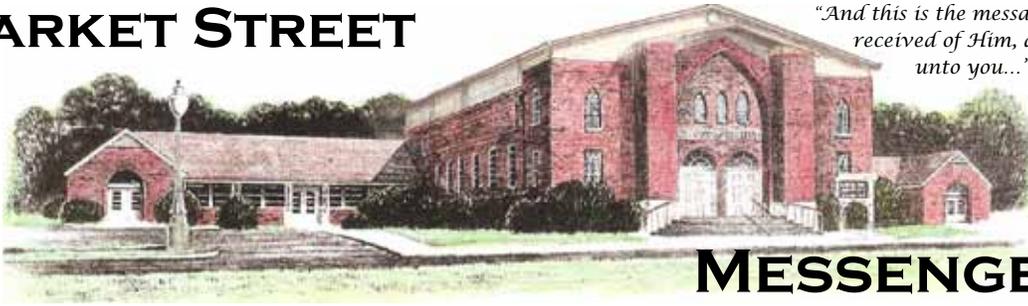


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Seven Things That Will Change Our Lives

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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

Notice how Peter says that as Christians we need to be growing in our faith. It doesn't matter if we have been Christians for 6 days or 60 years, God expects us to be constantly growing in their walk with Jesus. We are to never be content with where we currently are. There is always room for improvement; there is always room for spiritual growth.

How exactly are we to grow in our faith? Thankfully, in Peter 1:5-7, Peter gives 7 ways in which we are to grow in Christ. These 7 things are designed to change our lives and make us everything God intends. If we follow Peter's formula for spiritual growth, there will be no limit to what we can do to the glory of God!

Virtue: We must diligently add to our faith virtue (2 Peter 2:5). Being diligent means we must work hard and never give up. To have faith means to believe and trust in God. We cannot please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). We must have faith in God, His Son Jesus, and the inspired word. When we add virtue to our faith it means we will then have the ability and courage to stand up for what is righteous and pure. Peter and John were men of virtue (Acts 4:19-20).

Knowledge: We must then add to our virtue, knowledge (2 Peter 1:5). Knowledge will only be acquired by studying the Bible. When we have knowledge of God's word we will know God and his standards for our lives (Psalm 119:9-11).

Self-Control: We must then add to our knowledge, self control (2 Peter 1:6). We must be able to resist evil temptations (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22). Jesus demonstrated great self-control while being tempted by Satan in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Let's strive to be like Jesus!

Godliness: We must then add to our patience, godliness (2 Peter 1:6). We must always have great reverence and respect for God. We will demonstrate reverence for God in the assembly of worship (Psalm 89:5-8); we will demonstrate reverence towards His word (Nehemiah 8:5); we will demonstrate reverence towards God's holiness in our everyday lives

(1 Peter 1:14-16).

Kindness: We must then add to our godliness, brotherly kindness (2 Peter 1:7). We must respect and be tender towards our brethren. We must treat each other right, being patient and forgiving towards each other (Ephesians 4:31-32).

Love: We must then add to our kindness, Love (2 Peter 1:7). We must love God (Mark 12:29-31). We must love one another (1 John 4:19-21). We must love the lost enough to teach them the gospel (Mark 16:15-16; Ephesians 4:15). We must even love our enemies (Matthew 5:44).

“For these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things in shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble” – (2 Peter 1:8-10 - NKJV)

-via **Family Report**; Florence, Alabama.



Sin Always Comes Out

Mike Thomas

As the Israelites were preparing to take the land of Canaan, they had some who did not want to join them in the land. The tribes of God, Reuben, and one half of the tribe of Manasseh wanted to remain in the land east of Canaan, where they had resided for decades. This decision disturbed Moses, who was busy preparing the people for battle. He asked these would-be defectors, “Shall your brethren go to war while you sit here?” (Numbers 32:6). The people assured him that they intended to join their brethren in fighting for the land; they just wanted to return to the outskirts of Canaan to live where they always had. “We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israel has received his inheritance” (v.18). Moses consented to their request, but offered a serious warning if they later

decided to not keep their word: “If you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out” (v. 23).

Moses stated a principle that is still true today: sin always comes out. One way or another, if we remain in it, it has a way of telling on us, even after our death. Paul said, “Some men’s sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later” (1 Timothy 5:24).

One of the reasons our sins find us out is because God is all-knowing. “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good” (Proverbs 15:3). There is nothing we can do that His omniscient eye does not see, which should dissuade us from believing we can sin without getting caught. “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (Galatians 6:7). We might successfully convince ourselves and a few gullible souls of the lies we have told to disguise our rebellion, but God is not fooled. He knows if we are serving Him from the heart or if we are living in sin (2 Timothy 2:19). He can tell if we are forsaking the assembly or if we are truly unable to attend. He sees if we are sincerely fighting against the “fleshly lusts which war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11) or if we have “feet that are swift in running to evil” (Proverbs 6:18). He is even aware of how we treat our family when no one else is around. The Lord knows us! So instead of looking for ways to keep our sins from others, let us be wise and submit to the One who will judge us. For, “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy”(Proverbs 28:13).

-via **Standing Firm**; Beaver Dam, Kentucky

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

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8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Market Street church of Christ

Knowing What Is Best?

Carl McMurray

In a recent survey of 287 college students I was reading about, nearly all of them expressed a desire for greatness. At the same time, very few perceived any connection between greatness and service. This is a fascinating index on our times if you consider that great men and women of the past are generally considered in that light because of their service.

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington Carver, Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Louis Pasteur and more were not considered in the light of “greatness” in their day. It was as the sun set on their achievements and their service to others became obvious that their true greatness began to shine. The most unique individual to walk this earth, Jesus, the Son of God, exemplified greatness by getting down on His knees and washing the feet of some who didn’t even understand what He was doing.

He said in John 13:13-15, “You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.”

Let us follow in the steps of our Lord by learning the greatness of service. The paradox of this path is that those who seek after greatness by watching out for self first or defending their wants and desires at all costs are usually remembered as selfish, boastful, or grasping. The one who considers the needs of others as more important (Philippians 2:4) and humbly takes self off the pedestal of exaltation are the ones who are exalted.

Jesus taught in Matthew 20:26-28, “It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Do you desire to be “great” in the kingdom of God? Look around for someone to serve! Old or young, married or single, ill or healthy – in some way this week try to assist and help someone else. It is you who will reap the blessing.

~via *Good News*; Anderson, Indiana.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Anita Wheeler	Joe Hinkle
Jennifer Threet	Betty Pepper
Arvid McGuire	Robert & Mot Beasley
Ella Melvin	Gilbert Hardy
Reba Byram	James Abernathy
Lona Killen	Irene Inman
Marjorie Dunnivant	Jeanette Weir
Gwen Bullock	Essie Hardison
Carl Hargrave	Abi Gilbert
Linda Ordonez	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	David Richardson
Sharon Nave	Betty Hamm
Elizabeth Howard	

In The Hospital:

Ray Kennedy; UAB Hospital – Birmingham

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	Mattye Murray, rm. 2
Terry Camp, rm. 91	

Limestone Health Facility:

Frances Bowers, rm. 104
Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 107
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

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Marie Nave and all the family*, in the passing of her brother, *Bill Greene*, this past Wednesday. The funeral will be this afternoon at 2:00 at the Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest in the Limestone Memorial Gardens...Also we extend our deepest sympathy to *Reba Byram and all the family*, in the passing of her son-in-law, *Bobby Lindsay*, this passed Tuesday morning. His funeral was on Friday at Limestone Chapel.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: *The Carriger church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Lowell Sallee*.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday evenings at 5:30.

PREACHING LAST SUNDAY: It was good to have *Ashley Goosen* with us last Sunday. The report he gave on his work in South Africa during the Bible class period and his sermon in the morning worship were great. I appreciate Ashley in his good work he does in South Africa. I am thankful that the church is able to have a part in that work. May the Lord continue to bless his labors.

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

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Sept. 27th*

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Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.
 Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 4th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Larry Mitchell
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Bonnie Sutton
 Assisting Ronnie Locke
 Serving Dwaine Allfrey Heath Dollar
 Kenneth Adams Bart Brown
 Closing Prayer Keith Hinkle

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Jason Conn
 Preaching Jordan Lovell
 Lord's Supper Bonnie Sutton
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 4th:

Usher Marvin Putman
 Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, October 7th:

Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Bible Reading (1 Corinthians 11:1-16)
 Danny Johnson
 Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
 Invitation Steve Usery
 Closing Prayer Steve Bradley

Sunday, October 11th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Norman Brown
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting Mike Ogles
 Serving Charles Vaughn Jason Conn
 James Johnson Cody Kennedy
 Closing Prayer Keenon Carrier

Evening Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Keith Hinkle
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 11th:

Usher Delmer Carter
 Work Sound System Terry Andrews