

MARKET STREET



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

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Wait On The Lord

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Schedule of Services

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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David A. Cox, Editor

The phrase in the Old Testament for dealing with the complexities and challenges of life is to "wait on the Lord." The Psalmist spoke to his own soul in the face of life's injustices saying, "My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him" (Psalm 62:1,5). We cannot grow tired or weary of doing right nor can we grow impatient with the world and decide to run ahead of God to accomplish something for Him — we must learn to wait on the Lord.

The impatience of Israel is seen as they turned their heart from depending on God; to worshipping the golden calf (Exodus 32); to complaining about food and water (Exodus 15:22-25; 16:1-17); or to consuming the quail without proper preparation (Numbers 11). Recalling such events, the Psalmist declared, "They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. And he gave them their request..." (Psalm 106:13). Yes, God gave them the cravings of their impatient heart but it ended in sickness, premature death and greater disappointment.

Life is difficult at times for all of us. At times it would be easier to "give up" or "give in" to the pressures of life. However, in the end the immediate relief we sought would not work for our good. Waiting on God is being able to see the end from the beginning (Hebrews 11:23-27).

Even in the New Testament we are encouraged not to grow weary but to wait on God. Yet, such instructions come to us with greater assurance for our salvation. Namely, Christ, who bore our sorrows and griefs, is in heaven making intercession for us, as we draw near to God's throne in prayer. "Therefore He is also able to save to the utter most those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). Remember Jesus encourages us to pray and not grow weary. It is through earnest prayer that we learn to wait on God and consider the end of all (Luke 18:1-7).

To wait on God takes faith and courage. We must remember in His time. God will right the wrongs and punish the evil (Ecclesiastes 3:11). As we live by faith, we have this blessed assurance that "those who wait

on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up on wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

~via *Polk City Bulletin*; Polk City, Florida,



Don't Sell Out!

Curtis Pope

In 1st Kings 21 we find Ahab and Jezebel ready to jump on the opportunity to purchase Naboth's vineyard. Ahab attempted to buy and barter his way into possession of Naboth's cherished family property, but Naboth declined to sale. After Jezebel noticed the pouting and complaining of her husband, she had Naboth taken out of the picture through a plot of deception, corruption, and murder. Now Ahab got what he wanted, a beautiful vineyard right next to his palace, and he didn't even have to pay for it ... or did he?

Many would say Ahab got a great deal, but this is not how the scriptures record it. "Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife incited him" (1 Kings 21:25).

In gaining Naboth's vineyard Ahab spent more than he even realized; he had clearly sold himself to evil. Today we are each faced with decisions like Ahab's. What does Satan use to draw us away from serving the Everlasting God? He may use possessions or something entirely different, but in the end is it really a good deal?

In Mark 8:36 Jesus reminds his followers never to sell out: "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?" He reminds us that to give in to Satan is to forfeit our eternal souls for temporary pleasures. Don't let Satan fool you into thinking he has a good deal. Don't sell out for so little! Place your trust, your hope, and your very soul in the hands of our loving Father in heaven who has promised and proven that He will richly reward His servants.1

~via *East Alton Bulletin*; East Alton, Illinois.

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

Life Is Not Fair!

David Thomley

Sitting on a grassy hillside with his long hair pulled back and tied in a ponytail, a nineteen-year-old thinker munched on his organically grown fruit and contemplated life. This same ritual had been going on for three days, a ritual initiated by the sudden departure of the girl he loved. He thought about the lower middleclass family to which he had been born, putting him at a distant economic disadvantage as compared to his peers. He thought about the low grade he received in his marketing class, and he had struggled for that. The guy who sat behind him in class never passed a test, but somehow pulled a "B" in the course. At the beginning of the semester, he was fortunate enough to receive one of the more desirable student employment positions on campus. Just two days earlier, his supervisor told him that he would lose the job the next semester because "somebody's nephew" wanted it.

On the third day, late in the afternoon, this young man finally spoke. He had arrived at his conclusion on life, and he was prepared to state his profound observation. "Life is not fair."

Which is the greater wonder? That a nineteen-year-old would arrive at such a conclusion on life? Or that this young man had lived nineteen years without ever realizing this truth?

Life is not fair. God never said it would be. In a sin-cursed world, it cannot be. The preacher said, "There is something else meaningless that occurs on earth: righteous men who get what the wicked deserve, and wicked men who get what the righteous deserve" (Ecclesiastes 8:14). Jesus made His own comment of life's unfairness when he observed, "He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45). While living in opposition to the gospel, Saul of Tarsus had a fairly comfortable life. After he committed his life to preaching the gospel of Jesus, he suffered beatings, imprisonment, stoning, shipwreck, hunger and other severities of life. And so it has been with many other Christians through the centuries. It may not be fair—but it's life. God's promise is, "in the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Life is not fair. But keep in mind, that's not all bad. When this life is over, and I stand before the judgment seat of Christ, I do not want what is fair, I want grace.

~via *The Messenger*; Wentzville, Missouri.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Jimmy Johnson	Angela Vaughn
Nikki Ogles	Beverly Sutton
Ruby Dean Ezell	Elease Barksdale
Opal Conn	Loretta Warner
JoAnn Gilbert	Doris Lovell
Bobbie Adcock	Wes Stiles
Ann Bush	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Lona Jackson	Janice Cagle
Judy Vaughn	Ella Melvin
Jeanette Weir	Marvin Putman
Cornelia Pepper	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	David Collier
Una King Currier	Susan Cox
Gene Carpenter	Cindy Walker
Phillip Harwell	Wayne Wooldridge
Kenneth Fisher	Becky Thompson
Matt Poff	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Jimmy Johnson; Huntsville Hospital – rm. 656
Dean Holt; Huntsville Hospital – No visitors
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Leonard Clines, 99	Uta Graulau, 94
Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, 77
Evelyn Hogan, 36	Dorothy Draper, 73
Joyce Martin, 63	Valeria Dalton, 7

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 117

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
Irene Inman, at home
Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison
Stan Stanford, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Jimmy Johnson had surgery on Thursday at Huntsville Hospital to remove a mass from his lung. The preliminary tests were good. They are awaiting final test results...

Nikki Ogles continues to await word from her recent test done...*Ruby Dean Ezell* has been having trouble with her oesophagus and had a procedure on Friday...*Elease Barksdale* went to the doctor on Thursday and she is doing much better...*Robert Beasley* has begun his treatments that will continue 3 times each week for 20 weeks for treatment of skin cancer... Remember our expecting mothers. *Taylor Gregory and Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *West Madison Street church* in Pulaski, Tennessee is engaged in a gospel meeting and it will continue through Wednesday night. *Tadd Corder* will be speaker in this meeting.

TEACHERS' MEETING: There will be a teachers' meeting next Sunday afternoon, March 24th at 4:00p.m. We will be discussing this year's VBS in this meeting.

PAUL HASTING (1937 – 2019): It is with sadness that we mention the passing of brother Paul Hasting. Paul passed away this past Monday morning. Paul loved the Market Street church and was an encouragement to so many here. Paul was a faithful servant of the Lord. We have missed Paul in the past several months due to his declining health, but Paul always desired to be at the services of the church. We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Cindy, Jenny, Sherry, Doug* and all the family in the passing of Paul. The visitation for Paul was on Wednesday at the Spry Funeral Home and there was a graveside service at the Legg Cemetery where Paul's body was laid to rest Wednesday afternoon.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn* are in Texas this week... *Evelyn Stitt* has been in North Carolina visiting her daughter... *Nancy Hardison, Jaclyn and Sandra* are in North Carolina for spring break... *Jim Whitt* has been in Seattle, Washington finishing up a project there... *Russ Wulfekuhl* has been out of town with his work this week.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Bobbie Adcock* in the passing of her son, *Donnie Nix*. The memorial service was held for Donnie in Mobile. May the Lord bless Bobbie and all the family at this time... We also want to express our deepest sympathy to *Lisa Wulfekuhl* and *all the family* in the passing of Lisa's aunt, *Ellen Norene "Nora" Keller*. She passed away on Monday. Her funeral was on Thursday in Cherokee.

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

CONFESSION: This past Sunday morning *Pat Wade*

came forward asking for prayers for forgiveness, strength and to let go of the past. We appreciate Pat and her desire to serve the Lord and to be pleasing to Him. May the Lord bless her with a life of joy and peace. May we all encourage Pat as she has and will continue to encourage us.

CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET:

From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice activated, so this will require you to say something and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delay in the start up of the message.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Here is a list of dates for things at Market Street this year. Make sure to mark these dates.

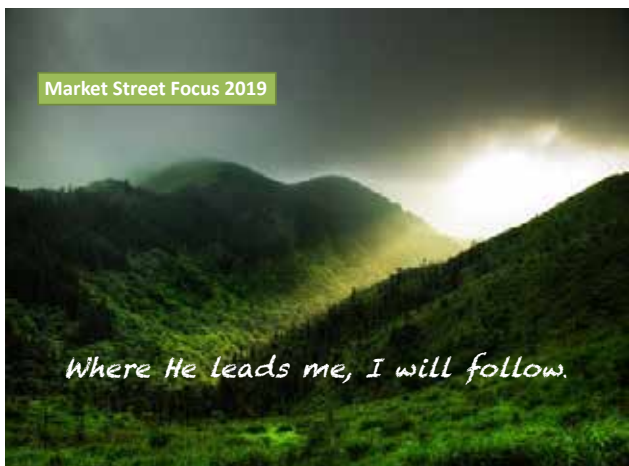
- April 21-24 Gospel Meeting John Gibson
- June 10-13 Vacation Bible School
- Sept. 15-18 Gospel Meeting Johnny Felker

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Remember our young people who are away in college:

- Brettlyn Currier*, at the Samford Law School
- Keenon Currier*, at the University of Alabama
- Griffin Holt*, at the University of Alabama
- Elizabeth Usery*, at Mississippi State University

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Mar. 10th

Sunday:	Bible Classes	134
	Morning Worship.....	173
	Evening Worship.....	126
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	102



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Marcus Morris
Assisting	Larry Tucker
Serving	Nathaniel Adams..... Terry Andrews
Kenneth Adams..... Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Wayne Vaughn
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Marcus Morris
Closing Prayer	Larry Holt

Other Assignments for the week of March 17th:

Ushers.....	Christian Usery/Hunter Cox
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams

Wednesday, March 20th:

Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Bible Reading	Tony Thomas
 Mark 14:22-31
Prayer.....	Steve Usery
Invitation	Bob Broadus
Closing Prayer	Larry Tucker

Sunday, March 24th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting	Steve Usery
Serving	Danny Johnson..... David Terry
Charles Vaughn..... Christian Usery
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer	Russell Melvin

Other Assignments for the week of March 24th:

Ushers.....	Steve Usery/Dwaine Allfrey
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews