

# 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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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## *My Body Is My God's Temple*

**Mark W. White**

"My body is mine, and I'll do with it as I please!" So goes the argument we often hear from feminist who believe that abortion-on-demand should be every woman's rightful option. "I don't care what anyone else thinks about the clothing I put on my body, it's my business to dress how I please!" That's another wrong conclusion from an independent spirit who believes that God surely doesn't care about such trivial matters. "Recreational drug use is a matter of personal choice. It's up to me what I put into my body." In response to such outlandish statements, we would encourage a careful study and consideration of 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Paul's entire message in 1 Corinthians 6 was designed to cause believers to understand that their lives are radically different, now that they belong to Christ. For example, he chastises them for suing fellow believers at law, vv. 1-8. Ordinarily disputes and legal controversies would be appropriately settled in the Gentile courts. Even Christians might occasionally find themselves hauled into worldly courts by an unbeliever. But among the saints, disagreements should not be settled before the unbelievers. Furthering his theme, Paul next enjoined caution upon Corinthians. Christians concerning their personal appetites and behaviors. Reminding them that they had been cleansed, sanctified, and justified by the Spirit of God (v.11) he taught them that several sins directly involving the body should now be scrupulously avoided. Fornication, adultery, homosexual acts, sodomy and drunkenness were specifically labeled as "bodily" sins which bar the sinner from the inheritance God wants to give His children, vv.9-10. Saved people are careful with their bodies. Although not inherently sinful, the body faces its own peculiar temptations, which if indulged, defile the spirit residing within the flesh. Verse 18 commands, "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body."

But why is sexual immorality (and other sins of the flesh) described as a "sin against the body?" This is answered in verses 19 and 20. Paul wrote, "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your

own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." That is a statement of important principle. It speaks directly to what happens to sinners redeemed (bought back, repurchased) by the blood of Christ. Corinthians saints had been washed, sanctified and justified by the Spirit of God (v.11). Now, Paul says, their very bodies are considered to be habitations of the Holy Spirit (v.19). It is as if the Holy Spirit of God had purchased a decrepit, dirty, disheveled old house that He intended to become His residence after a thorough remodel and "sprucing up." Now, we must not be alarmed or frightened by this language. Christians need to accept the fact that the Holy Spirit indwells them. We need not allow modern-day charismatic false teaching to rob us of this eminently scriptural language! A Charismatic believes that the Holy Spirit dwells personally in our bodies, leading us to think, feel and act apart from our own will by the nudging of the Holy Spirit. Some sincere brethren, who are not charismatic, also believe in a personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but they do not believe that He leads us apart from the teaching of the Word. This writer is content to let Scripture interpret Scripture in this matter. The question, "How does the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Godhead) indwell us?" is answered in my mind by Paul's statement in Ephesians 3:17. There, Jesus Christ (the second person of the Godhead) is said to "dwell in your hearts through faith." To me, Ephesians 3:17 seems to explain the process of indwelling mentioned in I Corinthians 6:19.

Because the Holy Spirit, through our faith and obedience to God's Word, has made our bodies His "temple," we must be careful what we do with our bodies. The White House in Washington, D.C. is the dwelling of the President of the United States. Great care is taken to preserve, protect, maintain, and glorify this house because of who lives there. Christians were "bought with a price" i.e., the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Because of our expensive purchase price and the Spirit who is the "guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession" (Ephesians 1:14) we must be careful with both body and spirit. Scripture teaches that both are "the Lord's" (1 Corinthians 6:20) and that we must therefore "glorify God" with our entire being, which includes the tabernacle of flesh called "the body."

It matters to God if we abuse the body, since the Spirit is in residence. It matters to God if we carelessly and immodestly adorn the body, because this sends the

wrong message about who lives within. Every Christian needs to give these truths careful, prayerful consideration.

-via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama.

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## *Covering Sin*

**Mike Thomas**

The Bible says, "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). Elsewhere it adds, "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered" (Romans 4:7). Evidently, there is a right way and a wrong way to cover sin.

The wrong way to cover sin is to remain in it while trying to conceal it from others. Jesus rebuked this attitude when He told the Pharisees, "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness" (Matthew 23:28). We can expect the same verdict whenever we live in sin and try to appear godly at the same time. Eventually, our need to be approved of men will outweigh our need for God's approval, and we will concoct ways to keep our sins hidden from others. This never works. Sooner or later, our sins will be exposed and our hypocrisy will become evident. Nobody can keep their sin hidden indefinitely, nor will it go away with time, by moving away, or by doing additional good works. The only way to respond to sin is to humbly confess and forsake it. To stubbornly continue in it, convincing ourselves that we will never get caught, is the path that leads to misery and shame. Pride always leads to a fall - without fail. And ultimately, "God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14). There will be no secret sins on Judgment Day. Whatever we hid from men will eventually be exposed by God, who will condemn us for our deceit and pride. It will be as Paul foretold, "Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later" (1 Timothy 5:24). No one can keep their un-repentant sins hidden forever.

The only way to rightfully cover sin is to be forgiven of it by God. This is what Paul meant when he said,

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered." The person doing the covering in these instances is God, because His righteous requirements for forgiveness have been met. For a non-Christian, this requires obedience to the gospel, which is God's power to save men from sin (Romans 1:16; Acts 2:38). For a Christian, it means to "Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you" (Acts 8:22). God also expects the Christian to confess his sin in prayer (1 John 1:9) and before those who are aware of it (James 5:16). God will not show mercy to the person who tries to cover his sin in any other way.

Once a person's sins have been forgiven by God, we are to cover them as well by no longer holding them against that person. For, "He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends" (Proverbs 17:9). We do this because of our love for their soul, our desire to help them rise above their mistakes, and because of the mercy God has shown us (cf., Ephesians 4:32). If we refuse to forgive that person and continually refer to them as sinners (to harm and shame them), we can know that "neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:15). We must willingly cover another's (forgiven) sin before God will cover ours.

-via *Standing Firm*; Beaver Dam, Kentucky.



## *What We Give Our Children*

**Bill Hall**

Several years ago I visited with a lady whose sixteen year old daughter had suddenly disappeared. No word had been heard from her in over a week. The mother couldn't understand why her girl had run away from home.

She opened a closet door. "Look at all those beautiful clothes," she said, "We wanted our daughter to be as well dressed as any other girl in school." She pointed to a TV in the corner of the room. "We had a TV in the living room, but our daughter wanted her own private TV, so we bought it for her", the mother said.

Then she pointed to a typewriter, "Our daughter was taking typing, and we thought she needed a typewriter at home for practice." The couple provided everything for the daughter except that which she needed most – a love for God and His word.

Parents, if you are not bringing your children to the services of the church; if you are not teaching them God's word; if you are not instilling in their hearts faith in God and submission to His will, you are failing as parents, no matter what you may be giving your children materially.

**Note:** The mention of a "typewriter" illustrates the obvious age of this article. Rather than a typewriter, a child today might expect a computer with internet access, though having unsupervised access to one is far more dangerous spiritually.

-via *Eastside Enlightener*; Athens, Alabama.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Mot Dollar	Betty Pepper
Marjorie Dunnivant	Fay Ferguson
Buddy Pepper	Carl Hargrave
Gilbert Hardy	Crutcher Harbin
Gwen Bullock	Robert & Mot Beasley
Ruth Lawson	Una King Currier
Gene Carpenter	Dorothy Casteel
Ava Brooke Campbell	Alex Reed
Phillip Harwell	Charles Burns
Eli Williams	Analynn Tegg
Elizabeth Kate Miller	Kim Pressnell
Dianna Ritter	Joey Hinkle

### *In The Hospital:*

*Matt Poff*; Vanderbilt Hospital; Nashville, Tenn.

*Michael Vaughn*; Clear Lake - Rehab; Clear Lake, Texas

### *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:*

Nelva Reed, rm. 75	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Dorothy Draper, rm. 97	Matty Murray, rm. 2
Mable Crafts, rm. 100	Gayle Mills, rm. 15
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 63	Deannie Britton; rm. 66

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Albert Norton, rm. 36      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:**

Wynell Casteel, at home

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** This week we rejoice that **Lucille Craig** has let it be known that she desires to be a part of the work here at Market Street. We have been glad to have her here with us. Let us extend a warm welcome to Lucille. She will be in Group 3.

**REBA ADAMS (1949-2014):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of sister **Reba Adams**. Reba had suffered greatly from the affects of arthritis and the toll it had taken on her. She had been unable to attend services of the church for 7 years or more, although she deeply desired to do so. We want to express our deepest sympathy to *James and all the family* in her passing. Her funeral will be this afternoon at the Limestone Chapel Funeral Home at 2:00.

**NURSING HOMESINGING:** Remember the singing on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the **Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care**. Come to sing, you will enjoy it and you will encourage the residents there.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Vaughns: Phillip and Margaret* are in Houston, Texas with their son, Michael, this week...*Barbara Carter* is at the Gulf this week with family on vacation...*The Claxtons: Bill and Doris* have been in Indiana this week for Bill's aunt's funeral.

**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 August 17th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 139

Morning Worship ..... 192

Evening Worship..... 118

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 121

**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*

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, August 24th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Prayer ..... Keith Hinkle  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Larry Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Serving ..... Danny Johnson ..... Marvin Putman  
..... David Terry ..... Nathaniel Adams  
Closing Prayer ..... Keenon Currier

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Song Leader ..... Marty Adams  
Prayer ..... Keith Hinkle  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Larry Mitchell  
Closing Prayer ..... Mot Dollar

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 24th:

Usher ..... Delmer Carter  
Work Sound System ..... Landon Adams

**Wednesday, August 27th:**

Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Bible Reading ..... Romans 2:17-29  
..... Danny Johnson  
Prayer ..... Joel Hamm  
Invitation ..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Ronnie Locke

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**Sunday, August 31st:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Assisting ..... Marty Adams  
Serving ..... Hunter Cox ..... Keenon Currier  
..... Heath Dollar ..... Mot Dollar  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Todd Williams  
Preaching ..... Marty Adams  
Lord's Supper ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Closing Prayer ..... Terry Andrews

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 31st:

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