

# 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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### 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*

## *Simple Honesty*

**Dee Bowman**

Honesty. A time-honored word. A concept of righteousness. A forgotten requirement among far too many people. It is replaced in our day by convenience, just enough truth to get by. My dad said, about one fellow in town, "He'd lie for a check when he could get cash for telling the truth!" How sad.

Dishonesty is far too widespread in our age. Cheating, they tell me, is an almost common occurrence in many of today's schools, both in lower grades and at graduate levels. Lying is viewed among political aspirants as acceptable conduct, just as long as you get elected. Many employers suffer substantial losses because of employees who steal from the company; rather than do much about it, they merely build into the profit factor. How sad.

Dishonesty is used mostly because it is convenient. It is not always easy to tell the truth. In fact sometimes, it is downright hard. But to do less is to incur the disfavor of God, to erode spiritual character, and to make life a little more difficult for whatever is involved in the lie.

Out-right lying is done only infrequently. It is usually used as a last resort. But the more subtle forms of untruth are used at random and constitute the large majority of this disrespect for integrity. These forms include such things as misrepresentation, innuendo, half-truths, plagiarism, misquotation, exaggeration, flattery, and perhaps the most subtle of all untruths, excuses.

Half-truth are one of the most effective of the Devil's devices. He has always used them with great effectiveness. It was a truth that got Eve into trouble. It seems to me that almost all sin is involved in some way or another in half-truths. They offer the best of both worlds - enough "truth" to salve the conscience, but mixed with an excuse so as to allow you to do what you want. Actually, half-truths are not truths at all - not even half. They are merely error dressed up like truth.

Truth and honesty relate to all areas of life, even the smallest matters. It is just important that you tell the truth about little things as about big things. To lie about small matters continually is a dangerous business - a

very bad habit – one bound to cause pain and heartache eventually. There is no place where integrity does not fit, where it is acceptable to appeal to what is not so. And the notion that situations – no matter their size – alter truth nips at the very heart of righteousness. Situations have nothing at all to do with what is right or wrong.

Truth and honesty are products of the heart (Luke 8:15). From that seat, they must radiate into every area of life – the home, the family, the community, the church (Romans 12:17; 2 Corinthians 8:21).

The husband-wife relationship is dependent on trust for its survival. I verily believe that dealing treacherously with truth is behind every divorce I ever hear about. Trust and truth are kin; one cannot exist without the other. And trust is what makes happy marriages.

Most of the problems encountered in the family have to do with someone's mishandling of truth. There just cannot be peace and harmony in the family when there is untruth. On the other hand, peace will reign admirably when the scepter of truth is at her right hand.

It would literally shock some of us if we knew how truth is poorly managed when brethren have problems. Preachers have been known to misquote, misapply, leave false impressions, all in the name of "exposing" someone with whom they disagree.

Honesty is the badge of the Christian. It is necessary for his own personal peace (Hebrews 13:18). It has a profound effect on those who are in his sphere of influence (Colossians 3:9). For the follower of Christ, honesty is not just the best policy, it is the only policy.

~via *This Lord's Day*; Florence, Alabama.



## ***Enough Already!***

**Jason Longstreth**

In writing to the Christians scattered throughout the entire world, Peter said in 1 Peter 4:2-3 "so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousals, drinking parties and abominable

idolatries." Basically, what Peter was saying is, "Enough already! You've wasted too much time! Move on!" The same statement can be made to us today.

Peter was writing to people who used to live as sinners. They pursued a course of sensuality and carried out the desire of the Gentiles. In essence, they lived worldly lives among men and sought happiness where man seeks such things. Some of them may have lived this type of life for many years. Some of them may have lived this way for only a short period of time. Whichever the case, Peter makes an interesting comment. He says that no matter how much time you spent living this way, it was enough. In fact, surely it was too much!

Sometimes, we think that we have to live a certain percentage of our life in sin. It is almost like there is a requirement that we totally ruin our life before we can fix it. I think this is especially true with young people. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard of young men and women who have been taught the truth running off and becoming a part of the world. What is more surprising to me is the attitude of many parents or adults. "They are just sowing their wild oats," they say. "Once they are a little bit older, they will settle down." This is amazing!

"Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no delight in them';" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Even young people are supposed to remember their Creator. Our youth and our strength should be spent on the Lord, not squandered away on worldly pursuits. Too many people want to "enjoy" their youth and "live life to the fullest" with the idea in mind that they will find time for God later, once they cannot do anything else. Is this any way to live? Paul commanded Timothy to "flee from youthful lusts" in 2 Timothy 2:22. He did not tell him, "Go ahead, enjoy life! Just make sure you leave some time for God at the end of your journey." This is foolishness.

The types of things the world participates in are to be avoided at all costs. It is a waste of time! I don't care if you have spent 70 years practicing sin or 1 minute – you've wasted enough time. There is no benefit in sin. None. Not even the supposed benefit of having tried it once so that you know you don't like it. Many people have been trapped by just such reasoning. The Bible tells us what the end result of sin is – it is death. It tells us that those who practice sin are not truly happy, and anyone who has sinned one time can confirm that fact. The life of a sinner is a life of misery. Why would anyone

want to continue on in sin? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord that we have been freed from this body of death!

If we are not supposed to pursue worldly things anymore, what shall we do with our time? We should live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. God has prepared works for us to do. It does not matter if we are young or old, there are still things that we can do and we need to use every last minute we have serving God. We will never be able to make up the time we have wasted in our lives, but let us devote ourselves to making the most of the time we have left. We've wasted enough time - let us repent of our sins and serve God with our entire being, thanking Him for the salvation we have through Jesus Christ.

~via *The Beacon*; Bowling Green, Kentucky.



## *Why Are You Waiting?*

**David A. Cox**

A problem that is common for many people is that of procrastination. Putting off something that needs to be done until later. In some areas of life it may not make a difference and may not even be necessary, but at other times it may be of vital importance. We see that this was the case as Paul recounts his conversion in Acts 22, when Ananias asked, "And now why tarriest thou?" (Acts 22:16). Ananias understood that Paul knew what to do and asked him why he was waiting.

This example shows the importance of not delaying in our obedience to God. Many who have heard the gospel of Christ are waiting, but why? In some cases, they are waiting for God to directly operate upon them giving them faith, but God does not do that. To directly operate on any one person or group of people would make God a respecter of persons. Peter, in the conversion of Cornelius said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34). Faith, then does not come directly from God, instead it comes from His revealed word. "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

God has done His part. God does not and will not directly force His will on anyone. God desires that all will be saved (2 Peter 3:9). Man is free to choose and it is up to each individual to respond. God's grace is free to all who are willing to receive it. To receive it we must understand as Ananias was telling Saul, to be obedient and to submit to the Lord's command to be baptized. Why are you waiting? Is it because you need some questions answered? Let's get together and answer them. But do not do as Felix and just wait for a better time, because a better time will never come.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Lucille Craig	Bobbie Adcock
Lona Faye Jackson	Mary Will Johnston
Cornelia Pepper	Patsy Thomas
Doris Lovell	Cindy Glass
Ashley Sims	Linda Jones
Shelly Scruggs	Sara Ogles
Wayne Gooch	Shaun Carruth
Everette "Bud" Dollar	Ann Bush
Wayne Bolton	

### **Updates:**

**Steve Usery** had oral surgery and has been recovering from that surgery ... **Mitzi Carruth** had surgery this past Wednesday on her back in Huntsville ... **Sara Ogles**, the daughter-in-law of Mike & Nikki Ogles, had a cast put on her ankle this past week. She will be in the cast for two months... **Bekka Martin**, a co-worker of **Ella Melvin**, had surgery this week to remove a tumor from her stomach.

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

Joe Leopard	Ella Melvin
Reba Byram	Irene Inman
Gayle Ball	Janice Cagle
Jeanette Weir	Daniel Ogles
Diane Kilpatrick	Linda Ordonez
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Jenny Pickens	Gene Carpenter
Charles Burns	Betty Christopher
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier

Shayna Tollison Eli Williams  
 Brittany Bates Carter

**In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:**

*Norman Hamm*; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

**Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:**

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	William Thomas, rm. 18
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 104
Matty 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	

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

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Morningside, Decatur  
 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 Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn* are back home after being in Texas several weeks... *Jackie Cox* continues in Indianapolis for Anita's funeral... *The Coxes: David & Kerry* returned to Indianapolis, Indiana this weekend for Anita's funeral which was held on Saturday.

**WORKGROUPS:** Work Group three will be meeting this evening after our evening service. The work groups have been modified, so please check the announcement loop to see if this is your group.

**THE RECORD:** *Average Attendance for January*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	133
	Morning Worship .....	164
	Evening Worship .....	119
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	102

*Sixth Annual Singing*

February 24, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Jeff Warnke



**MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 514 WEST MARKET STREET  
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**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, February 5th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching.....	Everette Conn
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting.....	Tommy Coblentz
Serving .....	Matthew Vaughn..... James Johnson
.....	Steve Usery..... Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	A. J. Price
Preaching.....	Everette Conn
Lord's Supper .....	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer .....	Joy Warner

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 5th:

Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System.....	Nathaniel Adams

**Wednesday, February 8th:**

Song Leader .....	A. J. Price
Bible Reading.....	Ephesians 6:1-9
.....	Dan Reed
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Invitation.....	David Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams

**Sunday, February 12th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Steve Usery
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Russell Melvin
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Mike Ogles
Assisting.....	Marcus Morris
Serving .....	Jason Conn .....
.....	David Terry .....
Closing Prayer .....	Marvin Putman
	Kenneth Adams
	Marty Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Steve Usery
Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Joel Hamm
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Mike Ogles
Closing Prayer .....	Keenon Currier

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 12th:

Ushers.....	Steve Bradley/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews