

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 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

Remember To Forget

Marc R. Hinds

God's providence is the most important part of Joseph's story. But throughout it, Joseph's attitude plays a vital role, too. In whatever circumstance he found himself — facing death from the bottom of a pit, living in a strange land far from home, enduring a prison sentence despite his innocence — Joseph remembered to forget the past.

Joseph had a lot to forget. For as long as he could remember he had been envied by his ten brothers for the special treatment their father Jacob, had shown him. When he was only seventeen years old, his brothers plotted to murder him. Upon relenting, they instead sold him into slavery, sending him far from home to the land of Egypt. And just when his circumstances seemed to be getting better, he was falsely accused of attempting to rape his master's wife. Despite his innocence, Joseph languished in prison for several years, until an opportunity to interpret Pharaoh's dreams lifted him to a place of prominence and power: at the age of thirty, he was second only to Pharaoh!

Now he had married and was starting a family. Suddenly, life was very different for him. He was ready to forget his past and begin a new future.

In the ancient Near East, names meant a lot more than they do today. Joseph named his firstborn son, "Manasseh," or "making to forget." The reason why is because "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household" (Genesis 41:51). By naming his firstborn son Manasseh, he let everyone know that the past was the past: he remembered to forget.

But then one day, the past came knocking. As prime minister of Egypt, he was in charge of the harvesting and distribution of grain. Due to the famine, people in droves came to Egypt (which was the only available food source) to buy grain. Eventually, Joseph's brothers came, too. They had no idea that they were face to face with their own brother who, twenty years before, they had sold into slavery.

But he knew who they were. And he knew that this was his golden opportunity to exact revenge!

But he didn't. Although he gave them the run-around, it was primarily an effort on his part to ascertain information about their father without giving away his own true identity. When Joseph eventually reveals himself, his brothers are immediately terrified (Genesis 45:3), despite Joseph's calming words. And even after their father Jacob died, his brothers were afraid that Joseph would then kill them. Instead, he simply forgave them (Genesis 50:14-21). And for the next 50 years after their father's death, Joseph kept his word. He remembered to forget.

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'll forgive you, but I'll never forget it!" That is not forgiveness. Forgiveness is a choice, not merely an emotion. It is a conscious decision to part with the past and begin all over again. Certainly we must learn life's lessons from what has transpired, but we must move beyond it and never bring it up again. We must "[forget] what lies behind and [reach] forward to what lies ahead" (Philippians 3:13).

Have you ever been wronged by another? Of course, you have. We all have. You must forget and forgive. "But you don't know how deeply they hurt me!" you might retort. Recall how deeply each of us has hurt God by sinning against Him, shaking our fist in His face in utter defiance and going our own way, despite His love and deep concern for our welfare. Yet what has He done for us in response? He forgave us. He remembered our sins no more (Hebrews 8:12).

In Ephesians 4:32, Paul wrote, "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other." "Oh, alright, I'll forgive him. But it won't be easy. And I'll probably never forget it." If this is your attitude, just remember the rest of this beautiful verse: "... just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

No one can hurt you without your consent. Stop harboring the pain. Release it. Remember to forget.

-via *Stonegate Standard*; Port Arthur, Texas.

Bible Study



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Learning Salvation

Ken Chapman

All that we can know about salvation and how to acquire it must be learned from the pages of the New Testament (Romans 1:16). Where else? God is the only one who can offer salvation and therefore He is the only one to tell us how to be saved. Anyone who would pretend to offer any means of salvation other than that recorded in the Bible is guilty of blasphemy (putting themselves on an equal par with God). The only way we can know God's will regarding salvation is to read and understand the Scriptures (1 Cor. 2:10-11).

A good place to start our search is in the book of Acts. There we can read of many accounts of men and women hearing the gospel story and being obedient to the salvation for their souls. We can read of the accounts of the inspired men entrusted with spreading the gospel story doing just that, telling their listeners what to do to be saved.

In Acts 2, Peter was asked "What shall we do?" His inspired reply was, "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" (verse 38).

There are several more instances of this same message being preached and obeyed. These are our instruction and guidance. These are our hope and salvation.

Sadly, there are many today who are preaching another message. A message of salvation (so-called) that is not found in the New Testament. And therefore a false message with no hope and no salvation.

Whenever someone tells you what to do to be saved, check his/her message with that found in the New Testament. No preacher can offer you salvation. That is only God's business.

It seems that everywhere you turn you hear some preacher telling us to pray a prayer (commonly called the "sinner's prayer") in order to receive salvation. That seems simple, but is it God's way? The only way to know is to go to the Book.

Going to the Book, we read the story of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9, 22, 26). God appeared to Saul and told him, among other things, to go into

Damascus and there it would be told him what he would have to do.

Once he arrived in Damascus, he began to pray. Oh, what praying he must have done. A man as sincere as Saul must have been greatly troubled at his new-found knowledge (that he was persecuting the Christ Himself). Can you imagine how fervently he prayed to God. Surely if prayer alone could save, that prayer would have saved Saul.

When Ananias (the man of God who was to teach Saul what he must do) arrived he found Saul praying. He said to him, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

Saul's prayer did not save him. His obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ did. God's wonderful grace did. Is it any different today?

There is no New Testament passage that can be cited that tells the alien sinner to pray any prayer for salvation. None at all. If anyone tells you to pray a prayer for salvation they are telling you something that God has not said. And you would be doing something that God has not authorized.

If salvation is to be ours, it must be according to God's will. Why not do what God says? Read, study and obey the word of God. It is God's power to salvation (Romans 1:16). Man's attempt to alter it will fail. Man's attempt to obey it will be rewarded. May God bless you with this reward.

-via *Newman Road Bulletin*; Joplin, Missouri

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Sarah Collier	Buddy Pepper
Lona Killen	Jennifer Threet
Carl Hargrave	Irene Inman
Essie Hardison	Marjorie Dunnivant
Gwen Bullock	Robert & Mot Beasley
Linda Ordonez	Ava Brooke Campbell
Michael Vaughn	Pat Goodin
Tommy Woodward	Al Pollard
Elizabeth Kate Miller	Anita Willis
Matt Poff	Una King Currier
Charles Burns	Gene Carpenter
Ann Bush	Cecil Cox
Helen Rushing	Phillip Harwell
Dan Williams	Analynn Tegg

In The Hospital:

Beverly Sutton; Vanderbilt Rehab., Nashville
Ray Kennedy; UAB Hospital – Birmingham
Elizabeth Ann Gray; Athens-Limestone Hospital
Eli Williams; M.D. Anderson – Houston, Texas

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Dorothy Draper, rm. 97	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Matty Murray, rm. 2
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Mable Crafts, rm. 100	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 21	Terry Camp, rm. 91

Limestone Health Facility:

Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

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

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Essie Hardison* and all the family in the passing of Essie's niece, *Lillie Lucille Hardison*. Her funeral was Saturday afternoon at Limestone Chapel Home.

Please Join Us For Our
Gospel Meeting

April 26 – 30, 2015

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist – Bill Hall

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

PREACHING AWAY: This past week I have had to privilege to speak on Friday night at the *First Street church* in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee in the their Spring Series. Sunday through Tuesday it was my privielege to be with *Cartwright church* in their gospel meeting. On Wednesday evening I was with the Adrmore church in Ardmore preaching in their gospel meeting. I enjoyed being with these three churches and to see the good work they are doing. I missed being at Market Street and being with all of you. I want to epxress my appreciation to *Joel Hamm* for teaching my class on Wednesday night and for *Jordan Lovell* who filling in different ways for me. As always when I am away people aske about the church at Market Street and told me of their connections to the church here. The *Market Street church* is a special place and that is because it is made of of special people like you.

CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET:

From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice activated, so this will require you to say something and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delayed in the start up of the message.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Oakland church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Gerry Sandusky* will be the speaker in this meeting. . .The *Underwood church* in Florence is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *J. F. Dancer* will bethe speaker in this meeting. . .The *Weatherly Heights church* in Huntsville is beginning a lectureship on Thursday. They will meet on at various times Thursday through Sunday. The speaker's for this lectureship are: *Joseph Casimier, John Kilgore, Kenny Moorner & Doy Moyer*. There is a flyer in the vestibule.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of April 12th

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	131
	Morning Worship	180
	Evening Worship.....	136
Wednesday:		
	Bible Classes.....	107

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer	Kenneth Smith
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Marty Adams
Serving	Russ Wulfekuhl
	Cody Kennedy
Closing Prayer	James Johnson
	Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Keenon Currier

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 19th:

Usher	Marvin Putman
Work Sound System	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, April 22nd:

Song Leader	Stefan Fudge
Bible Reading.....	1 Corinthians 1:10-17
	Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer	Dwayne Allfrey
Invitation	Steve Usery
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Sunday, April 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer	Tommy Coblentz
Preaching	Bill Hall
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Mike Ogles
Assisting	Norman Brown
Serving	Stefan Fudge.....
	Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer	Marvin Putman
	James Johnson

Evening Worship

Announcements	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer	Keith Hinkle
Preaching	Bill Hall
Lord's Supper	Mike Ogles
Closing Prayer	Keenon Currier

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 26th:

Usher	Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System	Matry Adams