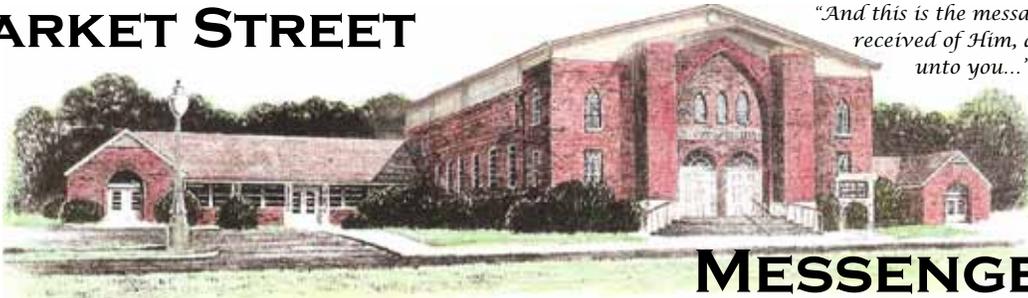


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Just Asking For It

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"The city of Houston has issued subpoenas demanding a group of pastors turn over any sermons dealing with homosexuality, gender identity or Annise Parker, the city's first openly lesbian mayor. And those ministers who fail to comply could be held in contempt of court." (Yahoo.com, Tea Party News Network, originally from FoxNews.com.)

Ms. Parker and her buddies must have been out of church too long. They have lost touch with how flattered preachers are when asked for copies of their sermons!

But in reality, here is a disturbing sign that Bible preaching might be so against the grain of elected officials that they take legal action against it. Perhaps the city's action is an effort (silly though it be) to intimidate preachers. At minimum, this effort is the best the Gay Movement can muster for grandstanding. Who was it who said that any kind of publicity is good publicity? Put them along side Paris Hilton and (what was the other girl's name?).

There is just something special about the homosexual movement. That real work of preaching against immorality involves instruction against adultery, strong stands about sexual offenders of every kind, exhortations against drug and alcohol abuse - all the while reassuring sinners that God's grace has arranged for a place for such people in the kingdom. (1 Timothy 1:8-16; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11) The list of sinners is long: thieves, idolater's, liars, murderers, haters and more.

But then come the lesbians and gays who expect preachers to *"tip toe through the tulips,"* leaving their sin alone to grow and flourish in a utopia of amorality. Why have not adulterers, white-collar criminals and muggers demanded preacher's notes?

The reason cannot be that homosexuals are in such a majority, for they aren't. It would not be that their particular sin involves others in a personal way; else adulterers and fornicators would surely rise up in defense of their sins. The reason would not be that gays are the only ones who

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Sunday

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

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Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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have had to live in the closet in the past, because lots of sinners still live there, fearing exposure. (Ephesians 5:11) If they think that God's Word is unfair to them because they were "born that way," they will not have to look far to find even murderers who were "born that way" while God expects them to overcome their natural inclinations. (Genesis 4:1-7) Some folks simply have a different combination of hormones and nervous arrangements to manage than others. All are expected to overcome sin.

So Ms. Parker wants special treatment from preachers. Gays and lesbians will just have to take their medicine like all the other sinners out there, which happens to be all of us (Romans 3:23). The grace of God and gospel obedience will save them just as other sinners are saved (Acts 22:16). Repentance from sin is required of all (Acts 2:38).

And, as some might not realize, preaching against sin is not an easy job - no matter what the sin might be. Even for those unbiblical preachers out there who say that preaching against homosexuality is the real sin, they are not usually accompanied by city councils and attorneys with subpoena power and threats of contempt. The place for such discussions is in the public square or nowadays, the media.

So, chances are that Ms. Parker is just making a name for herself. If not, the Bible will not change (Matthew 24:35), and preachers worth their salt will stand for the truth on all matters.

In worst case, gospel preachers might have better results in prison than on the streets of those cities which elected folks like the Mayor of Huston. Imprisoned preachers would at least, word is, have a larger population of homosexuals to preach to, and, if the preacher were allowed to speak, the audience would be captive. Paul the apostle made a similar point as a prisoner in Rome: "But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel..." (Philippians 1:12).

If preachers get in the habit of shrinking back on such moral matters, they might find themselves in Lot's shoes: being led out of town by others before the whole thing collapses. Houston's best bet is to get behind the preaching of the truth, and forget whatever politics led to this whole embarrassing situation.

Jesus not only put His stamp of approval on the

destruction of Sodom (Luke 17:28-29), but also gave His most praiseworthy eulogy to John the Baptist. (Matthew 11) John was beheaded for his stand against sin: not by homosexuals, but by adulterers.

So, if anybody wants my notes or audio files on any sin, I will give them a copy. Preaching God's Word is a very public kind of work. (Matthew 28:18-20) Ms. Parker's jurisdiction probably doesn't reach all the way to Alabama, and I am sure God's jurisdiction reaches everywhere.

-via *Tidings*; Russellville, Alabama..

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Wine Is Still A Mocker

David Dieestelkamp

"Wine is a mocker, intoxicating drink arouses brawling, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1). It's now nearly 3,000 years later and wine continues to mock and many continue to be led astray by it.

Wine's current ploy is to divert attention from the many negatives of alcohol drinking to its alleged "health benefits." Over the past decade the media has sensationalized a few studies which some believe suggest health benefits from drinking wine. Rises in wine sales and use have actually been attributed to these reports."

Does a glass of wine a day keep the doctor away? The seduction of wine's health benefits need to be counted with a stiff dose of reality.

- Most findings are preliminary, require further study, and their interpretation and meaning are very controversial among scientists and doctors. Don't be fooled by the misreported certainties in the media*
- Antioxidants in wine, called resveratrol and flavonoids, are suspected, but not known, to have health benefits*
- You would have to drink gallons of wine a day in order to take in the same amount of resveratrol as the mice were fed in some wine studies.*

- Grapes and grape juice contain the same antioxidants as wine.* There is growing evidence that the health benefits of red wine are related to its nonalcoholic components.*
- Antioxidants can more readily be obtained from almost all fruits, vegetables and grains, as well as from supplements.* “If you want antioxidants,” writes a well known cardiologist, “you are better off eating a spinach salad with vegetables than drinking a glass of red wine.”*
- Most experts agree that if there are real health benefits, there is still a fine line between healthy drinking and risky drinking.*
- Although some studies report possible heart benefits from wine drinking, the American Heart Association and other experts emphasize that there are much more effective ways to prevent heart disease.*
- The American Heart Association does not recommend drinking wine or any other form of alcohol to gain potential benefits.*
- Interestingly enough, almost every disease or condition being tested for potential wine benefits is known to be adversely affected by moderate to heavy alcohol use.
- Mayo Clinic says on this issue: “Few medical experts, if any, advise nondrinkers to start drinking.” Two researchers conclude: “No one should start drinking if they don’t already drink.”*

*See for documentation: www.thinkothesethings.com

So be warned: Wine, its promoters, its drinkers, its would-be drinkers, and the media are not objective in their “proof” for why they are right and why you should join them in drinking. The deceptive nature of wine on all levels shouldn’t surprise us. We know its end-mocking and being led astray. Be wise.

-via *Think On These Things*; Cortland, Illinois.



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Wynell Casteel, at home

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the book of "Proverbs". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

GOSPREL MEETINGS: The *Midway church* in Greenhill is engaged in a gospel meeting this week through Wednesday night. *Sid Latham* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *Somerville church* in Somerville is having their meeting this week through Wednesday with *Ken Chapman* preaching.

NURSING HOME SINGING: 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.

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

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of November 2nd

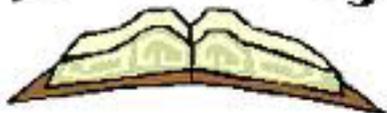
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Bible Study



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, November 9th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer Ronnie Locke
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Dwaine Allfrey
 Assisting Tommy Coblentz
 Serving Bart Brown David Terry
 Paul Hasting Marvin Putman
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Evening Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Landon Adams
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
 Closing Prayer Marcus Morris

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 9th:

Usher Larry Mitchell
 Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, November 12th:

Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Bible Reading Romans 7:13-25
 Russ Wulfekuhl
 Prayer Marty Adams
 Invitation Steve Usery
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Sunday, November 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Norman Brown
 Preaching Jordan Lovell
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Kenneth Smith
 Assisting Ronnie Locke
 Serving Kenneth Adams Mike Ogles
 Cody Kennedy Jason Conn
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer Joel Hamm
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
 Closing Prayer Todd Williams

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 16th:

Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
 Work Sound System Terry Andrews