

# 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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## *Pride, Pride and More Pride*

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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*

I had a dear friend, who steadfastly refused to use the word “proud” in any sense because, as he would say, “nowhere does the Bible (in particular, the King James Version) ever use the word proud or pride except to condemn it.” He has since passed away. I spoke at his funeral with some others who loved him and appreciated him as I did. The one word that never crossed my mind, or the minds of those who knew him, in describing him was the word “proud.”

He was a unique fellow in so many ways. He stood firmly for what he believed in but never proud or boastful. He was a man’s man, who practiced the simple ethics of honesty and hard work in his business dealings. He was successful but never proud or high-minded. He believed in stating the truth in the plainest fashion. He was hearing impaired so he spoke loudly and his tone was often misunderstood. Even so, he was never considered proud or arrogant.

He was a man of some means; he had learned to save money and constantly prayed that he might use it wisely. In his business dealings he was as “wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove.” It was obvious that his money and or successes never caused him to be lifted up with pride. He was the first to give to any who were truly in need. He practiced 1 Timothy 6:17-18.

Though I do not subscribe to my departed friend’s refusal to use the word “proud” in any sense. Perhaps, there is something to be said for it, if it serves to heighten our awareness of pride’s destructiveness as it rips apart the foundation of the home, divides local churches and brings to ruin the personal lives of those infected with it.

In every relationship where there is conflict, pride is at the root of it, fanning and fueling the flames of contention. “By pride comes nothing but strife, but with the well-advised is wisdom.” “He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife but he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered” (Proverbs 13:10; 28:25 NKJV).

Where you find those who will not accept responsibility for their own

failures and/or those who attempt to justify themselves in their wrong doing by pointing the finger at someone else, you have found pride. “There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness. There is a generation - oh, how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up [i.e. in arrogance - see marginal reading]” (Proverbs 30:12-13).

God is unyielding in His condemnation of pride. The wise man warns us in Proverbs 6:16-18 that “These six things the Lord hates, Yes seven are an abomination to Him...” Please observe that God's list begins with “a proud look.” If the phrase “a proud look” were to be translated according to our culture today, we would say God hates one with their “nose stuck up in the air” (arrogant).

The New Testament reminds us “...not to think of [ourselves] more highly than [we] ought to think, but to think soberly...Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion” (Romans 12:3, 16). This passage has a safeguard for preventing us from becoming “stuck up” and arrogant, namely, don't associate with such people.

Finally, as we desire to be saved it is God's grace we must seek. Therefore, let us remember that “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (1 Peter 5:5-6).

~via *Power Talk*; Lexington, Kentucky.



## Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

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

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## Approved of God

Bryan Garlock

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV). The apostle Paul charges Timothy to mature in at least four qualities in 2 Timothy 2:15 to be considered approved to God.

First, he was to be diligent. Interestingly, the King James Version translates the Greek word for diligent as “study.” Thayer defines the word as: “to make effort, be prompt or earnest:—do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavour, labour, study.” One can see it is appropriate therefore to define the word as study. Study takes diligence and certainly takes time. Solomon's wisdom instructs that studying makes one weary (Ecclesiastes 12:12).

Additionally, as one is to diligently make his calling and election sure by developing certain divine qualities, one is to earnestly strive to present himself approved to God (cf. 2 Peter 1:3-10). One such way to present ourselves approved to God is defined by Paul as presenting “your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2). Further Paul wrote, “...approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ” (Philippians 1:10). In other words, one diligently pursues the approval of God by seeking to discern that which is good, acceptable, excellent and the perfect will of God all while presenting himself as a living sacrifice. Accordingly, he will be pure and blameless and eagerly awaiting the return of Christ. Consequently, if one does not give energetic effort towards approval or if one does not learn to approve of the things God approves of, God will not commend him.

Secondly, the one seeking the approval of God will be a worker. Throughout Scripture, God has given considerable notice to the laborer. For instance, all are to work and not steal (Ephesians 4:28), receive their due wages (1 Timothy 5:18, etc.) and not be lazy (2 Thessalonians 3:10). These three passages alone teach us that a worker is to be diligent in his duties, honest in his dealings and dedicated to his cause. Therefore, he deserves his earned wages.

Thirdly, he will not be ashamed. Paul taught Timothy, "... do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God" (2 Timothy 1:8). We ought to imitate Paul as one who was not ashamed of the gospel or of his suffering for Christ (see Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 1:12). Do we truly believe that God will approve of those who are ashamed of Him and His word? (cf. Mark 8:38). Consider that each time we shrink back from declaring the truth or compromise the truth so as not to offend someone that we stand unapproved before our Creator. That should be a sobering thought and one that motivates us to never disown our Lord no matter the cost. Paul was certainly one who was favored. Are we?

Fourthly, he rightly divides the word of truth. Unfortunately, some do not handle God's word correctly. They either twist the Scriptures to fit their desires or unintentionally pervert the text. While the latter is often the case, God's word is still left to perversion. The one who is diligent to approve of the things that are acceptable to God will not purposely mishandle or lightly handle the Scriptures. He will desire to understand God's will on every religious matter whether the work and worship of the church or how he is to love and conduct himself as a Christian (Ephesians 5:17; Colossians 3:17, etc.). We not only have the responsibility to interpret correctly the word of God, but we have the responsibility to apply its truths to our lives (see James 1.21-25).

Finally, Paul wrote, "For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends" (2 Corinthians 10:18). We may approve of ourselves, and our family and friends may even approve of us (Luke 16:15). Yet that kind of approval is flawed. God said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). Thus in the end the only one the Lord commends is the one who is a diligent and unashamed worker who properly handles the word of truth. Only this man will be "approved in Christ" (cf. Romans 16:10). This is the highest commendation conceivable.

~via *Northside Proclaimer*, Hillsboro, Ohio.

## Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

# News & Notes...

## THE SICK:

Nikki Ogles	Paul Adcock
Anita Wheeler	Mary Will Johnston
Cornelia Pepper	Patsy Thomas
Doris Lovell	Cindy Glass
Al Bush	Shaun Carruth
Janet Jones	Everette "Bud" Dollar
Wayne Bolton	Wayne Gooch
Betty Christopher	Ashley Sims
Ann Bush	Pamela Simon (Grenada)

## Updates:

**Patricia Abernathy** came home Monday following her gall bladder surgery last Sunday morning. She is doing well at home... **Anita Wheeler** continues to recover at home... **Peggy Pepper** continues rehabilitation following her knee replacement last week... **Cindy Glass** continues to make slow progress as she is taking the treatments on her back. She will have her next treatment on November 30th... **Drew Ogles** is to have allergy testing on Tuesday of this week... **Linda Jones, Kim Rogers' aunt**, received a bad report from the doctor on Wednesday. She was sent home under hospice care.

## Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Ella Melvin
Reba Byram	Irene Inman
Gayle Ball	Janice Cagle
Gilbert Hardy	Jeanette Weir
Diane Kilpatrick	Daniel Ogles
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Jenny Pickens	Gene Carpenter
Linda Ordonez	Charles Burns
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Eli Williams
Anita Willis	Brittany Bates Carter

## In The Hospital:

*Norman Hamm*; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

## Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	William Thomas, rm. 65-A
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 104
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 40

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. 73      Sharon Parker, rm. 21

**Limestone Health Facility:**

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 55

**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

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The *Jackson Drive church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker will be *Stefan Richardson*.

**WEST ROGERSVILLE MEETING:** It was my privilege to be with the *West Rogersville church* in Rogersville for their fall meeting last week. The meeting went well. It was good to be with the good people that make up the church there. It was good to see some people that we have known since moving to Lauderdale county over 20 year ago. The preacher there is *Gary Halcomb*. I appreciate those who filled in for me while I was away: *Harvey Nixon* for teaching my classes both Sunday morning and Wednesday night, *Trenton Barksdale* and *Buc Chumbley* for preaching on Sunday morning and afternoon. I know that all of you were benefitted by the work of these men.

**DOOR TO DOOR:** Yesterday morning, several went out and knocked on doors inviting people to our services at Market Street. I appreciate those who participated in this.

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

**WORK GROUPS:** **Work Group One** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of Nov. 13th*

Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 141  
 Morning Worship ..... 175  
 Evening Worship ..... 130

**Remember Our Service This Evening at 4:00.**

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, November 20th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Steve Usery  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Landon Adams  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... A. J. Price  
 Assisting..... Larry Mitchell  
 Serving ..... Keenon Currier..... Jason Conn  
 ..... Kenneth Adams..... Tony Thomas  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Steve Usery  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer..... Jerry McGlocklin  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... A. J. Price  
 Closing Prayer ..... James Johnson

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 20th:

Ushers..... Marvin Putman/Keith Hinkle  
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

**Wednesday, November 23rd:**

Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
 Bible Reading..... Ephesians 2:1-10  
 ..... Dan Reed  
 Prayer..... Marcus Morris  
 Invitation..... Steve Usery  
 Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ogles

**Sunday, November 27th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
 Prayer..... Joel Hamm  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Assisting..... Keneth Smith  
 Serving ..... Jordan Lovell ..... Charles Vaughn  
 ..... Landon Adams..... Danny Johnson  
 Closing Prayer ..... Marty Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Terry Andrews  
 Preaching..... Song Service  
 Lord's Supper ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Closing Prayer ..... Russell Melvin

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 27th:

Ushers..... Heath Dollar/Keenon Currier  
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams