

# 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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### *Nonconformity*

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As our young people prepare themselves for the great adventure of adulthood, they invariably find themselves at odds with the expectations of the world. Whether it is high school or college, marriage or a career, a best friend or a professor, the conflict between Christ and Satan manifests itself in ways that should be expected, especially by parents and leaders in the church. Yet, even with this knowledge and experience at their disposal, many young people still make the mistake of seeking the world's approval—often in the form of rebellion against parents and the religious beliefs they were raised to believe.

#### **"And do not be conformed to this world" (Romans 12:2)**

Oddly enough, in the Bible it is Christianity that is seen as counterculture, not the alternatives of the world. When our young people think they are "finding themselves" by striking out on their own and rejecting Christianity, they are actually enslaving themselves to sin and the flesh (Romans 6:20-23). True counterculture is achieved by rejecting the notion that satisfaction and purpose are found in putting stock in this present age:

- "Those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace" (Romans 8:5ff).
- "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20).
- "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on the earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:2ff).
- "I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from all other people" (Leviticus 20:24).
- "Love not the world, nor the things in the world... For the world passes away, and the lust thereof; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

#### **Remember Your Heroes**

It is important to remain aware of other young people who have managed to stay true to God, in spite of enormous societal pressures. You are

#### **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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not alone, and when you are faced with difficult situations and your faith is tested, you are in very good company.

- By the age of 17 Joseph was an independent, spiritual young man who did the right thing regardless of the consequences (Genesis 37:2).
- Daniel took a definite stand for God and His truth even though he was a young man, maybe even still in his teens (Daniel 1:8).
- Timothy was selected by Paul to help him spread the gospel when Timothy was probably still in his teens as well (Acts 16:1ff).
- Hezekiah was a godly and wise king at the age of 25 (2 Chronicles 29:2ff).
- Josiah began to seriously seek God and change the Jewish nation for the better when he was 16 years old (2 Chronicles 34:1-3).

### **The Ultimate Nonconformity? Faith.**

When we consider the variety of individuals mentioned in Hebrews 11:1ff, something very striking comes to mind. All of these people were asked by God to break conventions, erase stereotypes, and go beyond the realm of what the world expects. Abraham left a life of comfort for a better country. Moses rejected the pleasantness of Pharaoh's court. Rahab and her family. Samuel. David. Enoch. Noah. All of these great individuals refused to conform to the world around them, and achieved more than all of their forgettable contemporaries. It was all by faith in God.

~via *Family News & Notes*, Cypress, Texas.



## ***Where Was Adam?***

**Joshua Welch**

At the church in Indianapolis where I grew up, there was a boy named Tyree. He would attend with his grandfather, one of our deacons. He was a couple years older than me, but I always looked up to him and liked him. He was a tall kid who had an outgoing, friendly personality and an easy, welcoming smile. I can remember playing basketball with him in our driveway at a few cookouts (his grandfather loved to come early and relax all day while cooking ribs and rib tips and sometimes would bring along Tyree). Unfortunately, as

Tyree grew older, I saw him less and less until we saw him rarely at all.

As a teenager, I never really knew or thought about Tyree's story or his background. I never bothered to ask him what life was like at home or in the rough neighborhood where he grew up. I never asked him why his dad never came to church services with him. I never thought to ask why he really admired his grandpa so much.

But, at the funeral, it all became clear and I began to wish I had asked those questions while he was still alive. Tyree's funeral was one of the largest I had ever attended. The building and the balcony were packed wall-to-wall with people standing outside. It was warm in there. I remember a couple of women fainting from the emotions combined with the heat. Just a few days earlier, Tyree had been shot eight times through the back window of a car in broad daylight while riding in the backseat with a couple of new friends (known as troublemakers). I can still remember the phone call to the church building that Sunday evening when his grandfather was summoned to come to the hospital. According to some, the shooter was aiming for Tyree's friends, but Tyree ended up being the victim killed in the shooting.

The question of the preacher at the funeral that day still resonates. Over and over and over again, he asked, "Where was Adam?!" He asked this question after reading of the world's first murder – Cain's murder of Abel. We see "Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain... Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel" (Genesis 4:1-2). Then, we read nothing about Adam. Nothing while his boys are worshiping. Nothing while his boys are arguing. Nothing while his son is being murdered. In fact, we read of nothing until we get to Genesis 4:25, "And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth." The implication of the sermon was that we need fathers who do more than just make babies; we need fathers who raise and guide their children daily – something Tyree did not have in a father.

Tyree's absentee dad will not get a second chance with Tyree. However, if we can learn from this tragic absence maybe it can help you change a child's life and a family's future. Like Tyree, there are lots of smiling, little boys who just need their fathers to "bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

~via *The Laurel Canyon Counselor*, Columbus, Ohio.

## Leaving the Lights On

Heath Rogers

When I was old enough to drive, but still living at home, my parents would leave the front porch light on at night. We lived out in the country, and there weren't any street lights, so it got dark. Leaving the light on made sure we could find the house in the dark, and that we could see to use our key to get in the house. I knew the rules when I got home late at night: I was to lock the door and, if I was the last person home, I was to turn off the porch light.

We live in a dark world. Jesus said that His disciples are the lights of the world, and as such we are to let our light shine. We are not to hide our light. We are to make it observable to everyone. We are to shine forth like a city set on a hill (Matthew 5:14-16).

"But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble" (Proverbs 4:18-19). This passage contrasts the path of the just and the wicked. Like living in the country, there were no street lights in ancient times. If one walked at night, he took a lamp so he could find his way and avoid dangers along the path. The righteous choose to walk in the well-lit path.

The wicked walk carelessly, and often do not see the things upon which they stumble and fall.

Christians have been called out of darkness to walk in this world as children of light (Ephesians 5:8). Walking in the light not only assures us of safe passage through this world, but it also allows those who are in darkness to find their way home.

We need to make sure our light is shining brightly, and keep it on, until everyone makes it home safely.

"That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15).

~via *Tri-Cities Edifier*, Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

## 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*

## News & Notes...

### THE SICK:

Peggy Pepper	JoAnn Gilbert
Loretta Warner	Doris Lovell
Kennedy Pepper	Bobbie Adcock
Ann Bush	Lloyd Adams

### Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright	Arvid McGuire
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Janice Cagle	Judy Vaughn
Ella Melvin	Jeanette Weir
Cornelia Pepper	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Matt Poff
Susan Cox	Brittany Bates Carter
Gene Carpenter	

### In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

*Norman Hamm*; Millenium - Huntsville

### Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Dorothy Draper, rm. 73	Eva Lovell, rm. 117
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77

### Limestone Health Facility:

Robert Beasley, rm. 110    Mot Beasley, rm. 110

### Shut-In or Away From Home:

Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge  
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor  
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison  
Bettye Harrison, Traditions  
Irene Inman, at home  
Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison  
Stan Stanford, at home  
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison  
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

### Updates:

**Donna Wright** will begin her treatments this week... **Justice Gentry** broke his foot while on vacation this past week... **Helen Blankenship** had a mini stroke last week and has been recovering... **Mot Beasley** spent several days in the hospital and is now at Limestone Health... **Barbara Ash's brother, Stephen Bassett**, had transplant surgery Friday night in Louisville, Kentucky.

**MYRTLE RUTH BARNETT (1936 – 2019):** We want to express our deepest sympathy *David Barnett* and *all the family* in the passing of Myrtle Ruth. Myrtle Ruth was a sweet, kind, and godly woman. She had endeared herself to all of us here in the last several months that she and David have been here. We are greatly saddened by her passing, but we have great hope for her in the life she lived. The funeral will be this afternoon at the Spry Funeral Home at 2:00. Her body will be laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS:** The *Parkway church* in Lawrence County will begin a meeting today. The speaker in the meeting will be *Jim Deason*...The *Jones Road church* will be engaged in a meeting this week through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Donnie Rader* will be doing the preaching...The *Russellville church* in Russellville will be engaged in a meeting this week through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Josh Creel* will be doing the preaching.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We want to congratulate *Hunter Cox* and *Heather Hammonds* on their marriage this past Friday evening. We wish the very best for them as they begin their lives together. May the Lord bless them.

**PICTURES:** We are in the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Pictures will be made in room 20 in the east wing.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible class will only be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Limestone Manor at 10:00 a.m.

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

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Hamms:* Joel, Sharma, Clayton & Ragan are in the Dominican Republic this week... *The Coxes:* Hunter & Heather are in Calgary, Alberta Canada this week... *Jim Whitt* is in Iowa with his work... *Chuck Stiles* is in the United Arab Emirates with his work... *The Bradleys:* Steve & Marilyn have been in Texas.

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

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for the week of July 7th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	139
	Morning Worship .....	190
	Evening Worship .....	131
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	121

## Men Privileged To Serve:

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Russell Melvin
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting .....	Larry Tucker
Serving .....	David Terry .....
	Sam Gregory
	Harold Davis .....
	Steve Usery
Closing Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin

### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader .....	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer .....	Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for the week of July 14<sup>th</sup>:

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

**Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader .....	Albert Haraway
Bible Reading .....	Danny Johnson
	Philippians 3:12-24
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Invitation .....	Marty Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Dan Reed

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting .....	Mike Ogles
Serving .....	Tommy Burns.....
	Landon Adams
	Matthew Vaughn... Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Coblentz

### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer .....	Keenon Currier

Other Assignments for the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>:

Ushers.....	Dwaine Allfrey/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System.....	Marty Adams