

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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Evil Can Be Overcome

Irven Lee

"Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not...Recompense to no man evil for evil...If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceable with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place to wrath: for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:14-21.) This portion of the sacred writings is not used as much as it should be used. Too many seem to try to overcome evil with evil, and this does not work.

You may have heard the story that I heard about a woman who went to a lawyer seeking a divorce. He asked her if she had tried heaping coals of fire on his head. She said she had not tried that, but she had tried pouring hot water on him. I think Americans know more about the hot water method. Few try overcoming evil with good, and this is the method that heaven recommends. There may have been many bitter divorces when neither even tried the Lord's advice.

The Christ said: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:38-48) Some say that people would use you for a door mat if you manifest this attitude, but the Lord did not think that would be the result. How many have tried His method of overcoming evil?

The Lord suggests that we love our enemies. He is not expecting us to feel toward them as we do our most precious loved ones. He does want us to show active good will toward them. He knows best, and He tells us how to overcome evil. We should accept His wisdom rather than

our own fleshly impulse.

“A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger” (Proverbs 15:1). It is not easy to find the soft words when grievous words are being hurled at us, but it would be better by far if we did.

Our Savior set the example for us, “Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again: when He suffered, He threatened not” (1 Peter 2:18-25). We are taught to “be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing” (1 Peter 3:8-18). Strife has continued in many cases where peace could have been restored by overcoming evil with good. Many marriages have failed when there could have been happiness if there had been more ornaments of the meek and quiet spirit (1 Peter 3:1-7). Let us “prove (or demonstrate) what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:1). We all know what the Bible teaches concerning our efforts to maintain peace, but few set wonderful examples before us. Do we not trust His wisdom? He knows us, and He knows the counsel we need. Let us profit more by what we have been taught.

The Lord will handle the rewards both for the worthy and for the unworthy. Vengeance belongs to Him (Romans 12-19; Hebrews 10:30,31). He also blesses the faithful (Matthew 5:10-12). Let us commit ourselves “to Him that judgeth righteously” (1 Peter 2:23). Since the hot water method does not work, let us try heaping coals of fire upon the heads of the enemy. Let us actually overcome evil with good. (From the Gospel Guide, Vol. XIV, No.5)

—via *The Gospel Power*; Anderson, Alabama.

Things Built To Last

Justin Roberson

When we moved to Northport, we came to the realization that I really needed some more bookshelves. So I got on craigslist (an online classified ads site) and purchased a couple of bookshelves for 10 dollars. The next day, I went over to my new next-door neighbor's yard sale and purchased a handmade solid oak bookshelf

for 35 dollars. Ultimately, both have worked pretty well, but I can tell those two I bought for ten dollars made out of cheap wood will not last very long. It's amazing how I still use my granddaddy's tools to this day, but some of the ones I got for a present when we got married just over 3 years ago are already broken!!

That got me to thinking; there are not that many things that are built to last. Everything is disposable now-a-days. Cars, furniture, TVs, computers etc.. But, there are a few things in this world that were made to last by God that I would like to discuss. Of course, God, being an everlasting God, can do this unlike any person here or any being ever known. Isaiah 63:16

1. God Built Marriage To Last

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” —Genesis 2:24. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. —Ecclesiastes 9:9. Isn't it amazing how God designed the institution of marriage to reflect his everlasting nature, and unending love?

2. Christ Built His Church To Last

“I also tell you, that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it” — Matthew 16:18. “And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” — Daniel 2:44. Not even physical death could stop Jesus from completing His mission of dying for our sins and establishing the church through which we may be saved eternally.

...And the Lord added to the church day by day those that were saved. - Acts 2:47

3. The Word of God Will Last Forever

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God shall stand forever — Isaiah 40:8. Having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which lives and remains forever. For, “All flesh is like grass, And all of man's glory like the flower in the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls; But the Lord's word endures forever” This is the word of good news, which was

preached to you -- 1 Peter 1:23-25.

Throughout time, what God said and wants us to know will always live on even through eternity. Let us do what God has told us to do to prepare our souls so that we can be in Heaven with Him.

~via *The Northwood Messenger*; Northport, Alabama



Maybe A Few Need This

Robert F. Turner

I knew a man in Christ about twenty years ago who needed courage to face a difficult period. By keeping quiet, leaving unsaid words that needed to be said, things would be much easier for him and his family - or so it seemed. He was frightened that he would hesitate at such a time. Then, he remembered and read Acts 18:9-10.

“Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.”

He typed those words on a little card and put them under the glass on his desk. He spoke, and no man set on him to hurt him. He only lasted four weeks after that (instead of a year and six months) but then some preachers move more often than others. The Lord did have much people in that city. A sound church is there now.

Are we preachers today aware of the need to keep on speaking honest convictions? Paul wrote, “...according as it is written, I believed, and therefore I have spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak” (2 Corinthians 4:13). It is significant that he addressed the following to Timothy, the evangelist. “Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.” “Meditate upon these things; give yourself entirely to them;” And of course, “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (1 Timothy 3:9; 4:15; and 2 Timothy 4:2). What an awesome responsibility!

One fellow complained that people do not have respect for preachers now as they once did. That may be another “good old days” fallacy, but if it is a valid observation, preachers are probably to blame. Respect must be earned, and I don’t mean selling something to the brethren. Nor is it enhanced by stomping and yelling abuse at them. I wonder what people would think of a preacher who studied diligently, and presented each point only after carefully researching it. Who spoke kindly, yet firmly and with no favor of persons? With whom one could differ without sensing and injured pride? If no one would support him, he could be displayed in a zoo.

~via *The Northside Messenger*; Northside, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Albert Bowers	Hazel Toone
Mary Ruth Gardner	Martha Rice
Tim Dean	L. D. Cary
Matt Poff	Tim & Cathy Taylor
Don Osborne	Patsy Burroughs
Brent Lowman	Barbara Ogles
Larry Owens	Gladys Sandlin
Betty Faye Holt	Una King Currier
Rhett Bailey	Randy Graviett
Phillip Harwell	Paige Phillips
Joe Collier	Sarah Collier

In The Hospital:

Rachel Grubbs; Windsor House Rehab. – rm. 300
Ava Brooke Campbell; Children’s Hospital, – B’ham
Faye Cary; Good Shepherd Hosp. – Longview, Tex.

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 11
Audrey Moyers, rm. 76

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65	Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57
Curtis Fudge, rm. 24	Mary Smith, rm. 85
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

Limestone Manor:

Albert Norton, rm. 98

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

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Jordan Lovell* and *Stuart Wilson* and *all the Lovell family* in the passing of Jordan and Stuart's grandmother, *Pauline Lovell*. She passed away early Friday morning. Her funeral will be this afternoon at 2:00 at the Spry Funeral Home Chapel. She will be laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery... We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Dan Reed* and *all the family* in the passing of Dan's sister, *Margaret Reed*. She passed away early last Sunday morning in Tallahassee, Florida.

THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT: *Greg Roark* will be here to speak to us Wednesday evening, November 23rd. Brother Roark has been living in *Central America* for several years and will be giving us a report on the work in *Panama* and *Venezuela*. It is always encouraging to hear the work our brethren are doing in other areas of this country as well as other countries. I hope that everyone will be able to be present to hear brother Roark.

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 evenings at 5:30 p.m.

THE RECORD: *For the Week of November 13th*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 151
Morning Worship 168
Evening Worship..... na

Wednesday:
Bible Classes..... 91

Remember Our Study Periods

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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 20th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Joel Hamm
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Ronnie Locke
Assisting Larry Mitchell
Serving Marion Pepper..... Terry Andrews
..... Paul Hasting..... Marty Adams
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching Marty Adams
Lord's Supper Ronnie Locke
Closing Prayer Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 20th:

Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, November 23th:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 33:14-19)
..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer Nathaniel Adams
Invitation Greg Roark
Closing Prayer Jonathan Keenon

Sunday, November 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Bonnie Sutton
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Kenneth Smith
Serving Tyler Cox Nathaniel Adams
..... Will Chumbley..... Ronnie Locke
Closing Prayer Jack Cannon

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Terry Andrews
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Todd Williams

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 13th:

Usher Keenon Currier
Work Sound System Danny Johnson