

# 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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## Accepting Your Responsibility

David A. Cox

We live in a time when people think nothing of shirking their responsibilities. In the home, in the workplace, in civic affairs, etc., people just seem to think that they can get by without accepting the fact that they have responsibilities. The unwillingness to accept personal responsibility so apparent in our criminal justice system. Someone is caught in a crime and will even admit to having committed the crime, but will offer some excuse and will be let go without any penalty in many cases. The seriousness of the problem is because many believe that they can go through life and never accept responsibility for their actions, but this is just no so!

### The Example of David

In 2 Samuel 11, we read of David's sin with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah. After having committed fornication with Bathsheba, David tried desperately to hide the terrible sin he had committed. Eventually, he had Uriah killed and took Bathsheba to be his wife. David did not want to accept the responsibility of his actions. The prophet Nathan came to David in 2 Samuel 12 and told him that even though the sin was hidden from men, God was aware of his sin and that David was responsible for his actions. Upon hearing this, David accepted responsibility for his actions as he said, "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Samuel 12:13). Although, the consequences of David's sin remained, he received forgiveness from God by accepting the responsibility of his sins and repenting of them.

### How To Accept Responsibility

How can one accept responsibility for his actions? Some may have in the past committed sins, but have never made correction of them. They may believe as David did that if no one knows about the sin then there is no problem. Or one may think that it was so long ago that no one would remember. Or that circumstances were such that everyone would have sympathy and understand the hardship they faced. Yes, it may be that sins may not be known to others, but they may be. It may be that sins have been so long ago that nobody remembers. People do have sympathy

with those who face various trials. But none of these reasons will correct the sin. If one has not accepted personal responsibility for their sins, and the sins are left uncorrected, they are separated from God. Isaiah said, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have his face from you" (Isaiah 59:2). After being confronted with his sins, David prayed, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness... For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned..." David's sin involved more than something between him and God, but his sin separated him from God. David acknowledges here that if he does not accept the responsibility it will remain there. So to be forgiven, we must accept responsibility for our sins and ask for forgiveness. This will not remove the consequences, but when we meet God in judgement we will not hear these things mentioned because God will have forgiven us of our sins as we have made correction and accepted our responsibility.

Have you neglected your responsibility? Are there matters in your life that need correcting? If so, accept your responsibility and correct your life now. Heaven is at stake.



## ***Fundamental of Faith***

**Jeremy Paschall**

An examination of the Scriptures brings one face to face with the necessity of faith in a life that pleases God. The importance of faith can be seen throughout the Bible, regardless of the dispensation or the specific divine laws then in force. Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David are among those "men of old" listed in Hebrews chapter 11 who "obtained a good testimony" by their faith (Hebrews 11:2). They represent a wide spectrum of biblical history and illustrate the fundamental truth that "without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he who cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him"

(Hebrews 11:6). Like the men and women of ages past, we too must come to God on the basis of humble, trusting, and submissive faith if we are to receive His favor. Because such faith is critical to our spiritual wellbeing and eternal welfare, it is imperative that we understand both its nature and its origins.

The Same writer who proclaimed the necessity of faith (Hebrews 11:6, quoted above) also defined it for us. Faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). In other words, it is that which persuades and confirms for us those realities which cannot be observed by natural means. While one cannot physically see God or heaven, he can be nonetheless confident in their existence "by faith." One can boldly fix his hope on that which is unobservable by the natural eye because it is clearly seen with the spiritual eye. Faith is that which drives one to love in the prescribed way despite being unable to see the One who prescribes it. It is an absolute conviction about unseen spiritual realities that motivates one to live by the higher standards of God's will.

While our faith must reside in that which cannot be seen, that does not mean that ours is to be a blind faith or an ignorant acceptance, as some falsely charge. Instead God, the One who demands our faith, has provided evidence for our examination, upon which we can then build that faith. He has given that which we can see to persuade us regarding the greater realities behind all that we cannot see. For that purpose, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world..." (Psalm 19:1-4). In other words, the honest person can observe the magnificence of our world and conclude that a superior creative power has designed and orchestrated it all. So compelling is the evidence provided that men who would deny God's existence and power are "without excuse" (Romans 1:20).

But while we can know God's greatness and conclude our weakness by observing His creative work which surrounds us, we can only learn of His expectations for us as He reveals those to us. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" (Psalm 19:7-8).

Not only has He made Himself known in creation, but also through the revelation of His word. Our faith in Him and in His will come with our knowledge of His word. “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Indeed, every account of conversion to Christ recorded in the book of Acts involves the preaching of the word (Acts 2:37; 8:12; 14:1; 15:7; 16:32; 18:8; cf. Mark 16:15-16). If one cannot please God’s without faith, and one cannot have faith without knowledge of God’s word, then one must know God’s word in order please Him. Ignorant or blind faith is not what God expects or desires.

Contrary to much of the world’s religious teaching, biblical faith is not an “irresistible grace,” the result of “praying through,” or a miraculous / mysterious “gift” infused into one’s heart by God. Instead, the Bible teaches that it is the natural byproduct of an honest examination of the evidence, both in creation and in the revelation of Scripture, which motivates one to serve the One to Whom the evidence points. It is this kind of informed, trusting and obedient faith with which one can please God, obtain His favor, and receive His rewards. This is faith “to the saving of the soul” (Hebrew 10:39).

~via *Biblical Insights*; Vol 15 No. 3, March 2015

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## *The Willing Heart*

**Billy Norris**

The time had come to build the tabernacle. The people were in a barren wilderness. Where would they be able to get the necessary materials? Moses passed to the people the word of the Lord: “Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD...” (Exodus 35:5). The Lord listed all that would be needed for the tabernacle—gold, silver, bronze, and many other materials. It turned out that the children of Israel had in their possession all of the needed materials. Those of the willing heart, heart the stirred heart, heart gave

(Exodus 3:22, 26) not only of their materials, but also of their time and skills. “So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning” (Exodus 36:3). The craftsmen spoke to Moses, “The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded us to do” (Exodus 36:5). “And the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much” (Exodus 36:6,7).

The willing heart makes the difference between success and failure.

~via *Gospel Guide*; Vol 37 No. 8, August 2005

# *News & Notes...*

## **THE SICK:**

Marie Nave	Frances Bowers
Jeanette Weir	Sherry Davis
Patsy Thomas	Irene Inman
Lona Killen	Buddy Pepper
Marjorie Dunnivant	Carl Hargrave
Gwen Bullock	Essie Hardison
Linda Ordonez	Bennie Pepper
Ray Kennedy	Pam Perry
Phillip Harwell	Eli Williams
Ann Bush	Ava Brooke Campbell
Michael Vaughn	Pat Goodin
Al Pollard	Elizabeth Kate Miller
Anita Willis	Helen Rushing
Matt Poff	Una King Currier
Charles Burns	Gene Carpenter
Analynn Tegg	

## ***In The Hospital:***

*Dan Williams*; Vanderbilt Hospital; Nashville, Tenn.  
*Ben Hinkle*; Houston Hospital; 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  
Helen Trousdale, rm. 63  
**Limestone Health Facility:**  
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E      Elizabeth Ann Gray, r. 104  
YuVawn Blakley, rm. 92

**Limestone Manor:**  
Jerry Gilbert, rm. 84      Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86  
**Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:**  
Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

**Shut-In:**  
Hazel Brooks, at home  
Wynell Casteel, at home  
Yvonne Sherbert, at son's home  
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**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.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Barbara Huber** in the passing of her nephew, **Shane Huber**, this past week. His visitation and graveside service was Wednesday morning. He was laid to rest in the Athens City Cemetery.

**OUT OF TOWN:** **Keenon Currier** has been in Florida this week on vacation... **The Smiths:** **Kenneth and Peggy** are in Tennessee this week on vacation with family... **The Coblentz's:** **Tommy and Marcella** will be in the mountains this week on vacation.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of May 24th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 142  
Morning Worship ..... 192  
Evening Worship..... 143

**Wednesday:**  
Bible Classes..... 114



**June 15 – 18, 2015**

(Monday through Thursday)

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

## Men Privileged To Serve:

### Sunday, May 31st:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Keith Hinkle  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Assisting ..... Kenneth Smith  
Serving ..... Ronnie Locke ..... Tommy Burns  
..... Keenon Currier ..... Steve Usery  
Closing Prayer ..... James Johnson

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer ..... Marty Adams  
Preaching ..... Joel Hamm  
Lord's Supper ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ogles

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 31st:

Usher ..... Ronnie Locke  
Work Sound System ..... Nathaniel Adams

### Wednesday, June 3rd:

Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Bible Reading ..... (1 Corinthians 4:14-21)  
..... Danny Johnson  
Prayer ..... Steve Usery  
Invitation ..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Arvid McGuire

### Sunday, June 7th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Joel Hamm  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Larry Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Ronnie Locke  
Serving ..... Russ Wulfekuhl ..... Steve Usery  
..... Kenneth Adams ..... Jason Conn  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Terry Andrews  
Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
Lord's Supper ..... Larry Mitchell  
Closing Prayer ..... Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 31st:

Usher ..... Heath Dollar  
Work Sound System ..... Landon Adams