

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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Doing Our Apart, Or Partly Doing

Tim Smelser

In Luke 13, Jesus spoke about the subject of church growth. He used the illustration of a mustard seed within the context of talking about God's spiritual kingdom. "Unto what is the kingdom of God like, and unto what shall I liken it? It is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and cast into his own garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the heavens lodged in its branches" (Luke 13:18-19).

One of the lessons we can learn from this parable is the importance of little things. We live in a world where faster, stronger, bigger and better are emphasized. (Just consider super size value meals and our fascination with big SUV's.) But Jesus taught that something as great as the kingdom of God began with a small start – just like the mustard seed.

When we actually stop to consider the things that we would call great, we realize that they all began with little things. For example, bricks, notes and letters are of little value by themselves. But you put those bricks together with other materials and you have a great building. Arrange the notes in a certain way and you create harmony. Put words into sentences and form those sentences into speech and we can communicate. No matter how small or insignificant each part may seem, it is vital to the completion of the project.

Consider how large the kingdom of God is today and then think back to the Day of Pentecost where its beginning started with just twelve men teaching the truth to three-thousand receptive souls. From that small beginning the gospel spread throughout the world because each part, or member, was doing its job.

Often we become discouraged because our individual efforts do not yield the fruit we had hoped. We consider our contribution to the cause as unimportant and dispensable. But when everyone does his or her part then there is going to be congregational success. Like the small mustard seed there will be no stopping us. We simply need to put forth the effort and put our trust in God.

Paul spoke of his planting the seed, Apollos watering the seed and God giving the seed growth, or increase (1 Corinthians 3:6). When we do our part God will bless our efforts and in turn He will be glorified. Paul also said “those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary” (1 Corinthians 12:22).

All of this is said to remind us that, as individuals, we are important. Our efforts do count and I do have something to contribute. The kingdom of God began with twelve men doing their part and it grew in great numbers! That kingdom will continue to grow today if we will all just do what we can, as we can, no matter how small a role it may seem.

Through our efforts, enthusiasm and determination we can grow just like the mustard seed. We can grow just like the church in the first century. God is willing to bless our efforts and give the increase, but He needs willing workers who will plant that seed!

—via *The Parchment*; Indianapolis, Indiana.



The Majesty of God

Jason Cicero

As the children of Israel gathered at the foot of Mt. Sinai in Exodus 19, they were filled with awe at God’s majesty and respect for God’s holiness. The Sinai Summit was calculated to strike fear in the heart of every Hebrew. God wanted to insure they understood that you don’t stroll casually into the Holy Presence: God is to be respected.

Everything about the Sinai experience speaks of reverence, holy fear, and the deepest veneration for Jehovah. It’s as if God is saying, “Don’t become frivolous nor too familiar in My presence. Take Me seriously.” According to Exodus 19:16, the skies were filled with lightning and thunder, the mountain quaked, a thick cloud settled upon the summit and the people trembled with fear. They should have, after all, they were in the presence of God.

Why did God choose to reveal Himself to the

Hebrews in such a miraculous way? Moses gave the answer in Exodus 20:20 when he said, “God has come in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin.” That’s it. God wanted them to have a healthy fear of Him so they would think twice before engaging in sin. Mark this down: someone who turns to sin does not have a fear of God. Fear is not necessarily a bad thing. Wholesome respect for the all-powerful Judge serves as a marvelous deterrent to sin. “The conclusion, when all have been heard,” said the wise man, “is to fear God and keep His commandments” (Ecclesiastes 12: 13).

Have You Been to the Mountain?

My son and I for two summers have conquered 6593’ Mt. LeConte in the Great Smoky Mountains. It’s hardly a pleasure stroll to LeConte’s rocky top summit but once you’ve made it, it’s easy to Taosense God’s presence. I have never been to the mountain when I was not filled with a sense of awe and inclined to worship. The words, “O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder...” seem to come easily when surrounded by such serenity.

But we are not always standing on top of the mountain nor surrounded by such serenity. If there are mountains, there must be valleys. May I remind you that we are always walking in God’s presence no matter where we are. David asks in Psalms 139:7, “Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence?” The answer? There is no place. God is a part of our life every day and a part of our everyday life. In other words, He’s in the big stuff and... in the small stuff too (Matthew 10: 29-31). He cares about the entire world you live in (after all, He created it), and He cares about the ordinary details of your life. But make no mistake: You stand in His holy presence every day. Every Day.

What Does It Mean?

Showing reverence for God every day means:

1. *I think about what I say.* The young boy in the back seat of our car caught more than our attention when he remarked repeatedly, “Oh, my God.” How casually we use His holy name. Young people, THINK! And the same goes for us older ones. God’s name is holy (Psalm 111:9) and is to be so used. One of the ten commandments from the summit of Sinai proclaimed, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.”

2. *I think about what I do.* “But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior” (1 Peter 1:15). Christianity is practical and relevant every day. For example, we show reverence for God when we show up for work (on time) and labor responsibly (Colossians 3:22-25). We show respect for Him when we choose to abstain from sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3) or determine to tell the truth regardless of the consequences (Ephesians 4:25). When we understand that we walk in God’s sight each day, it changes our way of walking.
3. *I spend some special time with Him.* There are some things you do every day. Breathing is one. Eating is another. Spending time with God is equally vital. To do that you need three things: (1) you need a place that’s conducive to meditation and prayer, (2) you need to be prepared (God made sure the Hebrews understood that you don’t approach the Throne with an idle mind or flippant attitude), (3) you need the Scriptures. The same Moses reminded his generation that the words of God “are your life” (Deuteronomy 32:46,47). One of the problems I see with Christians is that we don’t know the Book because we don’t spend much time in it every day. Have you breathed today? Eaten today? Read your Bible today?

Showing reverence for God is a daily discipline. May we never forget who we are nor Whom we serve.

~via *Topics for Thought*; Haleyville, Alabama.

Gospel Meeting

September 11-15, 2016

(Sunday through Thursday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday 9:30 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday– 7:00 p.m.

Andrew Roberts, Speaking

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News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Cornelia Pepper
Nikki Ogles
Dan Lovell
Patsy Thomas
Reba Byram
Gilbert Hardy
Cindy Walker
Ann Bush

Nancy Hardison
Bobbie Adcock
Jane Meredith
Irene Inman
Doris Lovell
Wayne Gooch
Linda Jones
Shaun Carruth

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Ella Melvin
Mot Dollar
Janice Cagle
Gene Carpenter
Linda Ordonez
Gladys Sandlin
Ray Kennedy
Elizabeth Howard
Phillip Harwell
Shayna Tollison
Anita Willis

Gayle Ball
Jeanette Weir
Eli Williams
Betty Hamm
Charles Burns
Al Pollard
Ava Brooke Campbell
Matt Poff
Una King Currier
Daniel Ogles
Jenny Pickens

In The Hospital:

JoAnn Gilbert; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 651

Mable Crafts; Athens-Limestone Hospital, rm. 201

Glenda Lankford; Athens-Limestone Hospital, rm. 218

Charlie Christopher; Athens-Limestone Hosp., rm. 210

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	William Thomas, rm. 70
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 104
Matty 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

Limestone Health Facility:

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

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Merrill Gardens, Madison

Hazel Brooks, Nursing Home In Pulaski, Tennessee

Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter’s in Huntsville

Wynell Casteel, at home

Marjorie Dunnivant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville

Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison

Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter’s home in Hartselle

Essie Hardison, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

NEW QUARTER IN BIBLE CLASSES: This morning our new quarter in our Bible classes is beginning. I appreciate the good work of all of our teachers in the past quarter and I am looking forward to a new quarter. The adult classes will continue the studies that they are currently engaged in. Beginning September 7th, we will begin *A Study on the Holy Spirit* in the auditorium class on Wednesday nights.

CONFESSION: On Sunday night, **Seth Todd** came forward stating that he was in a rut spiritual and had not grown as he should. He is thankful for the encouragement that he has received from so many and he asked for prayers for forgiveness and strength. We are thankful for the good heart that have been demonstrated before us by Seth. May the Lord richly bless him and may we all encourage him as he has us.

OUT OF TOWN: **Glenda Stinnett** continues on a trip out west... **Russ Wulfekuhl** continues on a hiking trip in California... **The Whites:** *Jason, Joy, Addison and Mason* are back home after being on vacation in Florida.

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

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 June 26th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 137
Morning Worship 182
Evening Worship..... 144

Wednesday:
Bible Classes..... 124



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, July 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements Steve Usery
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Russell Melvin
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Joel Hamm
Assisting Norman Brown
Serving James Johnson Nathaniel Adams
..... Keenon Currier Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer Tony Thomas

Evening Worship

Announcements Steve Usery
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Terry Andrews

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 3rd:

Ushers Larry Mitchell/Marcus Morris
Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, July 6th:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading..... 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
..... Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer Dan Reed
Invitation Jordan Lovell
Closing Prayer Joy Warner

Sunday, July 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblenz
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Harvey Nixon
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Russell Melvin
Assisting Jordan Lovell
Serving Heath Dollar Matthew Vaughn
..... Stefan Fudge..... Mike Ogles
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblenz
Song Leader Tony Thomas
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Russell Melvin
Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 10th:

Ushers Keenon Currier/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Terry Andrews