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars are expended on some weddings, while the marriages sometimes do not last long enough to pay off the expenses incurred.

The successful home is the one built according to divine specifications. It merits far more effort and sacrifice than a wedding. The stability of the home rests on the understanding that marriage is God's idea, not man's, and God insists that the relationship He ordained is good! Couples who are determined to have happy, fulfilling marriages must recognize the significance of building their lives together according to the plan God has revealed.

Love: The Divine Adhesive

The apostle Paul described the cloak of Christ which ought to envelope the lives of all the saints (Colossians 3:12-15). "And above all things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness." Love is the quality which brings together all the other attributes into a single design.

In marriage, love is the glue that binds man and woman as one and causes them to stick together when other forces are acting to push them apart. The love which keeps a marriage intact is not limited to the mushy-gushy feeling which surges through the veins of a teenage boy and causes his cheeks to glow and his knees to tremble when that special

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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girl asks him a question in algebra class. Nor is this the high-profiled eroticism which is being marketed to the masses under the guise of love. The love which sustains a marriage is a love learned from God which sinks its roots deep into the heart and changes both feelings and behavior.

When the Holy Spirit taught us about this kind of love, He did not spend much time explaining how this love feels. Instead, He meticulously delineated for us the behavior of love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not boast, it is not proud. Love is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love does not fail." Husbands and wives must come to understand that God did not merely speak of how we ought to feel toward one another; the Lord directed us in our behavior toward one another.

Patience and Tolerance: Abdicating Selfishness

Spoiled children become selfish adults, and selfish people are poor partners in any kind of relationship. There is no way to share a house, a family, or a life together without a willingness to give. The Lord speaks directly to the point (Ephesians 5:22) as He instructs wives to "submit to your husbands as to the Lord," and immediately instructs husbands to "love your wives just as Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it..."

Does your spouse have some warts and blemishes: You have some, too. Do you get tired of putting up with her imperfections? She tires of yours. Does he have some ways that are immensely annoying? So do you. Did you learn that he was not perfect? He has learned the same thing about you. Do you want your spouse to get over the pettiness and focus on the things that really matter? You need to model that behavior. Giving, giving and giving some more, and more is an essential element of building a home.

Vision and Friendship:

Sharing Goals and Walking Together

The prophet asked long ago, "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Building a successful home necessitates unity in purpose. A person whose first allegiance is serving the Lord will often find himself at odds with another person whose first desire is making money, or having fun, or working. Blessed,

indeed, is the man or woman who can look at his home and confidently affirm, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Sharing common purpose in life provides an anchor which will steady the home during the storms. Dreams and visions must be shared and shared again. Friends are those who care, who eagerly give for the benefit of the other. One of the keys to building a happy home is nurturing your friendship with your spouse. Make the sacrifices necessary, but take time for the other. Do the little things, offer the gentle touch, and talk to the person with whom you are spending your life. The more intimately you know each other, the more fully you will understand each other and the stronger the bond will become which makes the two of you one.

Christians would do well to give ample time and attention to building the kind of home they want; the house can come later. The home will need an abundant supply of basic materials such as love, patience, tolerance, vision and friendship. Modeling a happy successful home is one of the greatest opportunities today for Christians to show the world the wisdom of God. A man and woman, serving the Lord, committed to one another, raising children with strong values, more in love with each other at the end of the life than ever before - well, it's the very kind of home millions of people only dream of.

-via *College View Columns*, Florence, Alabama



The Lamb's Book of Life

Bobby L. Graham

This register or list of the saved, thus designated because of the sacrifice of the Lamb making it possible and the life secured thereby (2 Timothy 1:10; John 14:6; 2 Peter 1:19), comprehends all redeemed from all covenants, because the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was designed to effect the redemption of faithful saints under all economies (Hebrews 9:15; 11:39-40). A similar book of remembrance was mentioned by the prophet in connection with God's people in who He delighted (Malachi 3:16-17). An examination of this

register reveals the following features:

1. **Select:** Christians have their name entered in the Book of Life (Philippians 4:3; Hebrews 12:23). None others have such a promise.

2. **Restrictive:** Some are definitely and specifically excluded from this list (Revelation 13:8). One would expect this in that the promise of salvation is received upon conditions established in the gospel of Christ, not unconditionally, universally, or automatically.

3. **Promising:** Those whose names have been entered in this register enjoy the promise of entering heaven and enjoying eternal life (Revelation 21:27).

4. **Changeable:** This list of names is subject to change (Revelation 3:5: 22:19). In the first passage those who are victorious in Christ receive the assurance that their names will not be removed, while the latter passage says that those tampering with the revelation from God by subtracting something there from will have their names removed. People can fall from divine grace (Galatians 5:4).

5. **Final:** The Bible also teaches that God's list of redeemed people is the final list (Revelation 20:12, 15). Judgment will be based on what is written in the books, and those without their names in the Book of Life will enter into the lake of fire, which is the second death (Revelation 21:8). No one will be able to gainsay what the Book of Life reflects.

Friend, now that you know about the Book of Life, why not submit to the will of Christ so you can benefit from the sacrifice of the Lamb slain for the sins of all? You can enjoy the promise of eternal life.

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

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Gladys Johnson	Rachel Grubbs
Marvin Wales	Earl Davis
David Gardner	Mary Ruth Gardner
Martha Rice	Wanda Taylor
Jeff Waddell	Jim Currier
Una King Currier	Phillip Harwell
Joe Collier	Sarah Collier
Matt Poff	Don Bowling

Robbie Shoulders Randy Graviett

In The Hospital:

Barbara Ogles; HealthSouth Huntsville; – rm. 308
Rbett Bailey; St. Jude's Hosp. Memphis, Tenn.

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

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

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

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Scottie Reed and all the family** in the passing of Scottie's mother, *Mary John Thomas*, this past Sunday morning. Her funeral was Wednesday morning at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home and her burial in the Limestone Memorial Gardens...Also, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to **James Johnson** in the passing of his wife *Bertha Johnson*. She passed away Wednesday evening. Her funeral was yesterday afternoon at Spry Funerual Home. She was buried in Roselawn Cemetery.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Eastside church** will be engaged in a gospel meeting this week. The speaker will be *David Hartsell*...The **Midway church** in Greenhill will be engaged in a gospel meeting this week. The speaker will be *Tommy Hagewood*...The **Tri-Cities church** in Muscle Shoals will be engaged in a gospel meeting this week. The speaker will be *Jeff May*.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The word to describe this past week and our VBS is **Great!** For those that were able to come, I know that it was an uplifting experience. We had 98 different children that came to be a part of our classes. The teachers all did an outstanding job in

preparing, teaching and making this VBS every thing it was. We are blessed to have such dedicated and sacrificing teachers involved in our teaching program at Market Street. Those who were involved in teaching the classes were: *Lawinda Keenon, Brettlyn Currier, Sharma Hamm, Lisa Wulfekuhl, Kerry Cox, Judy Vaughn, Marvella Adams, Ida Nell Griffin, Mary Cecil Keenon, Beth Brand, Tyler Cox and Hunter Cox.* The attendance for each day of the VBS is as follows:

- Monday – 119
- Tuesday – 120
- Wednesday – 110
- Thursday – 119

We averaged 117 each day.

I want to thank everyone that worked in some way to help this effort: those who invited others to come to be with us, those that brought others with them each day to the VBS, and those who came themselves to encourage this work and to provide a good example and influence to the young people that were here. Again, thanks to all who helped and may these efforts bring honor and glory to God.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: *Terry Andrews* has expressed his desire to be a part of the Market Street church. Also, *Marcus and Bonnie Morris* have expressed their desire to be identified with the work here at Market Street. We want to extend to *Terry, Marcus and Bonnie* a warm welcome. We look forward to working together with them.

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 three to meet. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group this evening.

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

THE RECORD: *For the Week of June 12th*

- Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 130
- Morning Worship 166
- Evening Worship..... 117
- Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 103

Remember Our Study Periods

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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 19th:

Morning Worship

- AnnouncementsJerry McGlocklin
- Song Leader Stuart Wilson
- Prayer Tyler Cox
- PreachingDavid Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding Marion Mithcell
- Assisting Kenneth Smith
- Serving Nathaniel Adams..... Tommy Burns
- Mark Rogers Paul Hasting
- Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

- AnnouncementsJerry McGlocklin
- Song Leader Stuart Wilson
- Prayer Bonnie Sutton
- Preaching Rusty Brand
- Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
- Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 19th:

- Usher Ronnie Locke
- Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, June 22nd:

- Song LeaderHunter Cox
- Bible Reading.....(Isaiah 24:14-23)
-Jonathan Keenon
- Prayer Larry Mitchell
- Invitation Warren Glass
- Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Sunday, June 26th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements TBA
- Song Leader TBA
- Prayer TBA
- PreachingDavid Cox
- 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 Warren Glass
- Lord's Supper TBA
- Closing Prayer TBA

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 26th:

- Usher TBA
- Work Sound System TBA