

# MARKET STREET



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

## MESSENGER

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### *The Lord Has A Church*

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##### **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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#### **MARKET STREET MESSENGER**

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

The Lord has a church in the New Testament. It is identified as a : body (Ephesians 1:21-22); household (Ephesians 2:19; 1 Timothy 3:15); temple (Ephesians 2:20-21); and kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

The church as a body is made up of members. "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another" (Romans 12:4-5). Thus, the Lord has a church (body) made up of members subordinate to Him as the "head over all things to the church, which is His body.." (Ephesians 1:22-23). Not a single thing pertaining to the body is to be done without the authority of Christ. - He is head over *all things* to the church. If all good people respected the authority of Christ in *all things* unity would prevail in the religious world and there would be no party (denominational) names. All who truly desire to serve Christ would unite under the name (authority) of Christ. "For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). We could all be members of that same (one) body of which we read: "Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body" (Ephesians 5:23).

The church, this body, is a household indicating it is a familial relationship which is sustains to God. The Hebrew writer declared, "Christ as a Son of God over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end" (3:6). Thus, the New Testament teaches that the Lord's family is His church. The church, God's family, was established by the blood God adopts us as his children when we conform our wills to do His will (Ephesians 1:5-14; Romans 8:29-30).

The church, the body, the house is also presented to us in the imagery of a temple. "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). The word translated temple is a rich image to picture. The temple in the Old Testament was where Deity dwelt and where

priests ministered and attended the alters of sacrifice and praise to God. The Lord has a temple (figuratively speaking) made up of priests, who minister and attend the alter according to direction of their High Priests who is Christ (Hebrews 3:1) and where the Spirit of God dwells (Ephesians 2:20-23) – it is the church of Christ. Thus, only those who serve and worship God “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24) comprise the temple of God.

Finally, the church, the body, the house, the temple is identified as the kingdom. Jesus as King of Kings (1 Timothy 6:15) must have a kingdom. The perfect expression of that kingdom is found in the church. “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear” (Hebrews 12:28). The Lord has a kingdom over which His rule is manifested and respected by those who are citizens of His kingdom – it is His church. For as His church is made up of the saved “He has delivered [them] from the power of darkness and conveyed [them] into the kingdom...” (Colossians 1:13).

Yes the Lord has a church and depending on what characteristic you want to discuss it is referred to in the New Testament as the body, family, temple and a kingdom. Yet, it is clear that whatever imagery we use one must be born again to enter into the body, family, and kingdom to serve as a priest in the temple of God (1 Corinthians 12:13; John 3:3-5; Galatians 3:26-27). Have you been born again, baptized into Christ to have your sins washed away and forgiven? (Colossians 2:12-13). The New Testament makes it clear, the Lord has a church. Are you a member of the Lord’s church?

~via *Power Talk*; Lexington, Kentucky.

## Beacon of Truth Radio Program

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

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## *A Life Well Lived*

Daniel Curtis

Loosing loved ones is never easy. Carnal wisdom teaches us that death is part of the circle of life; however, wisdom that is from above reminds us that death is our enemy, and is in the world because of sin. It never gets easier to deal with. Whenever we lose a loved one, we find ourselves face to face with a harsh reality: death comes to all. In light of this, we seek wisdom. There is perhaps no more helpful source of wisdom regarding the difficult realities of life than the book of Ecclesiastes. In his treatise on life, Solomon has much to say about our end purpose, “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all” (Ecclesiastes 12:14). While this is the overarching principle which governs our life, there are some things the preacher teaches us in chapter 9 that will help us to live life well — right now.

**Live.** As Christians, we often feel as though life cannot be truly experienced and enjoyed. This feeling stems from a misunderstanding of our liberties in Christ and focuses on restrictions. Consider what Solomon teaches: “Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do” (Ecclesiastes 9:7). God does in fact want us to enjoy life! We should experience life with joy and a merry heart. Call your loved ones. Go out with friends. Christians especially ought to find great joy in sharing our lives with our brethren.

**Laugh.** “Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head” (Ecclesiastes 9:8). Wearing white has long been associated with celebration and happy occasions. Pouring oil on your head would be similar to us putting on perfume or cologne. Solomon teaches here that since death comes to all, we need to be treating everyday as a joyous occasion. Take the time to laugh at life. Some would say, “What do I have to rejoice about? I could die any time.” Exactly! That’s a great reason to let every waking moment be a celebration of God’s gift of life. Don’t go around with a black cloak covering your heart, but instead find the joy and life and laugh! Life is too short not to.

**Love.** It seems ironic to listen to Solomon’s advice on love, but after all the women, he speaks now in the singular. “Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your fleeting life” (Ecclesiastes 9:9). He is saying that in order to make the most of life while you are alive, enjoy life with your love every single day. Be

thankful for the spouse of your youth and show that appreciation always. Listen, talk, and spend time with the one who holds your heart. God created marriage so man and woman could share their lives. Don't waste time, we won't live forever.

**Labor.** It has been said that a man of fifty, having worked since school, will have put in 56,000 hours of work. Imagine 56,000 hours of boredom and resentment towards your job. What effect will that have on your mind and your soul? Solomon tells us that part of living life to the fullest is labor and work. Our attitude towards not only our jobs, but all work, has a huge impact on our lives. "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Why work? Because once we die, there is no more. Make the most of today. Work — and find joy in it!

At the end of your life, will people say you had a life well lived? God has granted us life, and he means for us to live it! It all begins with our attitudes towards God. Consider these things, and may God bless you with many more days to serve him!

~via *Highway 27 Church Bulletin*; LaFayette, Georgia.

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## ***Do You Love To Be Challenged?***

**Mitch Davis**

I love a challenge, don't you? There is something motivating about being in first place. Knowing you did it quicker, better, stronger than your opponent. This competitive spirit may have its drawbacks (like getting in trouble with your potential spouse, but I digress). It is this very spirit that drives us further, farther and faster than we would otherwise.

So, in the name of a good and healthy competitive spirit (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:24), I present all of us in this congregation a different challenge each week for the remainder of this year.

So, for the very first challenge, I ask you to start

your day—literally—with the Lord in prayer. Before you brush your teeth, before you make or drink your first sip of coffee, even before reaching out for your daily newspaper . . . start with at least a five minute prayer. For some of us, that may not seem like much, but for many this insignificant amount of time — with the Creator of the Universe — is often overlooked.

You'll be surprised at just how refreshing, motivating, even fulfilling your day begins all because you started it with your heavenly Father.

So, are you up to this challenge or will you walk away from the proverbial gauntlet that has been thrown down by yours truly? :-) Nothing like motivation, huh?

Should you choose to accept this challenge the Lord will bless you with His eternal riches.

~via *Franklin Church Bulletin*; Franklin, Tennessee.

# ***News & Notes...***

### **THE SICK:**

Cornelia Pepper	Patsy Thomas
Joe Leopard	Reba Byram
Doris Lovell	Cindy Glass
Irene Inman	Gilbert Hardy
Wayne Bolton	Wayne Gooch
Everette "Bud" Dollar	Charlie Christopher
Ann Bush	Al Bush
Shaun Carruth	Janet Jones
Linda Jones	

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

Ella Melvin	Gayle Ball
Jeanette Weir	Janice Cagle
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Eli Williams	Gene Carpenter
Linda Ordonez	Charles Burns
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff

Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Daniel Ogles
Anita Willis	Jenny Pickens
Diane Kilpatrick	

***In The Hospital:***

*Norman Hamm*; Millenium Rehab. - Huntsville  
*Ashley Sims*; Emory Hospital - Atlanta, Georgia  
*Ashley Goosen*; Port Elizabeth Hospital, South Africa

***Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:***

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	William Thomas, rm. 107-B
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
Mable Crafts, rm. 39	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 92	

***Limestone Health Facility:***

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 55      Gilbert Hardy, rm. 117

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

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Merrill Gardens, Madison  
 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

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Adams: Marty, Marvella & Kenneth* have been at the Dauphin Island this week...  
*Dwaine & Barbara Alfrey* are out of town this week...  
*Louise Melvin* is out of town this weekend.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *O'neal church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker for the meeting will be *Gerry Sandusky*... The *West Madison Street church* in Pulaski, Tennessee church is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speakers in this meeting will be as follows: Sunday— *Calvin Essary*; Monday— *Scott Richardson*; Tuesday— *Lowell Sallee*; Wednesday evening— *Troy Dugger*.

**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 Sept. 25th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	142
	Morning Worship .....	182
	Evening Worship .....	122
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	105

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

***Sunday, October 2nd:***

***Morning Worship***

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Steve Usery
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting .....	Larry Mitchell
Serving .....	Marcus Morris..... Heath Dollar
	Matthew Vaguhn..... Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer .....	Marion Mitchell

***Evening Worship***

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer .....	Jason Conn

**Other Assignments for Sunday, October 2nd:**

Ushers.....	Keith Hinkle/Seth Todd
Work Sound System.....	Marty Adams

***Wednesday, October 5th:***

Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading.....	Galatians 4:21-31
	Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Invitation .....	David Cox
Closing Prayer .....	James Johnson

***Sunday, October 9th:***

***Morning Worship***

Announcements.....	Dwaine Alfrey
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblenz
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Mike Ogles
Assisting .....	Tony Thomas
Serving .....	David Terry .....
	Marvin Putman
	Russell Melvin..... Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer .....	Joy Warner

***Evening Worship***

Announcements.....	Dwaine Alfrey
Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Prayer.....	Jordan Lovell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Mike Ogles
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams

**Other Assignments for Sunday, October 9th:**

Ushers.....	Hunter Cox/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews