

MARKET STREET

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



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In The Heat of the Moment

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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

On Saturday July 18, 1795, an angry crowd gathered before Federal Hall in New York City, eager to protest the Jay Treaty. They were convinced that the treaty was too favorable to the British. Leading Republicans had organized the protest at which Alexander Hamilton and a few other Federalists were also in attendance.

The rally was to start at noon. At the stroke of twelve, Hamilton mounted the stand to address the crowd, only to be silenced by "hissing, coughing, and hooting." Trying a different approach, he handed someone a resolution to read to the crowd. The crowd quieted to listen. But when the first words were read stating that it was "unnecessary to give an opinion on the treaty," the crowd erupted in protest. Someone threw a rock that hit Hamilton on the head. Hamilton and the small group of Federalists stormed off, humiliated and defeated.

They soon encountered a loud public argument between Republican James Nicholson and Federalists Josiah Ogden Hoffman. Fearing the argument would incite a riot; Hamilton tried to quiet them. Nicholson said he had no reason to heed Hamilton who had once dodged a duel. "No man could affirm that with truth," Hamilton shot back, pledging "to convince Mr. Nicholson of his mistake" by challenging him to a duel. Stalking off, Hamilton and his friends ran into another group of Republicans and engaged in another heated exchange with them. Hamilton swore that if his opponents "were to contend in a personal way," he would fight the whole lot of them, one by one. Republican Maturin Livingston accepted the challenge, and offered to meet Hamilton with pistols, "in half an hour where he pleased." Explaining that he already had a duel to settle with Nicholson, he swore that when the first duel was settled, Livingston would get his due. Although Hamilton and Nicholson came within a day of dueling, both disputes were settled during negotiations.

Hissing, coughing, hooting, strong words, clenched fists, and the threat of gunplay: this story displays America's founders as real people caught up in the heat of the moment on a summer afternoon" (Joanne

B. Freeman, *Affairs of Honor: National Politics in the New Republic*, xiii-xiv).

This is but one example of the raucous politics that existed during our nation's founding. It's a wonder our republic ever got off the ground! But these lessons are not only for politicians and their constituents; Christians dealing with one another need to heed them as well. Things can get out-of-hand in a hurry. People's feelings are stepped on; their sense of honor questioned; faces become red; voices are raised – and, before you know it, challenges for duels are exchanged. Oh, it doesn't happen with real pistols anymore. No, it happens with "looks," "cold shoulders," and "words ill-spoken in haste." Lines are drawn that will not be crossed. We will not speak nor be spoken to. Bullets – be they lead or not– still pierce hearts with just as deadly force.

So, how do we keep these incidents from happening? What do we do when this happens among brothers in the Lord?

First, Know Thyself

If we are prone to hot-headedness defensiveness, than acknowledge it. We won't ever amount to anything useful unless we first examine ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5) and judge truthfully our own weakness. Freeman points out that Hamilton, prone to both these faults, ultimately let them cost him his career and his life. Listen...they can kill us as easily, too!

Second, Consequences Can Be Irreversible

One has wisely said, "You can drive nails into a post and then remove them, but the scars of the holes are still left." We can ask for forgiveness, and it be granted, but the process of reconciliation can be painfully arduous. Divine love "remembers no more" the foul deeds we have committed. But, human love is as imperfect as the error that asks for forgiveness. We all know that we should love as God loves, but rarely, if ever, is it so. Before we storm out and utter words we will most certainly regret, we had better count the cost of hot-headed defensiveness. Rounds of "I'm sorry" and forgiveness can be exchanged, but lingering doubts regarding one's lack of character remain entrenched within the heart.

Third, Read God's Word on the Topic

A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, you will have to do it again (Proverbs 19:19). "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. and be kind

to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you" Ephesians 4:1-32).

~via *The Encourager*; Spring, Texas.

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The Great Day That Is Coming

Jimmy Pettigrew

There are various kinds of days. There are important personal days: birthdays, marriage, anniversaries. There are important days set forth in the Bible. The Israelites had significant days: Passover and Sabbath. the "first day of the week" is a significant day for the Christian (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2). The "Day of the Lord" is the great day that's coming! Men must prepare now for the day of the Lord. Death is not the end of life because there is a great day coming (John 5:28-29). The Lord's return is a sure promise (2 Peter 3:9; John 14:1-3). The "day of the Lord" will come as a "thief," unexpectedly, suddenly (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2; 2 Peter 3:10). There are no "ifs, ands, or buts" about the Lord's second coming. When Jesus comes "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (2 Peter 3:10). God by the power of His word brought all material things into existence (Genesis 1:1). When He wills His creation to cease, it shall do so! The physical heavens, at Christ's second coming, along with "...the elements..." and "...the earth..." will, by fire be consumed. The material universe shall be destroyed.

In view of the sure promise of Christ relative to His coming and the end of the world "what manner of persons ought ye to be?" (2 Peter 3:11):

- (1) People of faith (1 Peter 1:5-9)
- (2) Obedient people (1 Peter 1:22-23)
- (3) Holy people (1 Peter 1:15-16)
- (4) Diligent people (2 Peter 1:10)

The wise man wrote, "Where there is no vision, the people perish," Proverbs 29:18. Unless you know where you want to go, you are not likely to get there! We must "watch" (Matthew 24:42), and "be ready" (Matthew 24:44).

~via *The Voice of Truth*; Geen Bay, Wisconsin.

Simplify Your Life

Mark Mosley

One of the biggest contributors to the confusion, dissatisfaction, distraction and weariness of our lives is that they are too complicated. Our lives are filled with too much clutter. We are living in a hall of mirrors so that we cannot distinguish between reflections and reality. We are constantly running into walls and in circles without making any progress. Let me make a couple of suggestions.

First, set priorities. List what must be done in your life. There are many things I want to do that I have left undone for many years. I still haven't finished that children's book I started twenty years ago. I keep meaning to get with my friend Steve to work on our music. There are projects galore around my house that need some attention.

But my days are focused on accomplishing one thing. Paul said it is the, "the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14). Jesus told Martha that only one thing was necessary. Think about that. There is only ONE necessary thing. If you leave that out nothing will ever be right.

Second, set goals. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:26, "Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air." How do you "aim" to accomplish your priority in life? Are there "unnecessary" things that are standing in your way? The Hebrew writer says, "Let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1) Is your life tangled up and tied down so that you feel that you are getting nowhere with God? Perhaps it would help to sit down and make a list of your obligations.

What are your "goals" this week, this month, this year? Can you accomplish those goals without altering your priorities? Are some "goals" clutter?

Understand, not every moment in life has to be momentous. We need times of rest and laughter. But act according to plan and with purpose. You're not building a house just because you are blindly swinging a hammer! You're more likely to put holes in the wall than to accomplish anything worthwhile.

~via *Hueytown Church Bulletin*; Hueytown, Alabama

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Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

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

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

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Marcella Coblentz	Heather Lovell
Gwen Bullock	Gilbert Hardy
Mary Ruth Gardner	Wynell Casteel
Shelby Isbell	Wayne Gooch
Ewell Smith	Bruce Mordecai
Carrie Miller	Evelyn Harrison
Abby Gilbert	Betty Faye Holt
Phillip Harwell	Ava Brooke Campbell
Charles Burns	Jeffery Miller
Matt Poff	David Hartsell
Eli Williams	

In The Hospital:

Una King Currier; East Glen Birmingham

Athens Convalescent Care:

Hazel Toone, rm. 16 Beulah Pope, rm. 100
Matty Murray, rm. 60

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B
Albert Norton, rm. 36 J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Rosella Pugh, rm. 74 Billy Sutton, rm. 37

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 29-E

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class will meet this Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. They are engaged in a study called "The Barnabas Factor". If you are a lady, and are able to meet with them, please join them in this study. It will do you good.

NEW CLASS BEGINS: This morning a new class is beginning and will meet in room 22. The class will be for High School-College Age/Young Adults and will meet on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. The class will be studying the *Book of Romans*. *Jordan Lovell* will be teaching this class. I hope that all of our young people/young adults will make their plans to attend this class.

PREACHING TONIGHT: *Greg Roark* will be speaking tonight on the work in Panama and Venezuela. I know that all will enjoy hearing his report.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group one will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group tonight.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Please come participate in this good work.

CONFESSION: Last Sunday, we rejoiced as *Keith and Angie Hinkle* came forward and asked for prayers for forgiveness and strength. We appreciate their good hearts and desire to please God. They also let it be known that they want to place membership here at Market Street. We extend a warm welcome to them and look forward to working together with them for the cause of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: The Children's Bible Drill is each Sunday afternoon at 4:40 and lasts about 15 minutes. It meets in the auditorium and will end about 5 minutes before the beginning of our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to be present this evening for the Bible drill.

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

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 125
Morning Worship 164
Evening Worship..... 108

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 100

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, December 2nd:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Joel Hamm
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Marion Mitchell
Serving Heath Dollar Paul Hasting
..... Delmer Carter Dan Lovell
Closing Prayer Jonathan Keenon

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Dan Reed
Preaching Greg Roark
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 2nd:
Usher Marcus Morris
Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, December 5th:

Song Leader Tommy Burns
Bible Reading Isaiah 55:1-7
..... Landon Adams
Prayer Jack Cannon
Invitation Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Terry Andrews

Sunday, December 9th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Bonnie Sutton
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jordan Lovell
Assisting Marcus Morris
Serving Harold Davis Danny Johnson
..... Nathaniel Adams ... Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Ronnie Locke
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Jordan Lovell
Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 9th:
Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System Landon Adams