

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 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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The Devil and His Hey Day

Dee Bowman

Have you noticed how our society just accepts sin as an ordinary occurrence? It's astounding how television is running commercial announcements that consider single parents as one of the normal things in life, how the sitcoms openly accept homosexuality as common, and how the cartoons depict lying when necessary as a customary action of life.

Seems to me the devil is winning in our culture today. And mostly by default. Nobody much opposes him. Politics plays right into his hands in most instances. Religion has absorbed into its doctrines and worship every kind of compromise imaginable—from rap music to staged productions of mostly false doctrine. Benny Hinn, noted televangelist, recent petitioned his followers to donate funds to make a down-payment on a multi-million dollar aircraft so he can fly to his world-wide events (and the Lord had no place to lay his head?).

The family has been decimated by the devil. He has run roughshod over the husband's role in the family, promoted wives to roles not approved by Scripture, and made children as much controllers as controlled in most households.

And have you noticed how sexual sins have proliferated? Even among small children. I saw a report recently where an 11-year old boy was arrested for molesting young girls (I think we still had flaps on the back of our overalls when I was eleven). A report in the HoustonChronicle (December 20, 2006) tells that over 90% of people surveyed had engaged in sexual activity before marriage. And no wonder—television, magazines, and other media accept the fact of promiscuous sex as if it were normal. The devil is having a heyday, folks.

Is there no such thing as immodest apparel in this age? Does anybody even remember what modest means? There seems to me to be no standard for ascertaining what is modest and what is not—except one: if it is acceptable to most of the people, it's modest. The doctrine of "everybody's doing it" is flourishing in this age, and with a sort of reckless abandonment of any sort of restraint. How long since you saw somebody blush? A

while, I suspect. I tell you, the devil is having a hey-day.

The business world is not immune to the devil's ploys, either. The business lie is common today—especially if it means a promotion. Advertising is filled with deception. So much so that nobody really believes what it says. Deception is not even restricted to the fine print anymore, it's just sort of expected. Warrantees don't mean what they say, products don't do what they claim, the cost is always more than what is advertised, and when consulted about such matters, the answer is, "well why are you picking on me?" "After all, I have to make a living."

Even the Lord's people have succumbed to this tenacious, but subtle invasion by the devil. For instance, the Richland Hills congregation in the Metroplex area has announced recently that they will now have instrumental music in their worship services. In a recent statement to the congregation, the preacher said that while they were not trying to get all churches to follow their examples, their decision might, "inspire many other Churches of Christ to be courageous in their kingdom efforts, and it could help stem the tide of gifted young leaders who are leaving" (Christian Chronicle, Dec. 12, 2006). I noted that not one passage of scripture was cited to justify the instrument in the whole story—not one. And you think the devil is not having a heyday?

Max Lucado, minister of the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, now openly states that baptism is not necessary to the salvation of the sinner, but is merely a "demonstration of devotion." Again, no scripture to show such is forthcoming. What ever happened to "book-chapter-and-verse" preaching among churches of Christ? Is it not relevant to this age? If not, when was the change authorized, and by whom?

Read Ephesians 5. "Be followers of God," (Ephesians 5:1), avoid sexual sins (Ephesians 5:2), along with covetousness, and all other kinds of uncleanness. Avoid foolish talk, filthy jesting, (Ephesians 5:3). And look at the judgment on those who engage in such actions (Ephesians 5:5); such a one has no inheritance in the kingdom of God. We can be deceived by empty promises (Ephesians 5:6), and in so doing incur the wrath of God. We are to be lights in a world of darkness (Ephesians 5:8), having no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11), but reprove them. We are to prove in our lives what is acceptable to the Lord, being so far removed from them that we dare not even speak of some of the ungodly actions of the devil's disciples

(Ephesians 5:12). We are to walk uprightly, not as fools (Ephesians 5:15), redeeming the time, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:16).

The devil is winning in far too many cases. Not just winning, but having a hey-day. What about you? Who's going to win in your life? Well, it's up to you. You can win or you can lose. It's up to you.

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

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Knowing What Is Best

Dennis Carrow

Much of life's 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, if our objective is to harm others, or if we are self-seeking we will fail. We will develop the ability to justify ourselves and become unmerciful. We will be blinded from the truth and be lead into self deception.

Decisions

The essence of what is best is coming to a firm conclusion that a course of action will lead us and others 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.

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Consider Your Ways

Shane Williams

A main word in the book of Haggai is "consider." Specifically, the idea of considering your ways. Haggai 1:3-9, *"Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?" Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways! You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes." Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways! Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple. that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD. "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house."* Also used in 2:15,18.

God spoke through Haggai to the Israelites who had returned from exile. He said, in effect, "Think about it. You don't have enough to eat. Your clothes don't keep you warm. You're not prospering like you should. I have commanded you to rebuild My house. As long as you continue to disobey, you will not be fully blessed."

That message certainly has application for us as well. We first need to consider and follow what the Lord says in His Word. Excuses were never acceptable to God when the Jews offered them. They won't work for us either.

Not all problems in life are of our own making. However when troubles come, it's always wise to consider our ways. We need to hold close to God and do His Will during times of prosperity and difficulty.

~via **The Sutton Lane Sower**; Mayfield, Kentucky.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Arvid McGuire
Beverly Sutton
Barbara Allfrey
Irene Inman
Buddy Pepper
Gwen Bullock
Carl Hargrave
Ray Kennedy
Phillip Harwell
Ann Bush
Michael Vaughn
Al Pollard
Anita Willis
Matt Poff
Charles Burns
Analynn Tegg

Robert & Mot Beasley
Jeanette Weir
Sherry Davis
Lona Killen
Marjorie Dunnivant
Essie Hardison
Linda Ordonez
Jimmy Stanford
Eli Williams
Ava Brooke Campbell
Pat Goodin
Elizabeth Kate Miller
Helen Rushing
Una King Currier
Gene Carpenter

In The Hospital:

Dan Williams; Vanderbilt Hospital; Nashville, Tenn.

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
Helen Trousdale, rm. 63	

Limestone Health Facility:

Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E	Elizabeth Ann Gray, r. 104
Earl Davis, rm. 109	YuVawn Blakley, rm. 92

Limestone Manor:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 84	Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86
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Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

Shut-In:

Wynell Casteel, at home
Yvonne Sherbert, at son's home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

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.

HONOR FOR GRADUATES: This year **Keenon Currier** is our graduate at Market Street. There will be a reception honoring Keenon at the **Gathering Place in New Haven** this afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30. Keenon's

graduation invitation for the congregation has been placed on the on the bulletin board in the foyer.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Carters:* Delmer and Margaret are in Michigan this week visiting with family... *Rita Smith* is on vacation this week... *The Morris':* Marcus and Bonnie will be on vacation this week in Florida.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: *The Todds:* Seth and Summer have expressed their desire to be a part of the church at Market Street. We are glad to have them here and to work with us. Let us extend a warm welcome to Seth and Summer and their children: Isabella and Weston.

BAPTISM: We are rejoicing over the decision of *Sherry Davis* to be baptized into Christ this past Wednesday night. We are thankful for her good heart and desire to turn her life to God and to please Him. Let us all encourage Sherry as she has and will encourage us in our life as Christians.

SARAH COLLIER (1924 – 2015): It is with sadness that we note the passing of sister *Sarah Collier* this past Monday night. Sister Collier has been sick and unable to be at services in the recent weeks, and we have missed her. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to her daughter, *JoAnn Gilbert and all the family*, in the sister Collier's passing. There was a graveside service on Thursday morning and she was laid to rest in the Athens City Cemetery.

NURSERIES AVAILABLE: There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing, and the other is in the east wing.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of May 10th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 133
Morning Worship 214
Evening Worship..... 158
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 122



June 15 – 18, 2015

(Monday through Thursday)

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Terry Andrews
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Mike Ogles
Serving Danny Johnson Bart Brown
..... Marcus Morris Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Tony Thomas
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 17th:

Usher Delmer Carter
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, May 20th:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading (1 Corinthians 3:18-17)
..... Landon Adams
Prayer Bonnie Sutton
Invitation Jordan Lovell
Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Sunday, May 24th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Joel Hamm
Assisting Tommy Coblentz
Serving Nathaniel Adams Cody Kennedy
..... Tony Thomas Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Tyler Cox

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 24th:

Usher Marvin Putman
Work Sound System Terry Andrews