

# 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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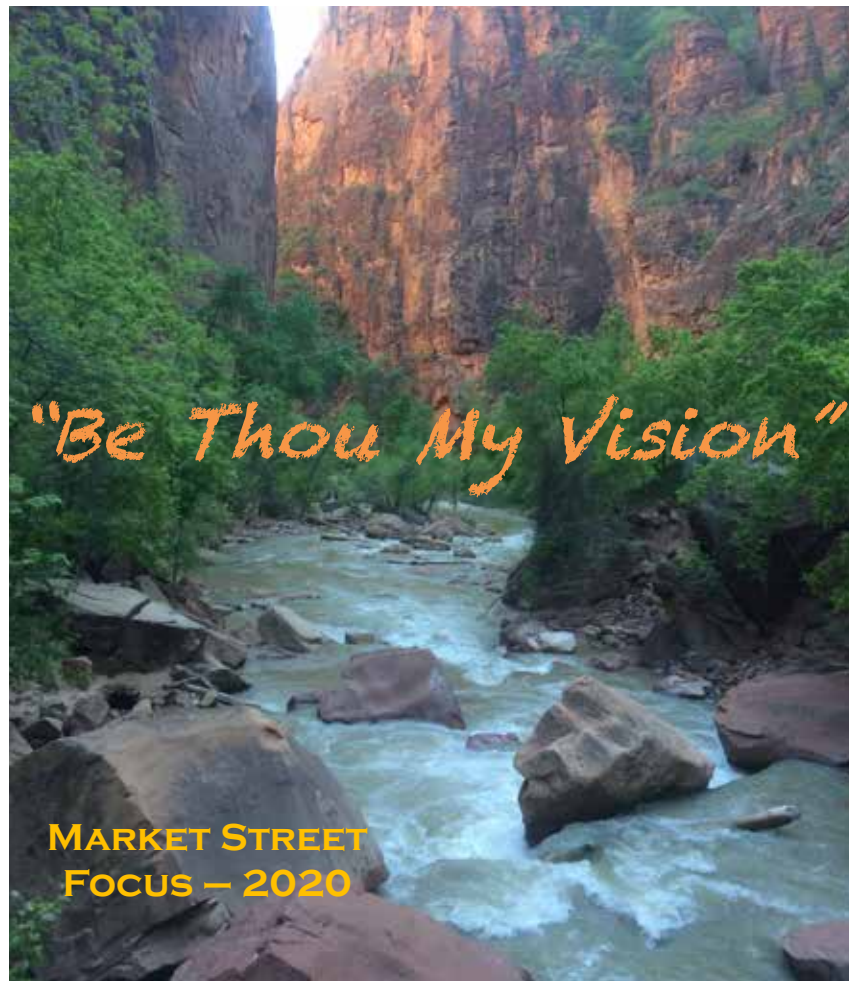
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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*



## *Be Thou My Vision*

**David A. Cox**

The focus for 2020 will be "Be Thou My Vision." As the people of God, we need to have a vision. The wise man said, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." As we look at following Jesus in our focus last year, we would say that Jesus certainly displayed great vision in doing the will of God. We would say that the vision of the Father was the vision of

the Son. We then must understand the vision of Jesus, and the Father should be our vision. It is with that in mind that we will focus on **“Be Thou My Vision.”**

There is a song in our book that beautifully states the attitude we should have as we make the Lord our vision. The words are:

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.*

*Be Thou my buckler, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower;  
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou my inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

- Dallan Forgaill

As we consider **“Be Thou My Vision,”** may we develop a strong faith that can see the grand scope in doing the will of the Lord in all things. Let us keep the vision of the Lord as our vision as we reach out to save lost souls, teaching, encouraging, giving and loving one another with the vision of the Lord. Let us develop the boldness and perseverance in making the Lord's vision, our vision.

## **Ninth Annual Singing**

February 28, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Wiley Deason & Johnny Felker



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## **How to Go Yonder and Worship**

Mark McCrary

*“Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”*  
(Genesis 22:5)

Worship is an integral part of our relationship with God. Our word worship comes from the old English word “worthship”—to consider something worthy of attention. The Greek word most often used for worship carries with it the idea “to kiss toward,” signifying a sense of love and devotion directed at an object. In our case, that object is God.

In Genesis 22, God directed Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. Of course, we know God never intended Abraham to actually carry out this direction; it was a test of his devotion, which he passed with flying colors. But, verse 5 tells us that Abraham considered this action as worship. We learn several things about worship from this texts.

**First, worship is an action.** It is something we do. Some have argued over the years that all of life is worship. Such is not the case. Worship is an activity we engage in with an eye toward pleasing God. Eating lunch is not worship. Breathing is not worship. Singing to Him is. Obeying Him is.

**Second, worship demands revelation.** In 22:2, God gave instructions to Abraham as to how to please Him. We cannot know how to worship—give love and devotion to God—unless He tells us. And, when He tells us, we can't ignore those instructions and still claim to honor Him in worship.

**Third, worship demands preparation** (22:3). Abraham rose early and got the needed things ready to worship God. Attention in worship to God is never haphazard. It is something we ought to think about and get ready for.

**Fourth, worship demands separation** (22:6). Abraham and Isaac separated themselves from those who might have distracted them from coming before God and obeying Him. Imagine what the men with him might have done when Abraham started to sacrifice Isaac. They likely would have tried to stop him. Do you allow people to get in the way of your worship to God—husband, wife, children or friends. Do you allow work or other

obligations to separate you from this most important aspect of your relationship to God? Separation may be in order, then.

**Fifth, worship requires dedication.** How must Abraham have felt when he heard the command of God in 22:2? Was he really supposed to love this God who had blessed him so and promised him so much more than his own son? The answer was yes, and he did. In truth, God expects all of us to put Him first in our lives (Matthew 22:37-38; 10:37). That means we must be more devoted to Him than anything else we can imagine. That's tough, but true worship means letting go and sacrificing to God—sacrificing our time, our energy

**Finally, worship results in adoration.** In 22:13-14, once his hand was stayed from killing his son, Abraham offered up a ram in worship to God. Think of how happy his heart must have been in that moment. Adoration flowed from Abraham. When we consider what we have gained from God through Christ, what we have been forgiven, and how much we have been loved, adoration ought to “go yonder and worship” as well.

Let's apply this to our lives. to us.

~via *Applying God's Word*; Louisville, Kentucky.

# News & Notes...

## THE SICK:

Jennifer Threet	Barbara Ash
Dale Adcock	Mildred Lambert
Tommy Greene	Janice Cagle
Vivki Stringer	Helen Blankenship
Minnie Carter	Beverly Sutton
Bobbie Adcock	Loretta Warner
Doris Lovell	JoAnn Gilbert
Alvis McLemore	Yvonne Strickland
Lloyd Adams	Ann Bush
Ann Bush	

## 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 Carrier
Matt Poff	Gene Carpenter
Brittany Bates Carter	Denny Smith
Carrie Warner	

## In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

*Arvid McGuire*; Athens-Limestone Hospital, rm. 203  
*Norman Hamm*; Millenium - Huntsville

## Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Johnnie Leigeber, rm. 45
Brenda Wilson, rm. 73	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Flossie Smith, rm. 96	

## Limestone Health Facility:

Mot Beasley, rm. 105	Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Virginia Meyer, rm. 99	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  
 Irene Inman, at home  
 Stan Stanford, at home  
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison  
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

## Updates:

*Charles Vaughn* continues to recover from his recent knee surgery... *Minnie Carter* spent several days this past week in the Huntsville Hospital with congestive heart failure and came home on Friday... Vicki Stringer completed her treatments on Tuesday of this week... *Arvid McGuire* is at home following his hospitalization for pneumonia.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS:** The *Ladies Bible Class* that meets on Tuesday morning in the West Auditorium, will resume their regular weekly meetings this Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

**THE MONTHLY LADIES' CLASS:** The *Ladies Bible Class* that meets monthly in homes will be meeting tomorrow night, Janaury 6th at 6:00.p.m. They will be meeting at Scottie Reed's home.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Brenda Jones* in the passing of his brother, *Michael Waddell*. The funeral was in Nashville on Thursday. He

was laid to rest in the Woodlawn Cemetery... Also, our sympathy goes to **Griffin and Addison Holt** in the passing of their grandfather, **Paul Barnett**. The graveside service was Saturday morning in the Limestone Memorial Gardens. May the Lord bless these families.

**THE NEWYEAR:** Today mark the first Lord's Day of 2020. No one know what the year will hold, but may each one of us determine to be faithful to God and use each day we have to bring honor to God and help others to do the same. Below you will find the poem that brother Rollings would recite each year at this time. I appreciate the thoughts and truths expressed within this poem. May we all do better with the time ahead of us.

*"I came to my teacher with quivering lips,  
My task undone;  
"Teacher hast thou another sheet for me?  
I have spoiled this one,"  
She took the old sheet, stained and blotted,  
And gave me a new one, clean, unspotted,  
And into my glad face smiled,  
"Do better this time, my child."*

*I came to the Father with a quivering heart,  
The old year done;  
"Father, hast thou another year for me?  
I have spoiled this one."  
He took the old year, stained and blotted,  
And gave me a new one, clean, unspotted,  
And into my glad heart smiled,  
"Do better this time, my child."*

**MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:** The *Men's Bible Class* will meet January 20th at 7:00p.m. We will be studying *"Be An Encourager"*.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Griswolds: Tim & Cind* are home after being on a trip in the western states.... *Tena Wells* is now back home after being away for the holidays.... *The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn* have been in Houston, Texas and are returning home... The Hamms: Joel, Sharma, Clayton & Ragan are back from their vacation in Florida.

**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:** *Average Attendance for 2019:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	136
	Morning Worship .....	177
	Evening Worship .....	125
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	102

## Men Privileged To Serve:

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>:**

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Larry Holt  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Joel Hamm  
 Assisting ..... Marcus Morris  
 Serving ..... Heath Dollar ..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
 ..... Roger Hammonds .. Danny Johnson  
 Closing Prayer ..... Terry Andrews

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Larry Holt  
 Song Leader ..... Allbertt Haraway  
 Prayer..... Marcus Morris  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Jowl Hamm  
 Closing Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for the week of January 5<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Steve Brdley/Marvin Putman  
 Work Sound System..... Marty Adams

**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader ..... Larry Holt  
 Bible Reading ..... Kenneth Adams  
 ..... Hebrews 7:11-19  
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell  
 Invitation ..... Harvey Nixon  
 Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>:**

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer..... Bill Eden  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Assisting ..... Terry Andrews  
 Serving ..... Sam Gregory ..... Tommy Burns  
 ..... Tim Griswold..... Harold Davis  
 Closing Prayer ..... Dan Reed

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Bob Broadus  
 Prayer..... Marty Adams  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Closing Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Danny Holt  
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams