

MARKET STREET

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



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When You Care Enough To Send the Very Best

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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

Someone composed the following list of "Cards You'll Never See at Hallmark":

"Looking back over the years that we've been together, I can't help but wonder.... What was I Thinking?!"

"I've always wanted to have someone to hold, someone to love.... After having met you, I've changed my mind."

"As the days go by, I think of how lucky I am.... That you're not here to ruin it for me"

"As you grow older, Mom, I think of all the gifts you've given me.... Like the need for therapy."

And this one of my favorites: "You look great for your age.... Almost life-like!"

There were many more in the list, but somehow those cards truly don't seem very appropriate. They certainly are not for a card company that advertises with the slogan, "When you care enough to send the very best." I am sure none of us would ever use one of them. It is probably true that greeting card companies have made it easy for us to let our friends and relatives know that we care about them. That caused me to think.

The apostle Paul didn't have the benefit of going into a card store. He didn't have to. He was "speaking as he was being moved by the Holy Spirit." Many of the words he wrote to congregations and individuals are filled with sentiment and worded in such a way that perhaps they should be used in greeting cards. Listen to these words written to the Christians in Philippi:

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making supplication with joy.... Even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because I have you in my heart... For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:3-4, 7-8 ASV).

One writer outlines this section like this: "I have you in my mind," I

have you in my heart” and “I have you in my prayers.” That sums up well the affection that Paul had for those brethren.

Is there someone that you care greatly about? Send them a card. Better yet, drop them a line of your own creation and let them know that they are on your mind, in your heart and in your prayers today. Only do it, though, if you care enough to send the “very best.”

-via *The Weatherly Weekly*; Huntsville, Alabama.



How To Listen In Church

Robert F. Turner

Ever get sleepy during a sermon? Truth is, any one of us may find our attention wandering now and then. Long attention spans are difficult under the best of circumstances. The preacher bears a heavy responsibility here, for subject matter, style of presentation, relevance, and many other factors contribute to a “live” wide-awake audience. But the speaker cannot do it all. Nor is it enough to prove by the Scriptures that we should be vitally interested. We know that and yet we may need motivation. Perhaps we could even learn how to become better listeners.

Jesus said, “Take heed... how ye hear” (Luke 8:18). Not with dulled hearing and closed eyes, shunning the truth (Matthew 13:15-16); nor with preconceived notions that prevent our receiving truth (Matthew 16:21-23). The people I now have in mind do not belong in these categories. But there are “good” people whose minds wander, or are easily distracted; and this article is bold to make some suggestions for getting more out of the sermon and of worship as a whole.

1. **Sit toward the front of the auditorium; close enough to feel the speaker is talking to you.** Do this not just to better hear the speaker, but to improve the “oneness” of feeling, essential to good communication. It puts fewer distractions between you and the speaker, allows you to better “read” his expressions, gestures, etc. It also makes for better singing and a “closer” feeling for the Lord’s Supper and other worship. Yes, there

are mothers with babies who need to sit closer to the nursery; sick and elderly who need easier access to the restrooms; and always a certain number who “couldn’t care less” about the worship, but come (now and then) for unknown reasons. Leave the back seats for them.

2. **Become a participant, not an observer.** In Christianity all saints are priests in a holy, royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:5, 9). Each is a worshiper; praying and singing with the leader, remembering Christ in the communion, giving freely with the Lord’s work in mind, and learning – repeating in your own mind – that which is being taught. Being a true learner is not a passive process, but requires distinct participation with the teacher.

3. **Take note, learn to outline the message.** Some are content to jot down the Scriptures used - and that is good. But this can be done without much thinking with the speaker. If we would make an effort to jot down his main points (in our own brief wording) and note their reaction to one another and to the subject, we would find ourselves much more of a participant – and certainly a much better listener.

4. **Question what you hear.** Is that a valid point, proven by the Scripture used? You will not be able to think the matter through during the sermon, but a question mark beside the point will remind you to “check it out” when you are home. This word of caution: one can be a “noble Berean” (Acts 17:11) without becoming a habitual critic of the work of others. Learn constructive criticism, and apply it to your own work.

5. **Listen with the intention of making this your message, when you have time to think it through.** How would you tell this to others? How could you improve on it, to fit someone you need to teach? This point of view can have an amazing effect on your attention span.

6. **Make self-application of the lesson.** How can this improve my life for Christ? How does it fit my personal needs? Listen with a tender conscience, ready to learn and adjust your life accordingly.

You can have the blessings of Jesus Christ if you will learn to be a good listener. The Savior said, “Blessed are your ears, for they hear.” He also said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled” (Matthew 13:16; 5:6). Which a little practice on the above, and this kind of incentive, you may not notice the preacher ran overtime.

-via *Cyfair Family News & Notes*; Cypress, Texas.

The Pride That Blinds

Tom Edwards

Nebuchadnezzar, a Babylonian king during the time of the prophet Daniel, was made insane for seven years because of his pride, and had remained so until he realized in a humble way that God is the one who is in control. Pride had caused him to glory only in himself and, thus, he did not give God any of the credit for his kingly reign and accomplishments, when all the while it was because of the Lord that he had that exalted position of power.

In Acts 12:21-23, we find a New Testament example of one who also became arrogant and would not attribute his abilities to God. It reads: "And on an appointed day, Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the rostrum and began delivering an address to them. And the people kept crying out, 'The voice of a god and not of a man!' And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died."

We should thank God for all our good abilities, realizing that He has made it possible for us to have such.

It's pride that tells a man that he doesn't need God. It's pride that keeps one from the humbleness it takes to accept the way of salvation. It's pride that can give a person a false sense of security: a feeling that he has no need for the Savior. Solomon wisely wrote in Prov. 16:18, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

May it be our desire to humble ourselves before the Lord and simply take Him at His word - never allowing pride to blind our vision from God's humble way of righteousness.

-via *The Eastside Edifer*; Scottsboro, Alabama.

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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

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Cartwright church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Joe Greer* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Jackson Drive church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Donnie Rader* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Carriger church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Eric Reynolds* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Westview church* in Hartselle is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Rick Duggin* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *River Bend church* in western Lauderdale county is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Buc Chumbley* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Hughes Road church* in Madison is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Adam Willingham* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *West Madison St. church* in Pulaski, Tennessee is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *E. R. Hall* will be the speaker in this meeting.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE TIME: Remember next Sunday, March 13th, the Sunday evening service time will change back to 5:00p.m.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: We want to extend a warm welcome to *Glenda Stinnett*. Glenda has let it be known that she desire's to be a part of the work at Market Street. We are glad to have Glenda with us and we want to extend to her a warm Market Street welcome.

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.

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

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Feb. 28th

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	156
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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, 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 VaughnLandon 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

Wednesday, March 9th:

Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading.....	(2 Corinthians 4:11-18)
.....	Seth Todd
Prayer	A. J. Price
Invitation	Mike Ogles
Closing Prayer	Tommy Burns

Sunday, March 13th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer	Dwayne Allfrey
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Marty Adams
Serving	David TerryMarcus Morris
.....	Marvin PutmanBart Brown
Closing Prayer	Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Stefan Fudge
Prayer	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Keenon Currier

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 13th:

Usher	Terry Andrews
Work Sound System	Nathaniel Adams