

# 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 ..... 4:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

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## Want Real Happiness?

**Ken Weliever**

Helen Keller once observed, "Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes real happiness. It is not obtained through selfgratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose." If Helen Keller were alive today, what would she think?

Modern-day advertising offers us happiness simply by buying the right car, soft drink or deodorant. Our society is saturated with promises for immediate happiness and instant gratification. In fact, we are infatuated with it. People believe that they have the "right" to be happy. One mental health expert, Dr. Darold Treffert, cited many teen problems on what he calls "The American Fairy Tale." Two of the five tenets of this theme are (1) More possessions mean more happiness and (2) A person is abnormal unless constantly happy.

The unrealistic image of life often portrayed in movies, on TV and, ironically, in "reality shows," only reinforce this popular myth. Too many of our young people have bought into the message and think something is wrong with them if they are not happy all the time.

What people often fail to realize is that the real happiness that Helen Keller referred to is based on responsibility. Dee Bowman once wrote, "I see a lot of people who are unhappy and don't know why. I am convinced that oftentimes it's because they aren't doing what they know they ought. You can't be fulfilled and derelict at the same time."

Actually "real happiness" is what the Bible calls joy. The happiness of the world is based on externals and depends on circumstances. Joy is based on internals and found in Christ. Paul calls it the "joy of faith" (Philippians 1:25) and exhorts Christians to "rejoice in the Lord" (Philippians 3:1). Jesus promised the apostles "true happiness" when He said, "these things I have spoken to you that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:11).

King David, a man after God's own heart, spoke often of this "true

happiness” in the Psalms. He wrote about the “joy of salvation” (Psalm 51:12), joy in the presence of God (Psalm 16:11) and joy in worship (Psalm 27:6). He rejoiced in righteousness, God’s goodness and in going into the house of the Lord. He was happy because he greeted each day with this spirit. “This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24). We would be happier by developing this attitude.

It is no accident that Luke would write David’s epithet this way. “For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers...” (Acts 13:36). David’s life was about fidelity to God and a worthy purpose.

“Real happiness” is found in Christ and fulfilled in following His purpose for you, which was decreed before the foundation of the world. Want real happiness? Find your purpose and fulfill your duty.

-via *The North Jasper Seeker*; Jasper, Alabama.



## *Out In the Fields With God*

The little cares that fretted me  
I lost them yesterday,  
Among the winds at play;  
Among the lowing of the herds,  
The rustling of the trees;  
Among the singing of the birds;  
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might happen,  
I cast them all away  
Among the clover-scented grass,  
Among the new mown hay;  
Among the husking of the corn,  
Where drowsy poppies nod,  
Where ill thoughts die and good are born—  
Out in the fields with God

Remember Our Song Service Today at 4:00.

## *I Won...Nothing!*

**Shane Williams**

Wouldn’t it be exciting to win a shopping spree at some store? I remember years ago watching one take place on TV. The winner’s were only given a few minutes to accumulate as much merchandise as possible. They could keep whatever they were able to get in a certain amount of time. It was all free!

It was obvious that the contestant knew exactly what they wanted. They had worked out a strategy. When the clock started, they went right for the most expensive items.

Just suppose one of the winners filled up his cart with small cheap things or items that weren’t very desirable. We would say, “That’s crazy! How foolish. Why doesn’t he take the valuable items?”

That’s the picture shown in the prophet Jeremiah’s description of the people of Israel with their relationship to God.

Jeremiah 2:11, “Has a nation changed gods, when they were not gods? My people have changed their Glory for what does not profit.”

They spent their days piling up things that were useless and empty. They turned from God, the source of all good things and instead trusted objects that were worthless. He compared them to “broken cisterns that can hold no water” (Jeremiah 2:13).

What about us? As Christians, so we realize that life is valuable, giving us opportunity to store up precious treasures in heaven? Let’s not waste our time running around being winners of nothing!

Matthew 6:19-21, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

## **Gospel Meeting**

April 17-21, 2016

*Buc Chumbley, Speaking*

## *The Time For Teaching*

**John Gipson**

A farmer removed an old beech tree which grew on his land. The woodcutter noticed on the bark some curious marks which looked like the letters J.L, roughly cut and below them some ornamental design. After the tree was cut and was being divided into lengths, he was startled to find on the hard dry wood at the core of the tree, the clearly cut letters J.L. on a dark background, and below them an anchor. Upon inquires, it was found that the letters were the initials of a sailor named John Leland. There were 37 rings between the letters and the bark of the tree. He inferred that the letters must have been cut in 1653, and his belief was confirmed when he learned that it was in that year that the sailor had spent some time in the area. The inscription had not only remained in the place where it was cut at the first, but as each year added to the growth of the tree, the letters still appeared on the surface, scarcely legible there, it is true, but perfectly clear at the core.

The same thing is true with human character. Many an old man, in spite of the rough usage of the world and the scar of time and trouble, bears upon his walk and manner of life marks which were put there in childhood.

When you read the second chapter of Exodus it is apparent that someone taught Moses to: have sympathy with the slave; despise injustice; know the folly of anger; and to defend the weak. I think I can see the loving influence of his mother behind all these acts.

When I look at Timothy, the companion of the apostle Paul, and see the faith and dedication, I am reminded of the teaching which had been done early in Timothy's life by his mother and grandmother.

The training we receive in early life we will carry with us to the grave. It's important, therefore, that our children are taught the right things now. We must not neglect golden opportunities.

-via *Susquehanna Sentinel*; Marietta, Pennsylvania.

### **Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Jane Meredith  
Bobbie Adcock  
Loretta Warner  
Patsy Thomas  
Doris Lovell  
Irene Inman  
Ann Bush

Nikki Ogles  
Mitzi Carruth  
Charles Vaughn  
Gilbert Hardy  
Reba Byram  
Linda Jones  
Shaun Carruth

### *Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:*

Mot Dollar  
Ella Melvin  
Eli Williams  
Gene Carpenter  
Linda Ordonez  
Annalynn Tegg  
Matt Poff  
Elizabeth Howard  
Phillip Harwell  
Shayna Tollison  
Staley Jackson

Gayle Ball  
Janice Cagle  
Donald Cole  
Betty Hamm  
Charles Burns  
Al Pollard  
Ava Brooke Campbell  
Ben Hinkle  
Una King Currier  
Daniel Ogles  
Ray Kennedy

### *In The Hospital:*

*Jeanette Weir*; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 634

### *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:*

Nelva Reed, rm. 111      Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102  
Mattye Murray, rm. 2      Dorothy Draper, rm. 97  
Judith Groce, rm. 45      Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36  
Terry Camp, rm. 91      Mildred Frantz, rm. 31  
Gayle Mills, rm. 15      Valeria Dalton, rm. 7  
Mable Crafts, rm. 98      Helen Trousdale, rm. 43  
Wayne Gooch, rm. 66

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Mildred Landers, rm. 103  
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

### *Limestone Lodge:*

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

### *Limestone Manor:*

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

### *Shut-In or Away From Home:*

Robert & Mot Beasley, at home  
Hazel Brooks, at home  
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Wynell Casteel, at home  
Marjorie Dunnivant, in Huntsville in assisted living  
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle  
Essie Hardison, at home  
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**ANNUAL SINGING:** Our *Fifth Annual Singing* was a great success Friday. We had 517 present and it was a thrilling evening to be able to assemble with this group on Friday evening and lift our voices together in praise to God. This singing, like the last four, was truly uplifting and edifying night for those who were present. There were a number of members from numerous congregations this region. There were also visitors that came who were not members of the church, but many expressed to me how much that they enjoyed being here and look forward to being with us again. I appreciate the work of *Johnny Felker, Steve Klein and Jeff Warnke* in leading the singing. They did their work well. I want to thank each member of the members at Market Street that worked hard and diligently in helping to prepare and to make the singing what it was: parking lot workers, audio/visual area, ushers, greeters, parking lot workers. Also, I want to thank all who extend invitations to other to come join us and the elders here at Market Street for their leadership and support in this effort. This could not be done without the work done by each one. I truly appreciate the work and it was noticed by all who attended.

**FIFTH ANNUAL SINGING CD:** If you would like a CD of the Fifth Annual Singing, please note that on the member's card that you fill out this morning.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Mark Rogers and all the family* in the passing of Mark's aunt, *Mary Jo Rogers* last weekend. Her funeral was Saturday in Murfreesboro, Tennessee... Also, we extend our deepest to *Lisa Wulfekuhl and all the family*, in the passing of Lisa's uncle, *William "Buddy" Cosby*. His funeral is today at the Morrison Funeral Home in Cherokee.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** We want to extend a warm welcome to *A. J. And Andrea Price, Marion Mitchell and Jerry Hinkle*. They have all let it be known that they desire to be a part of the work at Market Street. We are glad that they are among us and we want to give them a warm Market Street welcome.

**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 Feb. 21st

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 151  
 Morning Worship ..... 191  
 Evening Worship..... 135  
**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 117

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, February 28th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer ..... Dan Reed  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Harvey Nixon  
 Assisting ..... Mike Ogles  
 Serving ..... Tony Thomas ..... Seth Todd  
 ..... Charles Vaughn ..... Bart Brown  
 Closing Prayer ..... Marcus Morris

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
 Prayer ..... Jason Conn  
 Preaching ..... Song Service  
 Lord's Supper ..... Harvey Nixon  
 Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 28th:

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

**Wednesday, March 2nd:**

Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Bible Reading..... (2 Corinthians 4:1-10)  
 ..... Joy Warner  
 Prayer ..... Marty Adams  
 Invitation ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
 Closing Prayer ..... Jason Conn

**Sunday, March 6th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
 Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
 Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Norman Brown  
 Assisting ..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Serving ..... Stefan Fudge ..... Matthew Vaughn  
 ..... Charles Vaughn ..... Landon Adams  
 Closing Prayer ..... Russell Melvin

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer ..... Terry Andrews  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Norman Brown  
 Closing Prayer ..... Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 6th:

Usher ..... Steve Usery  
 Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams