

MARKET STREET

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



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Grateful For The Work God Gives Us

Gary Henry

"If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased" (1 Corinthians 12:17-18).

The Kingdom of Christ Is A Realm Where Definite Work Is Done.

To be a Christian is more than an honorary status conferred upon us; it is a manner of living, a way of life. If we have the idea that being a Christian involves no more than the passive enjoyment of being saved, we have a thing or two to learn about the New Testament. There, Christians worked and served, actively and energetically. The body of Christ does things!

But just as the body of Christ has work to do, it's also true that the individual members of the body each have a unique part to play in that work. If we're Christians, we don't simply have a generic contribution to make; we have a particular work to engage in that is uniquely our own. Each of us is a one-of-a-kind package of strengths and abilities, and we're going to have to answer for whether those gifts were used in ways that were well suited to us.

Most of us are aware that the church is compared in the New Testament to the human body, a unified organism made up of many different parts, all of which contribute uniquely to the body's activity. Almost humorously, Paul asks, "If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?" The body simply could not function without having different parts that do different things.

We know this, and yet what do we do? We identify certain types of Christian service as more important, and then waste precious time making unhelpful comparisons of ourselves to others.

In the Lord, we need to take three steps: (1) We need to prayerfully discover what it is the Lord wants us personally to be doing with the abilities we have (or can acquire). (2) We need to get comfortable in our own

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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skin and accept the role that is ours to play, regardless of where it ranks on any worldly scale of values. (3) We need to rejoice in our role and be grateful for the work God gives us. After all, God has set us in the body “just as He pleased.”

“The Lord knows us as we really are. He gives each of us work to do. He understands what is most appropriate for us, what will be harmful to him, and what will be good for others” (Teresa of Avila).

-via *Capshaw Bulletin*; Capshaw, Alabama

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A Life Worth Living

Andrew Roberts

I'm told there is a certain desert tortoise that can go up to a year without a drink. Interestingly enough, this same tortoise spends 95 % of his time holed up in his burrow. That's when you wonder if the price he pays to live is worth it—if he has to stay asleep or cooped up in his hole all the time, just to stay alive, is that really a life worth living?

While such a life may be fine, or at least adequate, for a tortoise in the desert, I want to extend this to our life as Christians. We are children of God, the Creator of all things. We talk about people who were born with a golden spoon in their mouths, but brethren, we have even more. Our Father says “the cattle on a thousand hills are mine.” He loved us so much that He sent His only Begotten Son to die in our place. If He loves us that much, then what is there He won't do for us? And if what He has already done for us in this world weren't enough, He has also promised a home with Him in heaven—What more could we want?

Yet, I see Christians who live in the “dumps” all the time. When you talk to them all they want to talk about is the bad things in their life. Jesus **knew** what death awaited Him, yet the only reason He talked about it was so the Apostles would not be overwhelmed by it. Whatever problems we have, His death overshadows them all, yet did He complain about it all the time?

Not at all!!

Part of the problem many times is our activity level. Like the tortoise, we spend all our time in our burrow, worrying about ourselves. Is it any wonder we get depressed? The answer is not more worrying about ourselves, but rather becoming concerned with others. If you can't go or do for others, you can at least call them. Or drop them a note or card or something. Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly, not that we would mope through the years. Choose to follow His plan and enjoy the good life.

-via *Family Report of Jackson Heights; Columbia, Tennessee.*

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Dying Alone

Buc Chumbley

The decomposing body of Gary Richard Buys, 69 of Tyrone Township, Michigan was discovered on the kitchen floor of his northern Michigan cottage last Friday. Police have determined that Buys had likely been dead for over a year.

Police also reported that Buys had no known family, that his parents were dead, he had never married. A neighbor at the scene said that he had not seen Buys in a long time, but only grew concerned when he was unable to reach Buys by phone after a tree fell on his cottage.

Gary Richard Buys is dead and no one missed him. No one ever wondered where he might be. No one seemed to care whether he was living or dead. How said is it to live a life of 69 years and no one noticed when you die?

I didn't know Gary Buys, but I don't have to know him to know something about him. Gary Richard Buys was a self-centered man who didn't care about others and in turn no one cared about him. He died alone because he didn't go out of his way to make friends during his life.

The wise man says in Proverbs 18:24 “A man who has friends must himself be friendly...” Friends are made when you are first a friend. When you involve yourself

in the lives of others and seek what is best for them. When that happens, you will in turn have people who will get involved in your life and be a friend to you. People who will help you be a better person, Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

What is the most tragic thing about the life and death of Gary Richard Buys, is that he never became a friend to Jesus. I know this, because those who become a friend to Jesus never die alone. John 15:14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you."

Every day there are people who die alone like Gary Richard Buy. Don't be one of them! Be a friend to Jesus first, and then enjoy the many friendships that will come.

-via *Hueytown Church Bulletin*; Hueytown, Alabama.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Cornelia Pepper	Mike Ogles
Nancy Hardison	Dan Lovell
Jane Meredith	Patsy Thomas
Irene Inman	Reba Byram
Doris Lovell	Gilbert Hardy
Wayne Gooch	Cindy Walker
Ann Bush	Shaun Carruth
Linda Jones	Lou Ann Lindsay

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Ella Melvin	Gayle Ball
Mot Dollar	Jeanette Weir
Janice Cagle	Eli Williams
Gene Carpenter	Betty Hamm
Linda Ordonez	Charles Burns
Annalynn Tegg	Al Pollard
Ray Kennedy	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Daniel Ogles
Staley Jackson	Anita Willis
Gladys Sandlin	Jenny Pickens

In The Hospital:

JoAnn Gilbert; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 664

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	William Thomas, rm. 70
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 104
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Helen Trousdale, rm. 30
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 38
Terry Camp, rm. 82	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Mable Crafts, rm. 98	

Limestone Health Facility:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 55 Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Hazel Brooks, at home
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Wynell Casteel, at home
Marjorie Dunnavant, at Brookdale Farms
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
Essie Hardison, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUT OF TOWN: *The Morris'*: Marcus and Bonnie are out of town on vacation this week... *The Putmans'*: Marvin and Irene have been on vacation this week... *Glenda Stinnett* is on a trip out west.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: This past week we conducted our Vacation Bible School each morning through Thursday. We studied the theme of "*The Voyage of the Alpha and the Omega.*" The teachers all did excellent work in preparing for the classes and teaching their classes. I appreciate all the teachers for their willingness to do this. It is a lot of work. We averaged 110 each morning this year and about 80 children participated.

GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS: The *New Georgia church* will be having a Vacation Bible School this week through Friday night. *Jonathan Sutton* will be the speaker... *CEI Annual Lectureship* will be this week through Thursday at *Athens Bible School*. There will be morning and evening sessions. There is an announcement in the vestibule with all the particulars... The *Tri-Cities church* in Muscle Shoals will be having their gospel meeting this week through Friday. *David McClister* will be the speaker in this meeting.

RESPONSE: Wednesday night we rejoiced over the

display of a good heart shown as *Summer Todd* came forward asking for prayers for strength in dealing with the issues of life that she is going through. We appreciate Summer and pray that the Lord will help to strengthen her. May we all encourage Summer as she has encouraged us in our walk together through this life.

ERNEST ROBERTS UPDATE: Brother Earnest Roberts from St. George's, Grenada, who we help in supporting, has been in Munice, Indiana having surgery to correct his vision problems. He has had both eyes done and is recovering from the surgery. As of this past week, the pressure in the eyes were not stable enough for the doctors to release him to return home. By this past Friday, the pressures were stabilize enough and he released from the doctor and is returned home on Saturday. Brother Roberts has continued to express his thankfulness and appreciation for all the church here has done for him and especially for all the prayers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Be sure to mark the following dates on your calender for next year:

- Sept. 11-15, 2016 Gospel Meeting with Andrew Roberts
- February 24, 2017 Annual Singing
- April 23-27, 2017 Gospel Meeting with Gerry Sandusky
- June 12-15, 2017 Vacation Bible School
- Sept. 17-21, 2017 Gospel Meeting with Dee Bowman

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

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 June 12th

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	153
	Morning Worship	202
	Evening Worship.....	144
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	100

Bible Study



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, June 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer	Kenneth Smith
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting	Marty Adams
Serving	Marvin Putman
.....	Steve Usery
.....	Cody Kennedy
.....	Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer	Norman Brown
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer	James Johnson

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 19th:

Ushers	Keenon Currier/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System	Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, June 22nd:

Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading.....	2 Corinthians 10:12-18
.....	Joy Warner
Prayer	Landon Adams
Invitation	Dan Reed
Closing Prayer	Arvid McGuire

Sunday, June 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Stefan Fudge
Prayer	Harvey Nixon
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Dwaine Allfrey
Serving	Mike Ogles.....
.....	Matthew Vaughn
.....	Kenneth Adams.....
.....	A. J. Price
Closing Prayer	Bonnie Sutton

Evening Worship

Announcements	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer	Steve Usery
Preaching	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Jason Conn

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 26th:

Ushers	Marvin Putman/Seth Todd
Work Sound System	Landon Adams