

# 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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## *Do Everything*

**Don Hooton**

Everything you do is something that truly interests God. If He is aware of how we worship which should be done in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24), He is equally interested that our life would be walked in His light (1John 1:7). This is not about perfect doing. Even Jesus said, "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.' " (Luke 17:10). This is meant, however, to be all-inclusive. Just as Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place" (Luke 21:32), everything God meant to fulfill in Jesus would be fulfilled in that generation. It was not just one aspect of His Messiahship; it was everything.

So, when we come to exhortations like, "Do all things without grumbling or complaining" (Philippians 2:14), what "things" are included? In fact, what things are excluded?

The dictionary says that grumbling is to "complain or protest about something in a bad-tempered but typically muted way" (dictionary.com) and the Cambridge dictionary adds, "to complain about someone or something in an annoyed way". And the word used in Scripture (gonguzo) emphasizes the "say anything in a long tone" when one is complaining.

The dictionary says that complaining is "to express dissatisfaction, pain, uneasiness, censure, resentment, or grief; find fault" (dictionary.com). And the word used in Scripture (dialogismos) is "more strongly a disputing" (Vine's) or "argument" (Bauer) translated elsewhere as dissension (1Timothy 2:8) which is "contentious quarreling" (Merriam-Webster).

So then, look at the following list from Luke Moyer that emphasizes the significance of the all things – the every thing – in which we should not grumble or complain.

- Pay your bills without grumbling or complaining
- Pay your taxes without grumbling or complaining
- Obey the president without grumbling or complaining
- Obey the police without grumbling or complaining

### 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*

- Obey your parents without grumbling or complaining
- Listen to your teacher without grumbling or complaining
- Listen to your politically opinionated neighbor without grumbling or complaining
- Listen to your wife without grumbling or complaining
- Play games without grumbling or complaining
- Surf facebook without grumbling or complaining
- Post on twitter without grumbling or complaining
- Comment on an annoying post without grumbling or complaining
- Talk to your husband without grumbling or complaining
- Chat with your friends without grumbling or complaining
- Pray to God without grumbling or complaining
- Take your kids to school without grumbling or complaining
- Take your kids to practice without grumbling or complaining
- Take the trash out without grumbling or complaining
- Fold the laundry without grumbling or complaining
- Cover your lazy co-worker's shift without grumbling or complaining
- Go to church without grumbling or complaining
- Study your Bible without grumbling or complaining
- Give to the poor without grumbling or complaining
- Give to the church without grumbling or complaining
- Protect the innocent without grumbling or complaining
- Love your neighbor without grumbling or complaining
- Do all things without grumbling or complaining.

Everything. What else can you think of – for you?

~via *The Hillside Reminder*; Greenville, Texas.



## *What Does God Want From Me?*

**Paul Earnhart**

In his little book, *Jesus Rediscovered*, Malcolm Muggeridge confided that his earliest memory was of walking down the road wearing someone else's hat and wondering who he was. In a real sense, the whole of humanity is walking down that same road, tormented by the same question. The question is built in; the answer is not.

In order to be whole we need to know who we are and what is expected of us, but only God knows that. Human beings, being creatures, cannot answer such questions. American poet Theodore Roethke expresses

in haunting words this profound human yearning:

*"I close my eyes to see,  
I bleed my bones their marrow to bestow  
Upon that God who knows what I would know."*

Denying the existence of God not only solves nothing but reduces us to utter meaninglessness. Accepting by faith that God exists and wants us to seek Him (Hebrews 11:6), and that God has spoken to us in His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2) opens up all kinds of blessed possibilities. It is wisdom to listen reverently and learn our duty well.

It is evident from the Bible's beginning that man, created in the image of God, was expected to honor his Creator with due reverence and worship Him in a divinely prescribed way. Cain could tell you about that (Genesis 4:3-5). Not everything goes. The foundation of worship had to be faith and the proper expression of faith was obedience (Hebrews 11:4). King Saul learned that lesson when he presumed to worship God in a way that violated His will. Samuel's rebuke tells the story: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice..." (1 Samuel 15:22).

The Old Testament prophets speak to our question often. When Israel sought to placate God with the multitude of their sacrifices, Micah told them straight out that God wanted more — "And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:6-8). To the hypocritical shallowness of their worship Isaiah and Amos and Jeremiah say the same (Isaiah 1:10-17; Amos 5:21-24; Jeremiah 7:21-23). Jesus echoes the prophets by His frequent quoting of Hosea: "For I desire mercy and not sacrifice and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings" (Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13; 12:7). What Jesus and the prophets were saying was not that the sacrificial offerings of the law (Leviticus) were unnecessary but that God's desire was for far more than that.

What is the lesson here? Do not try to turn God away from getting what He wants from us by offering the part for the whole — even actions that God has clearly required — frequent attendance at church assemblies (Hebrews 10:24,25), regular eating of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-29; Acts 2:42), communal prayers and spiritual singing (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 5:19,20) et. al. All these are to lead to

a higher purpose — our transformation into the image of God’s Son (Romans 8:29). What God wants is you and me, that which is expressed in the first and greatest commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength” (Mark 12:28-29). In short, God wants all there is of us, given gladly and freely in the same measure that He has poured Himself out on us.

~via *The Reminder*, Bellaire, Texas.



## Fully Convinced

Stacy D. Crim

How strong is your faith? “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

How strongly are you convinced of things not yet seen? Abraham is identified as the “father of us all” in Romans 4:16. Notice verses 17-22 as spoken of Abraham. “(as it is written, “*I have made you a father of many nations*”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “*So shall your descendants be.*” And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore “*it was accounted to him for righteousness.*”

Abraham was fully convinced that what God promised, God was going to do. There was no doubt in the mind of Abraham about God and His Word.

God has promised a heaven of rest for those who labor in His kingdom. (Hebrews 4:11) Are you fully convinced of heaven? Then you will also be fully persuaded to labor now to enter into that rest.

Our faith and labors = eternal life. (James 2:18).

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

# News & Notes...

## THE SICK:

Helen Blankenship	James Adams
David Terry	Marty Adams
Larry Mitchell	Minnie Carter
JoAnn Gilbert	Loretta Warner
Bobbie Adcock	Alvis McLemore
Doris Lovell	Yvonne Strickland
Ann Bush	Lloyd Adams
Amy Clark	

## 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
Carrie Warner	

## In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

*Norman Hamm*; Millenium - Huntsville

## Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Johnnie Liegeber, rm. 121
Brenda Wilson, rm. 73	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Connie Brock, rm. 62

## Limestone Health Facility:

Mot Beasley, rm. 105      Alice Roberson, rm. 49

## Shut-In or Away From Home:

Elease Barksdale, Limestone Lodge  
 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:

*David Terry* is at home following his hospitalization

for several days for tests. He is awaiting word from the tests ...*Marty Adams* has been recovering from his surgery he had done last Friday ...*Helen Blankenship* continues with her heart monitor She is to return to the doctor on Friday ...*James Adams* has been having back trouble and hurting down his leg...*Larry Mitchell* is at home following his heart surgery. He still does not need visitors... *Don Bates* whad injections in his he back on Tuesday ...*Kim Rogers niece, Carrie Warner*, has continued her treatments for cervical cancer this past week. This week will be the final week of treatments.

**PICTURES:** We are needing to finish the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. If you have not had your picture made yet or have not updated it please do so this week or next Pictures will be made in room 20 in the east wing.

**TUESDAYMORNING LADIES' CLASS:** The *Ladies Bible Class* that meets on Tuesday morning in the West Auditorium. They are studying "*Angels*".

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *New Georgia church* near Rogersville is scheduled to begin a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Thursday.. The speaker in this meeting will be *Tim Stevens*... The *Midway church* in Greenhill in Lauderdale county is scheduled to begin a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Drew Edwards*.

**AWAY AT SCHOOL:** Remember our young people who are continuing their education in college:  
*Kenneth Adams*, University of Alabama - Huntsville  
*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 Barb* will be leaving this week for their trip to Gulf Shores.... *Christian Usery* is in Long Beach, California with his work.

**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.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>:*

Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 140  
 Morning Worship ..... 187  
 Evening Worship ..... 124

Wednesday:  
 Bible Classes ..... 91

**Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.**

## Men Privileged To Serve:

*Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>:*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz  
 Song Leader ..... Albert Haraway  
 Prayer..... Tony Thomas  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Larry Tucker  
 Assisting ..... Mike Ogles  
 Serving ..... Sam Gregory .....Matthew Usery  
 .....Will Chumbley.....Kenneth Adams  
 Closing Prayer .....Jerry McGlocklin

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Marty Adams  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Larry Tucker  
 Closing Prayer ..... Terry Andrews

Other Assignments for the week of November 10<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Steve Bradley/Heath Dollar  
 Work Sound System.....Nathaniel Adams

*Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>:*

Song Leader ..... Larry Holt  
 Bible Reading ..... Joel Hamm  
 ..... Hebrews 4:1-10  
 Prayer..... Keith Hinkle  
 Invitation ..... David Cox  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

*Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>:*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Harold Ash  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Joel Hamm  
 Assisting ..... Albert Haraway  
 Serving ..... Clayton Hamm ...Matthew Vaughn  
 ..... Charles Vaughn ..... Harold Davis  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
 Song Leader ..... Bob Broadus  
 Prayer..... Kenneth Adams  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Joel Hamm  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz

Other Assignments for the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Nathaniel Adams/Russ Wulfekuhl  
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews