

MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

Market Street church of Christ

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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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"Do Not Fear nor Be Afraid"

David A. Cox

"Be strong and of courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Are there things that you fear? Many things in this life cause men to fear or be afraid. Perhaps you are afraid of being alone. Afraid of losing your job. Afraid of failure of some kind in work or a task you set out to do that you cannot control. Afraid of economic collapse. As the people of God, we need to keep things in the context. The children of Israel were reminded by Moses of the promise of God and to "not fear nor be afraid." Why did Moses do this? He did it to remind the people of God not to allow the fears of what is happening around them to mature or develop fear and strangle their relationship with God. There are three things Moses tells them to do.

Be Strong and of Good Courage. The children of Israel had been told this by Moses earlier "... that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess" (Deuteronomy 11:8). Moses gives the reminder again in inaugurating Joshua to be the leader, "Be strong." As the children of Israel are preparing to enter the land, God tells Joshua, "Be strong and very courageous" (Joshua 1:6), and "Be strong and of good courage" (Joshua 1:9). We need to remind ourselves of the great confidence and courage we can have as we serve God and keep our relationship with Him strong. God will provide us with strength and courage, but we must build our faith to be strong. David said, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1). May we find through prayer, the study of God's word, and meditation of the things we learn to help us to grow in our strength and courage.

The Lord is with You. We need to let this thought sink in deep into our hearts. God is with you. God has declared this in the scriptures time and time again. A few of the scriptures that teach us this:

- “Am I a God near at hand, says the Lord, And not a God afar off?” (Jeremiah 23:23).
- “The Lord is near to all who call upon Him; To all who call upon Him in truth” (Psalm 145:18).
- “...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).
- “...so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us” (Acts 17:27).
- “Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:5-6).
- “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (James 4:8).

Remember the statements from the word of God. When someone opposes you, when life challenges us, and when we feel fear coming upon us, remember God is there with us.

God Will Be Faithful and Uphold Us. Moses reminds the people of God about His faithfulness and what God had said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” There are times in life when friends and family will let us down. There may be times when a brother or a sister does not stand with us, difficult situations show the character of a man, but God is always there. Remember, the Hebrew writer said, “The Lord is my helper, I will not fear” (13:6). Paul experienced this while in prison with a death sentence said, “At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me... But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me” (2 Timothy 4:16-17a). The scriptures are filled with examples of God’s help to His people in all aspects of their lives. God is indeed faithful. God will guide us, lead us, uphold us when we are weak, and will pick us up when we fall.

Many things in life will cause us to doubt and fear, but let us remember these three admonitions that Moses gave the children of Israel. Let’s focus on Him as our Savior; Jesus Christ gave us an example. Let us serve God with all the confidence and assurance we can have in Him.

Remember Our Facebook Study

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Market Street Private Group Page

April 15th — 1 Corinthians 16

Just Look Around

Eddie J. Caskey

Mark 9:14-29 tells of an encounter Jesus had with a man whose son was possessed by a terribly violent spirit. This spirit would seize him, throw him down, even into fires, make him foam at the mouth, gnash his teeth, and become rigid (18, 22). Jesus bore witness to this very thing in verse 20. This father begs Jesus to do whatever He can. “Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’” (23-25).

How often have we felt just as this man did? We are reasonably sure there is a God in Heaven, but still wrestle with nagging doubts. Even the staunchest Christian may find himself in need of reassurance when he is surrounded by an abundance of immorality, violence, and humanistic ways. In these moments we must review why we can have an unwavering confidence in God. Just as this father did, we must also ask for help in our unbelief. What can help our unbelief in such circumstances?

Consider the intricacies of the world we live in. This spectacular universe works in perfect harmony. This design declares plainly that there is a designer. It is not logical to consider all these things as being circumstantial and happenstance. Even the earliest and most primitive of mankind looked around and knew there was one higher and mightier than they. They felt compelled to worship and seek this being, though He may have been unknown to them. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world” (Psalm 19:1-4).

What requires more faith, really? To believe that there is a Supreme Architect who brought these things into reality, or to believe in a cosmic accident that assembled each and every aspect of the universe into perfect order? Friend, “the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness

and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:18-20).

We can have complete confidence in those things we believe. We need never doubt the existence of God, the accuracy of His holy scriptures, its application to our lives, or the certainty of the judgment to come. All we have to do is look around!

~via *Melrose Memo*; Richardson, Texas,



Endure

Dan Lankford

In December, a group of six men rowed across the Drake Passage—a 500-mile stretch of ocean from the southern tip of South America to the closest point in Antarctica. For 13 days straight, three men would row for 90 minutes while the others tried to rest in the cold and wet, and then they switched for the next 90 minutes. Forty-foot waves continually threatened to capsize the boat, the water temperature was only barely above freezing, and the men were delirious from sleep deprivation when they arrived. And yet, through all of the adversity, they endured. And they are the first men that anyone knows of to cross this particular portion of the world's oceans with only human power.

It is a remarkable story of endurance—one that shows what the human will and body are capable of when trained properly and pushed to their limits. And while it probably sounds utterly impossible [not to mention catastrophically miserable and nearly pointless] to most of us, the simple-sounding concept of endurance is one that is familiar to Bible believers.

Pages upon pages of the New Testament encourage Christians to endure through difficult passages of

our lives in Christ. They are written to Christians who faced every form of persecution, and the encouragement was the same every time: Always keep walking with the Lord. Don't give up and don't give in. Hold fast to your convictions and follow him as king in everything. When it hurts, when others falter, when you doubt, and when the world hates you because you stand for the truth... endure. Keep rowing.

"Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go. And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at your throne." (Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer by Keith Getty)

~via *Eastland church of Christ*, Louisville, Kentucky

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Harold Ash	Barb Ash
JoAnn Gilbert	Arvid McGuire
Bobbie Adcock	Doris Lovell
Loretta Warner	Alvis McLemore
Yvonne Strickland	Ann Bush
Lloyd Adams	Joyce Tucker
Jessica Bost	

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
Carrie Warner	Kevin Belue

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Marion Pepper; Athens-Limestone Hosp. – rm. 247
Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 33	Mattie Murray, rm. 2
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	

Limestone Health Facility:

Virginia Meyer, rm. 64 Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
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:

Harold & Barb Ash have been sick with the Coronavirus but they are improving each day. . . **Dale Adcock** was able to get in an air boot this week as she continues to recover from her surgery. . . **Larry Tucker's mom, Joyce Tucker**, is at home and they are staying with her now. They are making adjustments as needed. . . **Betty Lovell** is at home continuing her therapy and dialysis treatments. . . **Helen Blankenship's granddaughter, Jessica Bost** is now home from her therapy and is very much improve. . . **Jackie Cox's sister-in-law, Martha Morris**, is scheduled to have surgery to remove a cancer on Monday in Florence.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Theresa Tucker** in the passing of her aunt, **Evelyn Harrison**. Her funeral will be Tuesday afternoon. May Lord bless Theresa and all the family at this time of sorrow.

MAUVELINE (MOT) BEASLEY (1936–2020): It is with sadness that we note the passing of **Mot Beasley** early Saturday morning at the Athens-Limestone Hospital. Mot had been sick and unable to be out for some time. She and her husband, Robert, had been members of the church since 2006. Mot loved the Market Street church and missed being able to be at services. There will be a private visitation and graveside on Monday afternoon. We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Brad, Brian and all the family of Mot Beasley** in her passing.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS: The *Men's Bible Class* that was scheduled for this past Monday was postponed until Monday, May 18th. We will be studying "Say Thank You" It is episode 66.

PARKING LOT SERVICE: The church has obtained an FM-transmitter so that the church can assemble in the parking lot as weather permits on Sunday for worship. Hopefully, we will be able to gather together next Sunday morning at 10:30.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....
Song Leader
Prayer.....
Preaching.....
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....
Assisting
Serving
.....
Closing Prayer

Evening Worship

Announcements.....
Song Leader
Prayer.....
Preaching.....
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Other Assignments for the week of April 12th:

Ushers.....
Work Sound System.....

Wednesday, April 15th:

Song Leader
Bible Reading Hebrews 10:26-31
Prayer.....
Invitation.....
Closing Prayer

Sunday, April 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer..... Albert Haraway
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
Assisting Marcus Morris
Serving Roger Hammonds Harold Davis
..... Danny Johnson..... Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Albert Haraway
Prayer..... Landon Adams
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Other Assignments for the week of April 19th:

Ushers..... Russ Wulfekuhl/Danny Holt
Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews