

# 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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## *Living Life at the Highest Level*

**Ken Weliever**

"We are born crying, live complaining and die disappointed," wrote Thomas Fuller in 1732. The writer, O'Henry penned, "Life is made up of sobs, sniffles and smiles, with sniffles predominating." And Janis Joplin, a rock and blues singer of my teen years, once said, "Life is something you do while waiting to die."

All of these are pretty pessimistic views of life. They contrast sharply with Jesus' promise, "I am come that they might have life, and that they have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Your view of life, however, depends upon the level in which you choose to live. Consider these three levels.

**1. Survival:** This is the lowest level. But it is the level that most people live at. At this level people just eek out an existence. They are just trying to survive. Survive to the next pay check. Survive for the week-end. Survive for the next vacation. There's not a lot of hope in living at this level.

**2. Success:** This is a higher level. It is where many people live today. It is living a comfortable life style. It is having possessions, some degree of prestige and enjoying pleasure. By the world's standards, this person has made it. While there are varying degrees of success, we live in a country and enjoy an economy that affords success to many Americans. But the question comes, "If I am so successful, why don't I feel more fulfilled?" This leads us to the next level.

**3. Significance:** Success alone doesn't satisfy. Bob Buford in his excellent book *Halftime* points out that many people reach middle age with a lot of material success but little inner satisfaction. As one CEO put it, "I was always finding out that beyond the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, there's a sort of emptiness." Significance has to do with our purpose. Why am I here? What am I to be doing? How can I make a difference in life?

One of the great epithets of the Bible says of Israel's King David, "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his father's..." (Acts 13:36, NIV). What

a wonderful thing to live life in serving our generation and doing it according to God's will.

God has shaped you for a purpose. God told the prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...for I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 1:5; 29:11). God knows what's best for your life. He knows what will fulfill your life better than you do. And he promises to reward your commitment to Him.

The wise man said "the whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Living at this level will raise you above survive mode or even success. It will provide your life with significance, satisfaction and ultimately salvation.

~via *Family Report*; Florence, Alabama.

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## *Pathway To Discernment*

**Dennis Carrow**

As we travel through life we face many spiritual challenges. These challenges generally bring us to a cross road in which we must make decisions. We survey our options and make a choice in how we will react to a challenge or temptation. While the answer may not always appear to be clear cut to a particular situation, decisions must be made. We must exercise spiritual discernment to know what is right and what is best.

"It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:9-11).

Discernment is the insight and ability to see through situations and perceive the proper course to take. In our text "knowledge and discernment" is preceded by an abounding love. Interestingly when we think of discernment we do not associate the term being "judgmental" even though judgments are being made.

Here is where many find a distinguishing characteristic between foolishly reacting to challenges we face and wisely discerning what is best in a given particular spiritual challenge. Love embodies this sense of optimism that is not overcome by evil. Love is discerning - love is demanding, however, love is also seeking the best in all things. "Love...does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices in truth" (ref. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a). In this we see spiritual discernment is the seeker and perceiver of truth. As this relates to traveling through life and making choices - truth and light is the path of discernment. But love is not lost as these choices are made.

### **The Effect**

When Paul heard of the faith of the saints in Colossae he thanked God because of the hope it brought to their lives and the fruit of righteousness it produced. It was for this reason he prayed that they would be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all "Spiritual discernment." The effect of this is that they would "walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, bearing fruit in every good work" (ref. Colossians 1:3-10).

Discernment is applying the precepts and principles of God's word in all walks of life. It is also the insight that will enable us to overcome prejudicial judgment and help to avoid bitterness.

Additionally, discernment is the thought process that enlightens us so we can avoid pitfalls that either are sinful or will lead us to sin. Therefore, the effect of spiritual discernment is the pathway of walking in the light.

### **Conclusion**

We do not know what challenges each day may hold for us, but we know the course we will take will be based upon what is best for the spiritual well-being of everyone involved. When we examine the context of Hebrews chapters four and five this is what we learn. For this reason the writer admonishes us, "by this time you ought to be teachers..." stating spiritual maturity is predicted on our "powers of discernment (are) trained by constant practice to distinguish good and evil" (ref. Hebrews 5:12-14).

~via *What Is True?*; Little Rock, Arkansas.

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church of Christ Website at:  
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# News & Notes...

## THE SICK:

Anita Wheeler	Joe Hinkle
Jennifer Threet	Kim Rogers
Virginia Meyer	Mike & Nikki Ogles
Ella Melvin	Gilbert Hardy
Reba Byram	James Abernathy
Lona Killen	Irene Inman
Marjorie Dunnivant	Jeanette Weir
Gwen Bullock	Robert & Mot Beasley
Essie Hardison	Carl Hargrave
Abby Gilbert	Linda Ordonez
Ray Kennedy	Ava Brooke Campbell
Phillip Harwell	Gene Carpenter
Ann Bush	Pam Perry
Ben Hinkle	Al Pollard
Anita Willis	Helen Rushing
Matt Poff	Una King Currier
Charles Burns	Analynn Tegg
Eli Williams	Sharon Nave

## In The Hospital:

*Abby Gilbert*; Vanderbilt Hospital - Nashville, Tenn.  
*David Richardson*; Athens-Limestone Hospital, ICU

## Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Helen Trousdale, rm. 43	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Judith Groce, rm. 21	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Mable Crafts, rm. 100	Matty Murray, rm. 2
Terry Camp, rm. 91	

## Limestone Health Facility:

Frances Bowers, rm. 104 Mildred Landers, rm. 103  
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

## Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

## Limestone Lodge:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

## Shut-In:

Hazel Brooks, at home  
Wynell Casteel, at home  
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**BRIDAL TEA:** *Annessa (Smith) Jenkins*, the bride of

*Brent Jenkins* will be honored with a bridal tea this afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the *Gathering Place* at New Haven. All of the Market Street ladies are invited and there is an invitation on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

**OUR MEETING:** This past week we have been engaged in a gospel meeting with brother *Gardner Hall*. The meeting began in Spanish on September 10th. The Hispanics services were well attended and there were several good contacts made during the meeting. The three services averaged 70. On Sunday, the meeting began in English. The lessons were very good and there were again good contacts and visitors throughout the meeting. All that came were taught, and encouraged in their walk with the Lord. The attendance was very good. We averaged 170 each evening and we averaged 115 from Market Street each evening. Brother Hall did his work well and I appreciate the dedication he has and the work he does in the kingdom.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** *The Anderson church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Thursday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Steve Klein*. . . *The Ephesus church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *R. J. Stevens*. . . *The Old Moulton Road church* in Decatur is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Ashley Goosen*. . . *The River Bend church* in western Lauderdale county is engaged in a gospel meeting through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Jeff May*.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Carters: Delmer and Margaret* are on vacation this week in Michigan visiting with family. . . *The McLemores: Alvis and Ann* are at the Gulf this weekend.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Kim Rogers and all the family*, in the passing of her aunt *Becky Matthews* last week. Her funeral was last Sunday in Sylacauga.

**ALBERT C. BOWERS (1925 – 2015):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of brother Albert "Mutt" Bowers this past Monday morning. Brother Bowers had been sick and unable to be at services the last 3 years. Brother Bowers loved the church here and had served as one the elders for 23 years and 10 years as a deacon. He resigned as an elder in November 2010. He will long be remembered for his labor in the work as a shepherd here. His funeral was Friday morning at Limestone

Chapel and his body was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to sister Frances and all the family in brother Bowers' passing.

### **LINCOLN FRENCH BARKSDALE (1922 – 2015)**

It is with sadness that we note the passing of *brother French Barksdale*. Brother Barksdale passed away on Friday morning at Huntsville Hospital. Brother Barksdale had been a longtime member of the church here and loved all the brethren here. He was truly an encouragement to the work here at Market Street and always had a pleasant smile as he greeted each one. The visitation for brother Barksdale will be this afternoon at Spry Funeral Home from 1:00 to 3:00 and the funeral will be at 3:00. His body will be laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery. We express our deepest sympathy to sister Nell and all the family in his passing.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** We rejoice that *Jim & Jackie Whitt* have let it be known that they desire to be members of the church at Market Street. Jim and Jackie have been visiting with us for several months and have both been baptized here in the last several weeks. We look forward to working together with them. Let us all extend a warm Market Street welcome to them.

**PICTURES:** Remember that we are currently making pictures for our directory in classroom 20 in the east wing. If you have not had your picture made, or need to have it re-made, please do so after services today.

**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.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for the week of Sept. 13th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 139  
Morning Worship ..... 201  
Evening Worship..... 163

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 162



### **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, September 20th:**

##### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Russell Melvin  
Assisting ..... Jerry McGlockin  
Serving ..... Keenon Currier ... Nathaniel Adams  
..... Landon Adams ..... Stefan Fudge  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ogles

##### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
Prayer ..... Landon Adams  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Russell Melvin  
Closing Prayer ..... Steve Usery

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 20th:

Usher ..... Paul Hasting  
Work Sound System ..... Terry Andrews

#### **Wednesday, September 16th:**

Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Bible Reading..... (1 Corinthians 10:15-33)  
..... Heath Dollar  
Prayer ..... Seth Todd  
Invitation ..... Joel Hamm  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

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#### **Sunday, September 27th:**

##### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Marty Adams  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Norman Brown  
Assisting ..... Ronnie Locke  
Serving ..... Charles Vaughn ..... David Terry  
..... Russ Wulfekuhl ..... Marvin Putman  
Closing Prayer ..... Arvid McGuire

##### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Norman Brown  
Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 27th:

Usher ..... Danny Johnson  
Work Sound System ..... Nathaniel Adams