

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 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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Respect For Those Who Are Older

Gary Kerr

Time passes so quickly; all too soon those who are young will become the aged ones. The older you get, the more aware you become of how few hours you actually have left - the opposite is true of youth (cf. James 4:14). A nation that respects those among them who have grown old will stay a strong nation. Unfortunately, I am afraid that today this characteristic is becoming uncommon in America.

I had lunch recently with a friend, and we had to wait a while for our table to be ready. The restaurant had several places for those who were waiting to be seated, but those seats were filled, so we stood off to the side. While we were waiting, an elderly couple came in, both of them bent with age, the wife steadying herself with a four-legged walker. They, too, were told that they would have to wait. There were two young men - perhaps late high school or early college age - who were sitting while they waited, both of them immersed in their cell phones. I expected that they would rise and allow this old couple to have a seat, but it didn't happen. They looked up and were aware of the presence of the older folks, but they continued to sit while the man and woman (I assume his wife) remained standing.

I have to tell you that my "blood was up" - I was on the verge of "helping" those boys vacate their seats so the older couple could be seated! I was spared by a young assistant manager who offered to go ahead and seat the couple ahead of those of us who had been waiting longer. I wanted to cheer, or applaud, but instead I just stared at the two callous young men until my friend and I were seated ourselves. I was sorely tempted to say something to them, and perhaps I should have. I'm afraid that the rude selfish behavior of those two boys is becoming more the rule than the exception in our society, and I say that to our national shame.

It is impressive how often God's people are admonished in His word to respect and revere those who are older. Consider, as an example, Leviticus 19:32:

“You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.” (ESV)

This passage reveals some important principles regarding how God expects His people to treat those who are older.

You shall stand up before the gray head!

In the Bible we often see *rising* or *standing* as a show of respect.

- The cherubim on the ark of the Covenant, representing the presence of God, are described as standing (1 Chronicles 3:13).
- In Ezekiel’s vision (chapter 1) the four figures are standing. “The young men saw me[Job] and hid themselves, and the old man arose and stood” (Job 29:8).
- Rachel expressed concern that she could not stand in the presence of her father (Genesis 31:35).
- The Children of Israel rose out of respect for Moses (Exodus 33:7-8).

There was a time when an older person entered the room and those who were younger would automatically stand. Sad to say, that kind of respect seems to be disappearing in America today. There was also a time when young people stood up and gave their seats to ladies and the elderly.

Honor the face of an old man!

The Hebrew word translated honor here carries the idea of glorifying, or showing partiality to. We are to treat the aged as a precious possession. Our elders are of great value and ought to be treated as such.

It is sad, but true, that many young people have no concept of how to treat older people. We need to once again encourage our young people to honor mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, and to show respect to the older people who built our country and our local churches. Spend time with some of the old people who believe, act, and preach the old way.

You shall fear your God!

Respecting and honoring our elders in a sign of reference for God! The word translated fear in the ESV is rendered revere in the NASB. It appears in the Old Testament only 17 times, and in every instance it refers to a demonstrated act of respect and adoration toward God. Our text is telling us, then, that by respecting elderly

people we are at the same time revering (fearing) God.

We know from other scriptures that we show love to God by obeying His commandments (cf. 1 John 5:3). As we honor and respect older people, we therefore demonstrate a love and reverence for God. The point here is the close tie between doing God’s commands and revering God. When you do what God requests, it is your act of honor, reverence and worship. It is pure religion (James 1:27).

I am the LORD!

Perhaps the best way to understand this phrase is to say it is God’s signature. This distinguishing mark occurs 158 times in the Old Testament, and it leaves no doubt who is talking and the authority of which He speaks.

There is a lot of talk in the political realm recently about “entitlement.” Respect is something that is an entitlement for the elderly. It does not have to be earned. It is a demand of God. Failure to respect the elderly means that we are failing to revere God.

~via *The KSR Sower*; Harvest, Alabama

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Giving Up Our Life For Our Faith

Carlton G. McPeak

The story of Queen Ester is a very interesting one. There are many lessons to be learned from the Old Testament book which bears her name and closes out the pre-Messiah history portion of the Jewish nation. One such lesson is the conviction she and her uncle, Mordecai, had for the principles of serving their god.

When the decree had gone out that everyone should bow down to Haman as he walked by, Mordecai would not bow. His refusal was based upon his conviction that only God should be worshiped. Obviously this action made Haman very angry.

In retaliation, Haman convinced the king to sign a

decree that all Jews should be annihilated. When this decree became known to Mordecai he began to mourn in a sackcloth. Though correspondence with his niece, he convinced her that she should - even must - speak to the king about what was potentially going to happen to the people of her nation. She finally decided that she would speak to the king and if she perished then she would perish (Esther 4:16). As the story unfolds, neither Esther nor Mordecai were harmed, but rather Haman was the one who lost his life.

As we meditate upon this attitude of Queen Esther there are several things to consider when we think about her forfeiting herself for what she believed in and the people of her nation. It takes a lot of conviction to be willing to die for a cause or person. There must be some strong emotions toward a project if one is going to overcome their own desire to survive.

Another thing to consider is the confidence Esther had in her God. She knew that she would be rewarded for such action. Her uncle's statement, "Who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14) must have weighed heavily on her mind. She must have wanted to help God's people a great deal to be able to make such a statement and then live up to it.

This story also helps us to understand that if we will put God first, then sometimes things will turn out for the good. Queen Esther did not know how it would turn out and neither do we when it comes to our own circumstances.

When it comes to our own faith, do we have the same conviction as Mordecai and Queen Esther? Are we so convinced in what and who we believe that we are willing to sacrifice our bodies for His cause? Do we disregard our own feelings and emotions for the good of fellow Christians?

The giving of our life today in the United States for our faith is not very realistic. Maybe one day we will be faced with those circumstances but they are not very likely to be today. However, there are other areas of our life that may require an equal amount of determination to live up to our faith. What about at work when the supervisor or business owner wants us to do something that would violate the principles of our faith? What about in our home life and the way that we must deal with our children? Are we willing to give up some of our self so that we can put into practice

the principles of our faith? What about expecting our children to live up to God's standards rather than the standards of the world?

Giving up our life is an honorable thing, but dying is not the only way that we can give up our life. May we all be willing to give up our life for our faith!

~via *The Transformer*; Lake City, Florida.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Carol Dean	Fay Ferguson
Mike & Nikki Ogles	Lona Killen
Doris Lovell	Mot Dollar
Buddy Pepper	Marjorie Dunnivant
Irene Inman	Robert & Mot Beasley
Gwen Bullock	Essie Hardison
Carl Hargrave	Crutcher Harbin
Al Pollard	Ann Bush
Michael Vaughn	Anita Willis
Pat Goodin	Analynn Tegg
Gene Carpenter	Una King Currier
Dorothy Casteel	Elizabeth Kate Miller
Eli Williams	Ava Brooke Campbell
Phillip Harwell	Charles Burns

In The Hospital:

Bill Claxton; Athens-Limestone Hosp.; rm. 211.

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Gayle Mills, rm. 15
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 42	Mable Crafts, rm. 100

Limestone Health Facility:

Albert Norton, rm. 36	Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E
Moveline Thomas, rm. 109-A	

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 84

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

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

Shut-In:

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.

OUT OF TOWN: *Ruby Dean Ezell* is in Georgia this weekend.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Carl Hargrave* in the passing of his son, *Earl Hargrave*. He passed away this past Monday and the funeral was Thursday at Broad Street church of Christ in Scottsboro. He was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery in Athens...Also, we express our sympathy to *Barbara Carter* in the passing of her cousin, *Barry Tennison*, in Leesburg, Georgia this past Thursday.

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: *Average Attendance for 2014*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 138
Morning Worship 185
Evening Worship..... 126

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 114

Fourth Annual Singing

February 27, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Steve Klein



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514 WEST MARKET STREET
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Men Privileged To Serve:

SSunday, January 11th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Marcus Morris
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Terry Andrews
Assisting Jerry McGlocklin
Serving David Terry Tommy Burns
..... Cody Kennedy Jason Conn
Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Evening Worship

Announcements Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Ronnie Locke
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 11th:

Usher Marvin Putman
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, January 14th:

Song Leader Marty Adams
Bible Reading..... Romans 11;11-36
..... Dan Reed
Prayer Kenneth Adams
Invitation Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Sunday, January 18th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Steve Usery
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Bonnie Sutton
Assisting Marcus Morris
Serving Bart Brown Paul Hasting
..... Heath Dollar Stefan Fudge
Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Evening Worship

Announcements Steve Usery
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Norman Brown
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer Mike Ogles

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 18th:

Usher Delmer Carter
Work Sound System Terry Andrews