

# 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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*David A. Cox, Editor*

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## *The Relevancy of the Bible To Modern Man*

**Warren Glass**

The relevancy of the Bible to modern man is constantly being called into question by doubters in each generation, especially in the "enlightened" age in which we live. Thus we find religion in its many forms today seeking relevance in a largely materialistic society. Many such attempts are designed to do so by accommodating the fleshly, materialistic side of man. The interest here is upon man's social concerns, his worldly values and human wisdom. Not only will such an effort ultimately fail but will do much damage in the process. On the other hand if by "relevancy" we mean meeting man's real needs and deep concerns of the soul; the Bible is indeed relevant and vital to modern man. The Lord invites, "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:38).

Our greatest need may be broadly defined as happiness, both here and hereafter. Although different labels may be used to try to identify and define it, ultimately it is all related to a deep longing to be happy or to live "the good life". Mankind has long sought the secret or key to happiness. This search has taken many different forms and led in many directions. Sadly, relatively few look for it in the only place it can be found. 1 Peter 3:10-12 reveals that "loving life and seeing good days" is contingent upon our closely guarding our tongues, genuinely seeking peace and turning away from evil and doing good. God is the only one who can make that kind of happiness happen for us, for indeed "His eyes are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Psychologist, as well as common sense, tell us that our happiness is most affected by the following things:

1. A sense of security physically and financially (Matthew 6:19-33).
2. A sense of love and belonging (note John 3:16; 1 John 4:1).

3. A sense of self-worth (note: Gen. 1:26, 27; Acts 17:28, 29).
4. A sense of peace and freedom from guilt (note John 8:32, Phil. 4:6,7; John 16:33).
5. Deep concerns about the future (note 2 Corinthians 5:1-7; Titus 1:1, 2; Romans 8:28).

Since our well-being and happiness hinge upon these things, in order for the Bible to be relevant it must address these areas of concern for God's people. Indeed it does! Each of the above passages clearly make the point that we can find help in our loving Father and answers to our questions in His all-sufficient word.

The Bible provides sound solutions for the many problems plaguing our society today such as in marriage and family (Matthew 19:5-9; Ephesians 5; Titus 2:1-4), hopelessness and despair (Hebrews 6:18,19; Romans 8:24,25), morality and ethical conduct (Matthew 7:12; Philippians 4:8; Ephesians 4:31, 32) and a host of others. Of course the greatest need that we all have is forgiveness and hope of heaven through the blood of God's own Son on our behalf!

The Bible deals forthrightly with the issue of good and evil as well as suffering and death and the purpose and meaning of life itself (Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 16:26; Romans 8:18). The final outcome of the faithful child of God is assured (1 John 5:4; Revelation 21 & 22). The Bible is indeed an amazingly relevant book for the ages being inspired by the very God who created man and knows his every need (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). It will work in our lives to bring happiness if we will faithfully apply it to our needs. Jesus said to His disciples, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (1 John 13:17). For Christians the Bible is "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path." Let us resolve to constantly seek its light and walk therein (1 John 1:7).

~via *Market Street Bulletin*; (2003)

## *Applying It To Our Lives*

**Jim Jonas**

A common phrase heard in our prayers is that we should listen to the sermon and "apply it to our lives." This is a sensible exhortation, for the ultimate objective of the Christian is to live the precepts of God, to conform to His standards, to pattern ourselves after His image and character.

The relationship between faith and knowledge is symbiotic. True faith is produced by exposure to and instruction by the revelation of God (Romans 10:17). That faith generated by knowledge drives us back to God's word over and over again as the source of life, wisdom and solace. And thus the cycle continues: knowledge breeds faith that seeks for more knowledge.

Knowledge of God's word does involve the acquisition of data: learning names, places, dates, book content, historical flow, etc. These comprise the skeleton to which will be attached the organs, vessels and skin of inner character. Too many people have fallen for cheap knowledge: they are "religious" but know very little factual detail about the Bible.

But Christianity is not merely an intellectual pursuit. We cannot content ourselves with the belief that we either possess the truth or are exposed regularly to the truth by preaching. The most important element follows. We must ask: What does this knowledge mean to me in my daily activities? What are the implications as I face life's triumphs and tragedies?

Peter had been honored with the "keys of the kingdom," opening the door first to the Jews (Acts 2) and then to the Gentiles (Acts 10). Yet, when a threatening situation arose which demanded the proper application of the principles he had espoused, Peter failed to put them into practice (Galatians 2:11-13). Paul rebuked him publicly for neglecting to "apply it to his life." Paul said to the Thessalonians that "you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God" (1 Thessalonians 2:13). But what result came from such "hearing" and "welcoming"? "... Which also effectively works in you who believe. For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things

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### 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*

from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Jews” (2:14). The Thessalonians “applied it to their lives” – and paid for it.

What does it take to apply spiritual lessons to our lives? How do we get the sermon or the Bible study lesson into our hearts?

First, there must be a recognition that we are incomplete. Our character is constantly under construction. We must be searching for lessons and insight to incorporate into our thinking so that we may be making the transformation into Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Second, we must be honest. When the preacher steps on our toes or a caring brother confronts us with a legitimate concern, we must put our pride aside and ask, “Do they have a point?”

Third, there must be thought, reflection, contemplation. Frankly, we have become a people too busy for meaningful meditation upon the deeper things of life. Overcommitted schedules take us from one activity to another; we react to the appointments of the day until, exhausted, we fall into bed. The next day, we do it all over again.

Take this article and “apply it to your life.”

~via *The Hueytown Bulletin*, Hueytown, Alabama

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## ***Warren Glass Retires***

**David A. Cox**

In 1963, Warren and Joan Glass moved from Florida to begin working with the church in Limestone county. From that time, except for three brief stints: one in Waldron, Arkansas; Anderson, Alabama and the other in Bessemer, Alabama; Limestone county has been the recipient of the good labors of this couple. Brother Glass has preached for several congregations in the county: Mt. Zion; Jennings Chapel, Carriger, Holland’s Gin, Sunny Hill, Capshaw, Valley View and Market Street. His last twelve years have been with the Market Street church.

Warren began his work here in September 1999 and has worked and sacrificed himself for the good of the church here. Today marks the end of the work of Warren Glass as an evangelist at the Market Street church. The church here is better because of the work that brother Glass has done. Brother Glass is a man of conviction and outstanding character. Brother Glass indeed has fulfilled his responsibility in preaching “the word in season and out of season.” He is easy “to be entreated” and is “gentle to all”. It is easily understood the appreciation each one has for him and Joan.

Personally, it has been a joy to have had the opportunity to work with brother Glass the last three plus years. He has taken his work seriously and we have enjoyed a very good relationship as the evangelists here at Market Street.

We wish the very best for Warren and Joan in their retirement together. We look forward to them being back among us and their continued encouragement in the work here. May the Lord continue to bless the Glasses with many more good years to serve Him.

## ***News & Notes***

### **THE SICK:**

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

### ***In The Hospital:***

*Alvis McLemore*; Hutnsville Hosp. – rm. 675  
*Charles Burns*; Huntsville Hosp. – rm. 1754  
*Ava Brooke Campbell*; Children’s Hospital, – B’ham  
*Faye Cary*; Good Shepherd Hosp. – Longview, Tex.

*Athens Convalescent Center:*

Betty Bates, rm. 11  
Clara Hicks, rm. 61

*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

*Windsor House- Huntsville:*

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 300

*Shut-In:*

Reba Adams, at home  
Lola Colwell, at home  
Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74  
Ruby Davis, Valley View Health, Madison, rm. 51-A

**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

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Isbells: Glen and Shelby* are in Nashville, Tennessee this weekend... *The Wulfekuhls: Russ, Lisa and Ali* are in Arkansas this weekend with Russ' family... *The Peppers: Marion and Betty* are back from their vacation in Hawaii.

**NEW QUARTER IN BIBLE CLASSES:** Next Sunday morning, January 1st, will not only begin a new year in our Bible classes, it will begin a new quarter in our Bible classes. I appreciate the work that all of our teachers have done this past quarter in preparing and teaching their classes. We have children and adult classes. If you know of someone that would be interested in Bible study, let them know of our classes and invite them to join us.

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

**THE RECORD:** *For the Week of December 18th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 141  
Morning Worship ..... 174  
Evening Worship..... 105

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 104

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, December 25th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Assisting ..... Kenneth Smith  
Serving ..... Marty Adams ..... David Terry  
..... Harold Davis ..... Terry Andrews  
Closing Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Closing Prayer ..... Todd Williams

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 25th:

Usher ..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
Work Sound System ..... Stuart Wilson

**Wednesday, December 28th:**

Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Bible Reading ..... (Isaiah 35:1-6)  
..... Marion Mitchell  
Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Invitation ..... Warren Glass  
Closing Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin

**Sunday, January 1st:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Assisting ..... Marion Mitchell  
Serving ..... Delmer Carter ..... Stefan Fudge  
..... Paul Hasting ..... Jordan Lovell  
Closing Prayer ..... Marcus Morris

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Ronnie Locke  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Closing Prayer ..... Tyler Cox

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 1st:

Usher ..... Danny Johnson  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams