

MARKET STREET

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



MESSENGER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

...But He Never Enlisted

Sewell Hall

He served in the Army but... "he isn't a soldier." We believe there is a lesson in the following Associated Press Report:

"An Army spokesperson said Friday that 15 year old Walter Lee Martin is not recognized as a soldier - despite two periods of serving in Vietnam, because he did not enlist, was not drafted and did not enter the Army through any regular means.

"He was not officially in, did not officially enlist or enter through any normal means," Barranté said. "He was, in fact, not a soldier. He isn't a soldier."

Two periods of service in Vietnam, twice wounded in action; yet no purple hearts, no honorable discharge, no veteran's benefits; he did not legally enlist.

This reminds us of a host of men and women whom we have observed serving among the soldiers in the army of the Lord. They serve faithfully and even sacrificially. They reject the sins of the flesh and live a pure life. They attend services regularly, give liberally of their money, are ready unto every good work. They often study the Scriptures, defend the truth and attack error. Often they are outstanding in their performance as soldiers, except that they have never enlisted.

The "Captain of our salvation" knew in advance there would be such individuals. He warned in advance of the fate they may expect - "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22-23). What a pity to spend a lifetime enduring "hardships as a good soldier" only to miss the veteran's benefits because of a failure to enlist.

There was no way that the young man described above could have legally enlisted, he was ineligible. but anyone who is a sinner can enlist in the army of the Lord if he is willing to leave his sins. The conditions

are simple: “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). “Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38).

-via *North Birmingham Bulletin*; Birmingham, Alabama.



Bitterness

Mike Thomas

We are commanded to put away bitterness (Ephesians 4:31). To be bitter is to be “sharp and resentful” in our outlook in life. When applied to our relationships, it means to be “intensely unfriendly” and unkind. A bitter person is someone filled with anger toward others, blaming them for their problems, and is overcome with fault-finding and resentment. It happens especially among Christians who quit in their relationship with God and look for excuses to justify their sin. More often than not, they turn to their relationship with the people at church and take their frustrations out on them. “They never call or visit me, and could care less that I am suffering. I will never step foot in that building again!” is what they tell their family and friends. But, in reality, they have reached this level of bitterness because they have failed in their relationship with God and are wanting to blame others for their condition. They have become “headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:4), but are too bitter to admit it. From their perspective, they are the victims and those still going to church and keeping God first are the enemy. They do not see their sin because of the cloud of darkness that has overtaken them. By emphasizing the world over godliness, they have lost their righteous judgment and have unwittingly fulfilled the very thing God warns against: “looking carefully lest anyone falls short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled” (Hebrews 12:15).

By contrast, there are Christians facing the same

problems in life who manage to keep their faith with an optimistic spirit. They too have health problems that limit them from day to day and that keep them from attending all of the services, but when they are able they are back at church or listening to the radio program because they see the value of worship. Some will even use a cane, wheelchair, or scooter to get there. Others also have financial and family problems like the saints overcome with bitterness, except they have chosen to trust God's word when it says to “count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience” (James 1:2-3). They could take the path of resentment and blame, but they see no value in being a defeatist. And whether these saints realize it or not, by keeping their faith they are preaching to the world that bitterness can be avoided. By adding to their faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge the rest of the spiritual attributes of a growing faith (2 Peter 1:5-8), these saints are being diligent to make their “call and election sure” (v.10), while letting their light shine. They don't know what specific obstacles still await them; they just know they will give their all to stay near to God because “all things work together for good to those who love God” (Romans 8:28). Bitterness is not an option for them.

Life is such a beautiful gift that God loans us for only a moment. He never intended for it to be our final rest, but to only serve as a door to even greater joy. Bitterness blinds us to these truths and keeps us from walking through that door. We must get rid of it to find eternal life with God.

-via *Standing Firm*; Beaver Dam, Kentucky

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

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

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Knowing What Is Best?

Dennis Carrow

Much of our life decisions are not made in the realm of right or wrong but what is best. Most assuredly there is a clear distinction between light and darkness - sin and righteousness. However, much of our direction in life is determined by what we deem best. And, if we fail to follow what is best we may find ourselves on the road to self-justification while in sin. The struggle for discernment is critical to our society, our churches, and our personal lives. What criteria do we use to determine what is best?

Wisdom that comes From God

God's word provides the light to our lives. Much of what God's word teaches us is in principles. God expects us to apply these principles to every aspect of our lives. When we do seek the counsel of His word our direction will be right and proper, when we do not, we will move in the wrong direction. "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom" (James 3:13).

Questioning Motive

Regardless of our conduct, when our objective is to harm others, or if we are self-seeking we will fail. Our ability to justify ourselves in sin or the sins of others will blind us from the truth and lead us to deceiving ourselves.

Decisions

The essence of what is best is coming to a firm conclusion that a course of action will lead us toward God's desired end. When we come to this place, we can know based upon "the wisdom that descends from above [which] is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and full of good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17-18).

-via *What Is True?*; Little Rock, Arkansas.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Marvin Putman	Fay Ferguson
Edwina Greer	Crutcher Harbin
Gwen Bullock	Robert & Mot Beasley
Matt Poff	Elizabeth Howard
Charlotte Keenum	Charles Burns
Joey Hinkle	Joan Stanford
Eli Williams	Elizabeth Kate Miller
Carol Locke	Ava Brooke Campbell
Abby Gilbert	David Holt
Jerry Taylor	Una King Currier
Phillip Harwell	

In The Hospital:

Dorothy Casteel; Athens Limestone Hospital; rm. 222

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 75 Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Dorothy Draper, rm. 97 Mattye Murray, rm. 2
Mable Crafts, rm. 100 Gayle Mills, rm. 15
Robert Johnson, rm. 18 Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 63

Limestone Health Facility:

Albert Norton, rm. 36 Jack Cannon, rm. 95
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
Wynell Casteel, at home
Lola Colwell, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Bethel church* in Bethel, Tennessee is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday night. The speaker in this meeting will be *Jeff Barnett*.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Barksdales: French and Nell*

have been in Florida on vacation... *The Crabtree's: Lora, Alex, Anna and Elijah* are at the Gulf this weekend... *The Beasleys: Robert and Mot* have gone to Winston-Salem, North Carolina stay for several months to see doctors and therapist there.

JANET BERRYHILL (1933 – 2014): It is with sadness that we note the passing of sister Janet Berryhill. Sister Berryhill had been a member of the Market Street church for about five and half years. Due to her failing health the last 3 years she had been a resident in the Limestone Health Facility. She loved all the people at Market Street and loved to hear about the church. Her funeral was Tuesday afternoon. She was entombed at the Limestone Memory Gardens. May the Lord bless sister Berryhill's family during this time.

SYMPATHY: We extend our deepest sympathy to *Brenda Jones and all the family* in the passing of Brenda's father, *Clifton Waddell*. He passed away last Tuesday evening in the Decatur. His funeral was on Friday afternoon. He was laid to rest in the Higgins Cemetery... Also, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Helen Blankenship, Dan Lovell, Doris Lovell and all the family* in the passing of Helen's sister-in-law and Dan and Doris' aunt, *Mattie Lovell*. She passed away last Sunday. Her funeral was on Wednesday afternoon. She was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery... Also, we extend our deepest sympathy to *Wynell Casteel and all the family* in the passing of Wynell's sister, *Reba Irene Peek*. She passed away last Monday. Her funeral was on Wednesday afternoon. She was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery.

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.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of May 4th

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	139
	Morning Worship	180
	Evening Worship.....	126
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	118



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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 11th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblenz
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Keith Hinkle
 Assisting Bonnie Sutton
 Serving Nathaniel Adams Mot Dollar
 Keenon Currier Landon Adams
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblenz
 Song Leader Todd Williams
 Prayer Hunter Cox
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Keith Hinkle
 Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 11th:

Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
 Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, May 14th:

Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
 Bible Reading..... Mark 14:22-31
 Danny Johnson
 Prayer Ronnie Locke
 Invitation Jordan Lovell
 Closing Prayer Terry Andrews

Sunday, May 18th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
 Song Leader Todd Williams
 Prayer Norman Brown
 Preaching Jordan Lovell
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Tommy Coblenz
 Assisting Marcus Morris
 Serving Paul Hasting Marvin Putman
 Russ Wulfekuhl Terry Andrews
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
 Song Leader Keith Hinkle
 Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Tommy Coblenz
 Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 18th:

Usher Mot Dollar
 Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams