

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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How to Get Through the Tough Times

David A. Cox

"Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1)

Life has its good, happy, and enjoyable moments, but Job writes this in a time when life was dealing him very tough circumstances. Job is correct; life is full of many troublesome days. When life sends us trouble, what are we to do? Many think that when times get hard and rough, you should take a detour. Job's friends and his wife were not of any encouragement to him and were telling him to check-out. Many times people do that very thing, but that is not what we learn from scripture. Let us consider what the scriptures teach us.

The Example of Job. Job was a man that suffered dreadfully in his life. Job was a man of integrity. God even asked Satan if he had noticed the faithfulness of Job (Job 1:8). Satan responded by accusing God of blessing Job with so much prosperity and ease of life that he had no reason to be unfaithful. Satan proposed that if Job suffered hard and difficult things in life that he would turn away from faithfully serving God. At this point, God allowed Satan to do as he pleased with Job. Job's life was plagued with many hardships and tragedies. Job lost all his livestock, and a windstorm demolished the house where his children were, and they died (Job 1:13-19). What was Job's reaction when his life took such a devastating turn? Did he quit serving God, or take a break in his loyalty to God? No!! In Job 1:22, we read, "In all this Job did not sin, nor charge God with wrong." What did Job do amid the calamity and anguish? "Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord' (Job 1:20-21).

How Can One Do As Job in the Face of Trouble? It is a matter of faith and trust in God and His promises. Job continued to rely on the promises of God during the time of wondering why is this happening. Let us notice three things that we see in Job as he faced trouble.

1. **Remember that God is working for me.** The statement Job made in Job 1:21, “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away” is a statement that shows Job’s faith in the overall providence of God. It is God who reigns and rules. God will not tempt us beyond our ability (1 Corinthians 10:13). Paul said, “If God is for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31). Job understood that God does not want us to fail, and he trusted in Him and His providence.
2. **Remember the Character of God.** Job held to the goodness of God in his life. We need to remember His love for us and what He has done for us that we can have a life free of all the trials and tribulations we have to endure. This life has tests, and we may not know the answers to them. But we know that God loves us and cares for us and “will work all things for good to them that love Him” (Romans 8:28). All things working for good may not be the way I think they should be, but God knows perfectly what is good, and I must trust Him. Job trusted and remembered the character of God.
3. **Remember, Life is Fleeting.** Job states that man is born “is of few days.” In going through trouble, it helps to remember that life is swift. Paul referred to trials in life as “but for a moment.” When times of trouble come, they will pass just as time passes. The saying “this soon shall pass” is so true. In this life, it may pass to something better, but some things are worse. Paul says that ultimately the “afflictions” we suffer works “for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Corinthians 4:16). Through the trials of life, let’s keep focussed on the ultimate goal of life.

When times get tough, remember God is working for me. Remember the character of God. Remember, life is fleeting. Call to your mind the words of the song,

*“Heaven will surely be worth it all,
worth all the sorrows that here befall.
After this life with all its strife,
Heaven will surely be worth it all.”*

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

on WVNN 770AM – 92.5 FM

8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.

The Past, Present and Future

Lyle A. Berry

Past — Having formerly been, gone by the time gone by. With each new day, we think of many things that have been or of the time gone by – deeds we have done. Words we have spoken, many times would have been better unsaid. We view the growth of the church, rejoice over those who have obeyed the gospel. We view the opportunities that we perhaps have overlooked. As we enter the new year, we may think more of the time that had passed. *“For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night”* (Psalm. 90:4). We can profit by our mistakes of the past. Many may think of their unsaved condition. *“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved”* (Jeremiah 8:20). Let us each be thankful we are numbered among the living, to look to a greater life in Christ. *“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold all things are become new”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Present — At this time, instant, or immediate. To-day is with us. Yesterday we called it tomorrow. We can work in the Lord’s vineyard. Jesus said: *“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work”* (John 9:4). We are in the day of opportunity. May we take advantage of the time we now have. *“Ye are the salt of the earth...”* (Matthew 5:13). *“Ye are the light of the world. City set on a hill cannot be hid”* (Matthew 5:14). Salt has saving qualities. Light reflects the Christian realities of a righteous life. In Matthew 6:19-20, Jesus taught we are to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. While we enjoy life, it is also the time to prepare for eternity. *“...behold, now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation”* (2 Corinthians 6:2). *“Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present world”* (Titus 2:12). It is by the favor of God that man can be saved, but this shows man must do something in order to obtain salvation. This must be done now. *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us”* (Romans 8:18). We cannot afford to let the things of the world keep us from obeying the Lord. *“Not every one*

that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all that obey him" (Hebrews 5:9). Why not obey the gospel now? Tomorrow may be too late. Do you know of a better way to begin the year ahead?

Future — Time to come. We must plan as if we will live forever and live as if it were our last day. The Christian has a hope. *"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable"* (1 Corinthians 15:19). In Acts 1:11, the angel said Jesus would come again. *"To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you"* (1 Peter 1:4). A home in heaven is for those who love and serve the Lord. We look by the eye of faith to the city whose builder is God. As we look to the year ahead, we look forward to seeing our friends obey the gospel, that much good will come from the preaching of the gospel. We hope and pray that many will be converted. Too many today seek great numbers and seek many ways to attract people. We must not lose our cool. Our zeal must not overcome our knowledge. We must seek true conversion, stay with the truth, work together for good, in love for the souls of men. *"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses"* (1 Timothy 6:12). In 2 Timothy 4:7-8, Paul calls our attention to the crown of righteousness, the Lord will give to the faithful. May we all work together in love in this present time, and look to the future — toward our eternal home.

~via *Echo of Truth*; Olney, Illinois.

Editors Note: The above article was written by **Lyle Berry**. Brother Berry was the father of sister **Doris Fisher** and the grandfather of **Brenda Haraway**. This article is taken from the church bulletin of the Olney church in Olney, Illinois. Brother Berry passed away on September 19, 1994. His body was laid to rest in the Haven Hill Cemetery. Brother Berry preached for 65 to 70 years in southern Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana. One of the elders of the church at Olney, when this article appeared in the bulletin, was our own **Harold Ash**.

Remember Our Facebook Study

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.
Market Street Private Group Page
April 22nd — The Stages of Life

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

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

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:

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. 69	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:

Helen Blankenship fell Monday and hit her head. She spent a few days in the Huntsville Hospital. She had tests done while she was there. They gave her vitamin B-12 and she was sent home on Friday**Larry Tucker's mom, Joyce Tucker**, continues at home as she battles with her cancer. ...**Betty Lovell** received word on

Monday that she would not require to continue dialysis any longer. She continues her therapy at home and is making good progress.

THANKYOU NOTE: Below is a thank you note that **Betty Lovell** gave to me for the church at Market Street.

I would like to thank everybody, for all the prayers, cards, food and the men that built me a ramp so I could go to dialysis. The Lord has been with me.

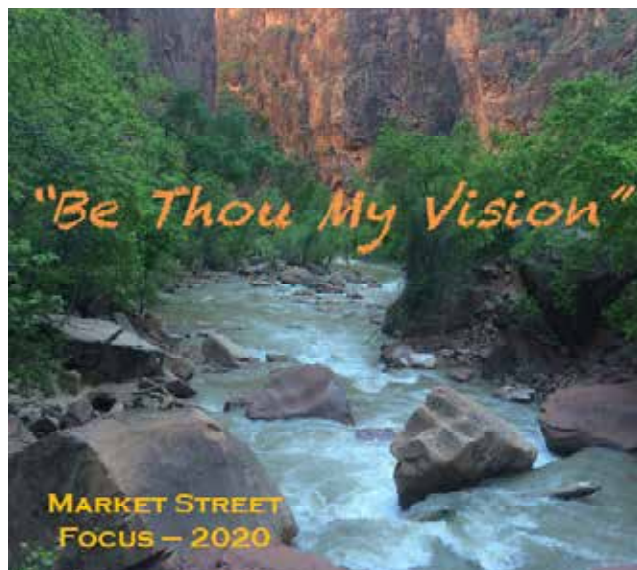
MEN'S BIBLE CLASS: The *Men's Bible Class* that was scheduled for this past Monday was postponed until Monday, May 18th. We will be studying "*Say Thank You*" It is episode 66.

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. Weather permitting we will be able to do this next Sunday morning at 10:30.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Stiles:* *Chuck & Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi with Chuck's work... *Christian Usery* continues his nursing work in Long Beach, California.

CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET:

From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice activated, so this will require you to say something and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delay in the start up of the message.



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer.....
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....
Assisting
Serving Matthew Vaughn..... Marcus Morris
..... Charles Vaughn Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer

Evening Worship

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

Other Assignments for the week of April 26th:

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

Wednesday, April 29th:

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

Sunday, May 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Larry Holt
Prayer..... Larry Mitchell
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
Assisting Mike Ogles
Serving Kenneth Adams..... Clayton Hamm
..... Heath Dollar Harold Davis
Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Albert Haraway
Prayer..... Larry Holt
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds

Other Assignments for the week of May 3rd:

Ushers..... Steve Bradley/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System..... Marty Adams