

# 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.....5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 p.m.

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## Parental Authority

**Wilson Adams**

What does it mean to assert parental authority? It doesn't mean being a drill-sergeant dad or a yelling mom.

It means...ensuring that the parent-child relationship takes priority over child-peer relationships (it means proactive responsibility over their connection to friends, social media, etc.).

It means...being the parent rather than their best friend (WARNING: your child will get mad at you. REALITY: They'll get over it).

It means...giving kids commands, not suggestions ("Mommy will be happy if you eat your vegetables" is a suggestion that doesn't "suggest" much of anything except the child won't be eating his vegetables and Mommy will remain unhappy).

It means...giving clear directives rather than questions ("Don't you want to pick up your toys?" I'm guessing the child has already answered that question. I'm also guessing the child will watch the parent pick up the toys).

It means...stopping the counting game ("I'm counting to three... 1, 2 (pause) 2 1/2 (longer pause), 2 3/4 (awkward pause)...") The counting game is exactly that — a game. Prepare to lose).

It means...rejecting the popular mantra: "Let the child decide." Okay, they will and their decisions won't be good for them, for you, or for anyone else.

Authoritative parenting requires....well, authority. It means establishing the boundaries of what is/isn't acceptable behavior and making them stick. When that happens something hardwired happens. The child expects dad and mom to be in control (God's natural order). However, if that doesn't happen (and the parent serves the child), God's authority order falls out of balance and the results will be pathetic.

Want to win your child's love and respect? Be the parent-authority God challenges you to be.

~via *Southport Bulletin*, Southport, Indiana.

# *Is Any Among You?*

**Bubba Garner**

“I’m spiritual, I’m just not into organized religion.” That is the approach of many religious people. Since their relationship with God is personal, they don’t think they need the church or anyone else in order to please the Lord. We have people at Southside who may not believe that, but certainly practice it. When you assemble occasionally, whenever it’s convenient or doesn’t interfere with your other plans, you are saying to the world and to your brethren, “I don’t need the church.”

Do you realize that there are some passages you cannot fulfill without the local church? We sometimes refer to them as the “one another” responsibilities. “Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another.” “Give preference to one another.” “Love one another.” When you’re just one, there is no another.

James asks three questions in James 5:13-14 that speak to this responsibility, even though he doesn’t use the phrase “one another.” He does not ask, “Are you suffering? Are you cheerful? Are you sick?” He begins each question with, “Is anyone among you...” The implication is: How would you know? If you’re never here or not involved with our people, how would you know who is suffering, cheerful, or sick?

I am certain that we have all three of those who have been handed a bulletin today. Let us encourage one another to look up for answers.

Is anyone among you suffering? Being a Christian does not eliminate suffering. It often magnifies it. This word used by James, also translated “afflicted,” speaks to bad experiences or outward circumstances that are unfavorable. Paul told Timothy to “suffer hardship with me” (2 Timothy 2:3) because he said, “I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal” (2:9). Is anyone afflicted by the circumstances of life or suffering for doing what is right?

“Let him pray.” We act like that says, “let him grumble and complain.” “Let him quit.” “Let him worry.” “Let him pray... after he’s tried everything else.” James’ solution is to first take it to the One who can change it. Pray for strength to endure. Pray for the right attitude. Pray for wisdom (James 1:5) and understanding. Pray for one another.

Is anyone among you cheerful? This is not someone who is simply happy. To be “cheerful” it to “be encouraged” or to “be of good heart” or to be “happy in spirit.” This word was used by Paul in Acts 27 when he told his fellow passengers to “keep up your courage” (27:22,25). The person who is cheerful was perhaps suffering, but they found the good in their circumstances.

“Let him sing praises.” Singing is another of our “one another” responsibilities. Again, this involves something we cannot accomplish alone. “Speaking to one another” (Ephesians 5:19). “Teaching and admonishing one another” (Colossians 3:16). And notice that we are not just to sing in our cheerfulness. But to sing praises. That is worship. Is anyone among you cheerful? Let him sing praises to Him “Who gives songs in the night” (Job 35:10).

Is anyone among you sick? “Let him call for the elders of the church.” Why the elders? What powers do they have? If “the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (James 5:16), what can the prayers of our seven shepherds accomplish! “And let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” As the Good Samaritan “poured oil and wine” on the wounds of the traveler (Luke 10:34), so medicine and prayer provide healing for the body and soul.

“And the Lord will raise him up.” The emphasis is on what God provides. You pray, you anoint with oil in the name of the Lord, but the Lord will raise him up. “And if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him” (James 5:15). Perhaps the sickness was brought on because of sin. Perhaps their suffering has awakened within them a desire to make sure their soul is healthy. Regardless of whether the sickness is physical or spiritual, God provides the cure.

What is the result? We can be a part of God’s working. “He who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins” (James 5:20). God saves. God forgives sin. God raises up. But He used us to accomplish His purposes.

Is anyone among you able to do that without the church?

*~via Southside church of Christ, Pasadena, Texas.*

## **Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## *Filling in the Blanks*

**Randy Yerby**

One of the first testing methods we're exposed to in grade school is fill in the blanks. I'm confident that most of us have left one of those lines blank when we turned our test into the teacher. Why was that answer left blank...because we probably didn't know the right answer. How many times have you attempted to answer a fill in the blank question and gotten it wrong? Plenty, right?

Yet, I believe we forget this margin of error when it comes to filling in the blanks in people's lives. We think we know how to fill in those blanks of knowledge, as we're assembling the "whole picture" of another person's life; never even imagining that we may be wrong. Do we think we know what a person is thinking, how they're feeling, what they're experiencing, by a post on Facebook, a Tweet, or a text? Maybe we hear something about someone, or we observe something about someone and we decide that we know more than the observation, or words reveal.

Let me simply caution myself and others that such activities may be sinful. We may be engaging in what Paul calls "...evil suspicions (evil surmising, KJV)..." (1 Timothy 6:4). I'm well aware of the context of this passage as Paul describes the characteristics of those who oppose truth. However, who can deny the, "controversy", the "dissension", the "constant friction", caused by those of us who engage in filling the blanks.

You may have noticed that I've included myself in this admonition. I do so, because I need to be constantly vigilant against allowing myself to drift into areas of presuming that I know something, with no evidence or only part of the story. Maybe before we "fill in the blank", we should have a conversation with the person or persons involved in order to get a more complete picture.

~via *West End Church*; Bowling Green, Kentucky.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Albert Haraway	Loretta Warner
JoAnn Gilbert	Bobbie Adcock
Doris Lovell	Sue Taylor

Ann Bush Lloyd Adams

Yvonne Strickland

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

Donna Wright 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 Gene Carpenter

Brittany Bates Carter Denny Smith

### ***In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:***

*Dwaine Alfrey*; Huntsville Hospital, STICU

*Norman Hamm*; Millenium - Huntsville

### ***Athens Health & Rehabilitation:***

Alvis McLemore, rm. 107 Flossie Smith, rm. 120

Mattie Murray, rm. 2 Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Dorothy Draper, rm. 73 Brenda Wilson, rm. 73

Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 Christine Hudson, rm. 77

Ann Bush, no visitors

### ***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:***

***Mot Beasley*** spent a few days in the Huntsville Hospital this past week...***Dwaine Alfrey*** was involved in a four wheeler accident on Thursday afternoon and is in the Huntsville hospital...***Marcus Morris*** had some oral work done on Wednesday and was unable to be at service...

***Larry Mitchell*** is waiting on word from the doctor about the heart procedure to determine a blockage.

**MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:** The *Men's Bible Class*, met this past Monday evening and the next meeting will be ***October 14th*** at 7:00 in the East Auditorium. We will be studying "***Eternity and Today.***"

**LADIES' BIBLE CLASS:** The *Ladies Bible Class* that meets monthly on the first Monday night will resume meeting in October.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS:** The *Ladies Bible Class* that meets on Tuesday morning will begin meeting the first Tuesday in October in the West Auditorium. On the second Tuesday morning of the month the class meets at the Limestone Manor.

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

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend out deepest sympathy to *Delmer Carter* and *all the family* in the passing of Delmer's brother, *Charles Carter*, this past Wednesday in Michigan. There will be no service for him. May the Lord bless this family at this time.

**OUR MEETING:** We had an excellent gospel meeting this past week with *Johnny Felker* preaching. We had a good number of visitors that came and joined us. We averaged 140 per service. I appreciate all the work that everyone did in inviting people to come, for the prayers that were prayed for the effort, and for the work the song leaders did in directing the singing. It was truly an uplifting time and good lessons from the word of God were presented.

**AWAY AT SCHOOL:** Remember our young people who are continuing their education in college:  
*Keenon Currier*, Auburn University  
*Clayton Hamm*, University of North Alabama  
*Griffin Holt*, University of Alabama  
*Elizabeth Usery*, Mississippi State University  
*Matthew Usery*, University of North Alabama

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Ashes:* *Harold and Barbara* are in Plainfield, Indiana visiting with family. *The Burns:* *Tommy and Susan* have been in Jackson Hole, Wyoming on vacation. *Joe Hinkle* is in Florida visiting with family. *Mike Ogles* continues to be working in Auburn. *Jim Whitt* returned home from Fort Riley, Kansas on Saturday morning and left this morning to go to Washington for an extended work project. *Marilyn Bradley* is in Houston, Texas.

**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 Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>:*  
 Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 145  
 Morning Worship ..... 192  
 Evening Worship ..... 144  
 Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 106

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

*Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Larry Tucker  
 Song Leader ..... Albert Haraway  
 Prayer..... Bill Eden  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Joel Hamm  
 Assisting ..... Terry Andrews  
 Serving ..... Landon Adams..... Charles Vaughn  
 ..... Kenneth Adams..... Heath Dollar  
 Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ogles

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Larry Tucker  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Keith Hinkle  
 Preaching..... Song Service  
 Lord's Supper ..... Joel Hamm  
 Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Ushers..... Christian Usery/Steve Bradley  
 Work Sound System..... Will Chumbley

*Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>:*

Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
 Bible Reading ..... Harold Ash  
 ..... Philemon 1:8-16  
 Prayer..... Terry Andrews  
 Invitation ..... Larry Holt  
 Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

*Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
 Prayer..... Keith Hinkle  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Russell Melvin  
 Assisting ..... Larry Tucker  
 Serving ..... Will Cumbley..... Matthew Vaughn  
 ..... Clayton Hamm ..... Matthew Usery  
 Closing Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer..... Marty Adams  
 Preaching.....  
 Lord's Supper ..... Russell Melvin  
 Closing Prayer ..... Keith Hinkle

Other Assignments for the week of September 29<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Marvin Putman/Russ Wulfekuhl  
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams