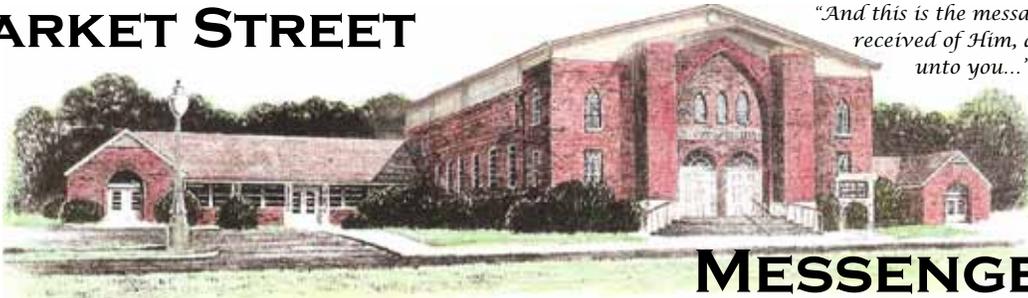


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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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

Will You Let The Home Die?

Glen Young

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office. After his checkup, the doctor called the wife into his office alone. He said, "Your husband is suffering from a very severe disease, combined with horrible stress. If you don't do the following, your husband will surely die."

"Each morning, fix him a healthy breakfast, be pleasant and make sure he is in a good mood. For lunch, make him a nutritious meal. For dinner, prepare an especially nice meal. Do not burden him with chores, as he probably had a hard day. Do not discuss your problems with him, it will only make his stress worse. In addition and most importantly, shower him with a lot of love and affection daily. If you can do this for the next ten months to a year, I think your husband will regain his health completely."

On the way home, in a weak voice the husband asked his wife, "Dear, what did the doctor say?"

"You're going to die." She replied.

The previous caricature is funny. However, it is also sad. It is sad to think that a wife would have so little regard for her husband. Of course, the same charge applies to the husband who has little regard for his wife. The present times trouble the righteous soul. Children grow to adulthood observing selfishness and lack of commitment. Therefore, each generation gets further and further away from godly homes.

Homes across our great land are in trouble. It is not just the homes of the worldly. The homes of Christians are in trouble as well. The family sitting in the pew behind you could be in trouble. It could be the family next to you. It could even be your home!

The fact that Christians have troubled homes is not the problem. A reality check will reveal that Christians are human and as such, are prone to weakness. Additionally, homes consist of more than one personality and you have the ingredients for trouble in the home.

It is becoming increasingly common for Christians to give up on having a godly home. Some even gives up to the point of destroying the

home through divorce. Why is there no solution to this devastating problem?

There is good news and bad news. The good news is, 'YES,' there is an answer to the problem. The Bible teaches us how to have good, solid homes. It instructs us in the ways that will ensure a home complete with peace and harmony. Following the instructions creates a home where all members are happy and well adjusted. It creates a home where the family is clothed with spiritual armor. The Spiritual armor necessary for doing battle with the forces of evil. Then why are there so many Christians homes that are unhappy? That is the bad news.

Too many Christians are like the wife in our introduction to this article. They are not willing to do what is necessary to make the sick home well. Whether it is selfishness or just plain laziness, the things that ensure success in the home never materialize.

The method for having a godly home is not a mystery. There are many passages in the New Testament that deal with the subject. One such passage is as follows. "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also, Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself" (Ephesians 5:22-28).

A selfish wife who constantly wants her way, or a demanding husband who never considers his wife's needs, is a disaster waiting to happen. A self-indulgent husband who surrounds himself with his "toys", or a domineering wife who seeks to control every aspect of the relationship will bring a home to ruin.

~via *Road Creek Bulletin*; Elkhorn City, Kentucky.

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

What It Means To Say "I'm Sorry"

Ken Weliever

Wendy Donahue, a staff writer for the Chicago Tribune, recently penned an article entitled "Give and take: The sport of apologizing." Our local Tampa Bay Times (TBT) picked it up. While reading it, I was reminded of how difficult it is to simply say from the heart "I'm sorry." It's reminiscent of the 1976 hit by Elton John, when he crooned the mournful ballad "Sorry seems to be the hardest word."

But it also occurred to me how the word "sorry" seems to have changed its meaning and usage in our 21st century vocabulary. British journalist, Brandon O'Neill made this observation when he wrote, "These days, we use the word sorry not only to express sorrow for a misdemeanor, but also as an alternative to "pardon" ("Sorry, I didn't quite catch that") and "excuse me" (as in saying sorry when we bump into someone – or even, rather bizarrely, when they bump into us)".

If we're not careful saying, "I'm sorry" can become an overused euphemism that really lacks sincerity, or even speaks to an issue that merits an apology.

The words "sorry" and "sorrow" have a connection in origin and etymology. They share the idea of pain, suffering and distress. Saying "I'm sorry" ought to be rooted in sorrow. Being sorry means to feel regret. Compunction. Remorse. Sorrow is an expression of grief, sadness or distress caused by a loss, disappointment or pain.

When the apostle Paul wrote the first letter to the Christians at Corinth he had to correct error and condemn sin in a very pointed manner. The letter was effective and corrections were made. So, in the second letter he wrote, "Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing" (2 Corinthians 7:9).

There are several things we can learn from this.

1. Being sorry means to accept personal responsibility for wrong-doing. An apology that blames others is not really an expression of guilt or regret.
2. Being sorry should be the result of godly sorrow. We've all heard apologies that sounded contrived or coerced. Sometimes people are sorry they got caught. That kind of sorrow is a carnal sorrow, not

- a godly sorrow.
- Being sorry should lead to repentance. To repent is to change. To correct one's course. To make amends. It is a change of heart that results in a change of behavior. To say you are sorry, but to continue engaging in the same hurtful actions is insincere and hypocritical.

A couple of other thoughts may be appropriate to effective apology. When possible, apologize in person. Not by phone. Email. Letter. Or Text. There is something efficacious about looking someone in the eye and saying, "I'm sorry." Don't make excuses by blaming someone else or circumstances. Avoid any "apology" the begins, "I'm sorry, but.." Or "I'm sorry, if..." You know where those sentence are going!

Ali McGraw's character in the classic movie Love Story is famous for saying, "Love means never having to say you're sorry." That may have sounded romantic in the movie, but quite the opposite is true. Real life is about relationships where people make mistakes, use poor judgment, forget, or even sin. And such actions always impact someone we love. Family. Friends. Neighbors. Or brethren. So be willing to apologize. Simply. Sincerely. Succinctly. Because true love is always willing to say, "I'm sorry."

~via *The West Main Bulletin*; Lewisville, Texas.

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Mike Ogles	Lucille Craig
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	Betty Brackeen

Updates:

Marion Mitchell fell this past Saturday due to weakness from being sick and was able to get to the hospital on Monday. He is at his daughter's in Decatur recovering...**Mary Will Johnston** has been dignosed with Acute Lukemia ...**Gayle Ball** had a procedure done on Wednesday morning ...**Don Osborne** spent several days in the Athens Limestone Hospital ...**Phillip Harwell** had surgery in Huntsville on Tuesday. He spent a few days in the hospital, but is now at home.

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 Ordones
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	Bekka Martin

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	Joyce Martin, rm. 73
Terry Camp, rm. 82	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Mable Crafts, rm. 39	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Betty Brackeen, rm. 118	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Morningside, Decatur
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaugther's in Huntsville
 Wynell Casteel, at home
 Marjorie Dunning, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Carl Hargrave, at granddaugther's home in Hartselle
 Essie Hardison, at home
 Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Eastside church* is beginning a gospel meeting today. It will continue through Tuesday evening with *Bill Hall* speaking.

BARBADOS: This July, I will be going down for the Vacation Bible School in *Bridgetown, Barbados*. The Vacation Bible School is scheduled for *July 3-14*. We will be doing a VBS as well as Evangelistic work and meetings. I will remain in Barbados until July 11th to help coordinate the two weeks. *Wiley Deason* from Indianapolis, Indiana will be going down to cover the *second week July 10-14*, but there will be a need for ladies to teach the children's classes that week. If you are interested in doing this either the first or the second week, please let me know.

I will be compiling the information in the next week or two about the cost and the schedule. If you are interested in doing this let me know. I know that it would be a great experience for any who can and are able to do so.

OUT OF TOWN: *Helen Blankenship* has been in South Carolina on vacation this week.

ANNUAL SINGING: This Friday night will be our annual singing. We we need help with attendents, ushers, etc. We will move the chairs on Wednesday night after Bible study.

CONFESSIONS: This past Sunday morning, *Sharon Nave* and *Shirley Miller* came forward asking for prayers for forgiveness of past wrongs. We appreciate the hearts of Sharon and Shirley and the desire they have to please God. May we encourage them as they have and will encourage us in our lives as Christians.

WORK GROUPS: **Work Group two** 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: *Attendance for the week of Feb. 12th*

Sunday: Bible Classes 123
 Morning Worship 168
 Evening Worship 118

Wednesday:
 Bible Classes 100

Sixth Annual Singing

February 24, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Jeff Warnke



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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Dan Reed
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
 Assisting Dwaine Allfrey
 Serving James Johnson Nathaniel Adams
 Charles Vaughn Marvin Putman
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Harvey Nixon
 Closing Prayer A. J. Price

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 19th:

Ushers..... Jason Conn/Keenon Currier
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams

Wednesday, February 22nd:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Bible Reading..... Philippians 1:1-11
 Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Dwaine Allfrey
 Invitation Russell Melvin
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Sunday, February 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer..... Terry Andrews
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Russell Melvin
 Assisting Keith Hinkle
 Serving Steve Usery Russ Wulfekuhl
 Danny Johnson Keenon Currier
 Closing Prayer James Johnson

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton
 Preaching..... Song Service
 Lord's Supper Russell Melvin
 Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 26th:

Ushers..... Marcus Morris/Heath Dollar
 Work Sound System..... Marty Adams