

MARKET STREET

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



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DONT BELIEVE THE ANIMAL

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Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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Buc Chumbley, Editor

Starting in late 1949 the Federal Bureau of Investigation began publishing a list of the ten most wanted criminals in the United States. Over the years, thugs like Ted Bundy, the Unabomber and Osama Bin Laden have made this notorious list. These and many more like them are threats to our society. Satan has and will forever remain the number one threat to mankind.

While criminals seek to commit violence against people, Satan's primary objection is to cause as many people as he can to sin and lose their eternal soul in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone (Revelation 21.8). Knowing this, Peter warned in 1 Peter 5.8 to "***Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.***"

Satan is real, and he is dangerous. He is not a fictitious character in a bright red suit with horns, a tail and carrying a pitchfork. Satan can appear in many different forms. He is a master of disguise with the ability to appear as the most innocent and most godly of all men. In 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 Paul writes, "***For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness.***"

Satan's main weapon is the lie. In John 8:44, Jesus says of Satan, "***When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.***" He knows all of our weaknesses and how best to tempt and deceive us. This was evident from the very beginning. In Genesis 2:16-17 God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would die. But in Genesis 3:4 Satan told Eve, "***You shall not surely die.***" Satan added the word "not" and changed it into a lie.

But just as every notorious criminal is finally brought to justice, so will Satan. Revelation 20:10 says, the devil will join all he deceives in the lake of fire and brimstone...."***and they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.***"

May we always remain faithful to the Word of God and never, ever believe the animal!

We must always be prepared in our fight against Satan. The best defense against Satan is to "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil." James says in our fight with Satan we have help, "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4.7-8).

May God always help us in this great battle for our soul.

AN ATTITUDE OF REVERANCE

Ray Ferris

Several years ago I was shocked and amazed while attending a funeral service in one of the funeral "chapels" at a mortuary in a neighboring city. While a crowd of friends assembled in preparation for the period of comfort, consolation, and exhortation for the bereaved family, and in commemoration of the deceased, a noisy group attending a wake for another who had died were loudly and boisterously talking and laughing. This was being done right in the doorway of the room where the "service" was about to begin, and even continued into that "service" to the point of disturbing many in the rear of the room.

This conduct seemed to me to be thoughtless and wholly out of order. There were people there who logically had a right to expect a period of quiet and respectful meditation as an honor to the dead as they prepared to make the final separation from the tabernacle of clay that had housed the spirit of the deceased. They were denied this privilege by the utter thoughtlessness and lack of consideration of a few other people.

It would appear that we can be almost as thoughtless at times when we have assembled to worship God, or at least as we are in the process of doing so. We have long recognized in the Lord's church that the church building is not a "temple of God," and that many religious groups attach a reverence to the building, and especially to what they call the "sanctuary," that is totally unwarranted by scripture.

However, have we not tended to go to another extreme? The church is the temple of

God! Such passages as 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 6:16 and Eph. 2:19-22 illustrate this affirmation. Is there any logical time in which we could more reasonably think of the Lord as being among His people than when Christians assemble to worship Him? Remember that Jesus said, "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst" (Matt. 18:20).

One of the key functions of our worship on the Lord's day is to commemorate the death of Jesus on the cross for our sins. He said, "This is My body which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me," and again, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." Then Paul adds, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Cor. 11:24-26).

Isn't it as logical for me to be loud, boisterous and jesting at a funeral service as to be like that when "the Lord is in His holy temple"? Let us give some consideration to the desires of others in this matter. Enter in silence! Wait in patience!! Worship in reverence!!! Do we really act as though the Lord is among us when we come together? If not, why do we take the seriousness of this extremely solemn occasion so lightly?

PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST

The quality of one's life depends, to a large degree, on the proper prioritizing of interests. When Christ said, Seek ye first the kingdom of God (Matt. 6.33), He wasn't dismissing or denying the importance of other interests. He who was a carpenter, for instance, knew that man had to work for his daily bread. But Christ also knew that work is not the most important thing in life, and that if one thinks it is, work, and the rest of life, will be sadly diminished. When a secondary thing is made a primary thing, life goes downhill. Job said that in the land of darkness and shadow, there is no order (Job 10.22). But when proper order is enforced in our life, when we put first things first, our life can rise to the abundant realm of which Christ spoke (Jn. 10.10).

The importance of living life in its proper order can be illustrated in many ways. Every student can travel one of two roads. One road is where the student studies just hard enough to pass a test;

the night before the exam he crams his head with the information on which he'll be tested, takes the test, and then quickly forgets everything he just regurgitated. The other possibility is that the student actually tries to learn the material in a way that will affect his life from then on.

Another illustration: would you select for your family doctor a physician who valued making money over curing patients? I've heard horror stories of doctors who did a poor job of doctoring, who nevertheless charged for their services as if they were one of the Mayo brothers. I want a doctor who puts people/patients first; only a doctor who has his priorities right is worthy of his hire. In Matthew 6, Christ spells out one of the terrible consequences when we fail to put first things first; namely, worry. The word translated worry means "to be pulled or drawn in different directions"; in other words, worry tears us apart. The cure for worry is to put first things first. When God is first in your life, you have at your center a loving Father, whose care extends to the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, who loves and cares for His children more than He loves and cares for birds or flowers, and who has great blessings in store for His children. Little faith will leave you short of many blessings God is wanting to give you, but great faith will bring riches to your life far beyond what you thought possible.

Three words from the latter part of Matthew 6 are key: faith (v 30), trusting God to meet your needs; Father (v 32), knowing He cares for His children; and first (v 33), putting God's will first in your life so that He might be glorified.

If we have faith in our Father and put Him first, He will meet our needs

Author unknown

News & Notes

THE SICK:

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Anita Wheeler | Theresa Tucker |
| Dale Adcock | Loretta Warner |
| Bobbie Adcock | Doris Lovell |
| Sutton Smith | Damien Powers |
| Ann Bush | Myrtle Ruth Barnett |

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

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| Janice Cagle | Jeanette Weir |
| Patsy Thomas | Ella Melvin |
| Marvin Putman | Paul Hasting |
| Cornelia Pepper | Al Pollard |
| Charles Burns | Ava Brooke Campbell |
| Cindy Glass | Una King Currier |
| Susan Cox | Wayne Gooch |
| Gene Carpenter | Cindy Walker |
| Wayne Wooldridge | Phillip Harwell |
| Linda Ordonez | |

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Dean Holt; Huntsville Hospital rm 476
Paul Adcock Madison Hospital rm 309
Adam Strickland; has been moved to Spain Rehab
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

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| Valeria Dalton, 7 | |
| Mattye Murray, 2 | Dorothy Draper, 73 |
| Joyce Martin, 63 | Christine Hudson, 77 |
| Evelyn Hogan, 36 | |

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at City Center, Decatur
 Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
 Irene Inman, at home
 Bettye Harrison, Traditions Assisted Living rm 125
 Virginia Meyer, Traditions Assisted Living
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor
 Jane Meredith, Limestone Manor

UPDATES:

Paul Adcock is in Madison Hospital room 309.....
Phyllis Broadus received the results of her tests this past Thursday. She will be treated for several things in hopes of solving her health issues

CONGRATULATIONS: to *Tyler Cox and Lindsey Benson* who were married last evening in Nashville.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group Three will be meeting after our evening service. If you are in group three remember to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Dec 9th

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| Sunday: | Bible Classes..... | 119 |
| | Morning Worship..... | 170 |
| | Evening Worship..... | 119 |
| Wednesday: | Bible Classes..... | 104 |

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

**Beacon of Truth
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Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

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

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, December 16th:

Morning Worship

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Announcements..... | Steve Usery |
| Song Leader | Hunter Cox |
| Prayer..... | Marcus Morris |
| Preaching..... | Buc Chumbley |
| Lord's Supper | |
| Presiding..... | Tommy Coblentz |
| Assisting..... | Joel Hamm |
| Serving..... | Kenneth Adams...Heath Dollar |
| | Russ Wulfekuhl...Christian Usery |
| Closing Prayer | Roger Hammonds |

Evening Worship

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Announcements..... | Steve Usery |
| Song Leader | Tony Thomas |
| Prayer..... | Keith Hinkle |
| Preaching..... | David Cox |
| Lord's Supper | Tommy Coblentz |
| Closing Prayer | Wayne Vaughn |

Other Assignments for the week of December 16th

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| Ushers..... | Danny Holt/Danny Johnson |
| Work Sound System..... | Will Chumbley |

Wednesday, December 19th:

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| Song Leader | Larry Holt |
| Bible Reading..... | Tommy Coblentz |
| | Mark 11.12-19 |
| Prayer..... | Hunter Cox |
| Invitation | David Cox |
| Closing Prayer | Daniel R. Reed |
| Usher..... | Larry Mitchel |

Sunday, December 23rd:

Morning Worship

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Announcements..... | Marty R. Adams |
| Song Leader | Bob Broadus |
| Prayer..... | Nathaniel Adams |
| Preaching..... | David Cox |
| Lord's Supper | |
| Presiding..... | Hunter Cox |
| Assisting..... | Keith Hinkle |
| Serving | Heath Dollar.....Sam Gregory |
| | Danny Johnson...Marvin Putman |
| Closing Prayer | Russell Melvin |

Evening Worship

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Announcements..... | Marty R. Adams |
| Song Leader | Joel Hamm |
| Prayer..... | Albert Haraway |
| Preaching..... | Singing |
| Lord's Supper | Hunter Cox |
| Closing Prayer..... | Kenneth Smith |

Other Assignments for the week of December 23rd:

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ushers..... | Marcus Morris...Steve Bradley |
| Work Sound System..... | Landon Adams |