

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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What Is Your Life?

David A. Cox

"For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time then vanishes away" (James 4:14).

James reminds us that life is very short. He describes it as a vapor. Think of how quickly a vapor disappears. Often we think of life as a long time, but in actuality, it is brief and fleeting. Job speaking of man's life said, "is of few days" (Job 14:2). David speaking of life said, "there is but a step between me and death" (1 Samuel 20:3). These thoughts ought to make us consider that life is not about the quantity of days, but the quality of days. With that in mind, let us consider:

Do Not Take Life for Granted. If we live to be 70, 80, 90, or even beyond, life is still brief. The psalmist refers to it "as a tale that is told." (Psalm 90:9, KJV). What is the tale that is being told by your life? Is the "tale" one of pursuing after the material things of life at any expense? Is it living and putting off the things you ought to be doing by thinking there will be time for that later? We must understand that no one is promised anytime in the future. All we have is the present time. Let us not take for granted the time we have and waste the opportunities before us.

Do Not Live On the Ugly Side of Life. Because life is brief, it should cause me to focus on the good things and not the bad. Many live and only see the bad and miss the beauty that surrounds them. There are skeptics and cynics whose lives are filled with boredom and despair. Those that live in life as victims spending their lives in self-pity or bitterness. People that live in anger and looking for a way to revenge. Proudful people never happy unless everyone is showing them with honor and praise. Life is way to short to live in such a way. As people desiring to please God, we should forgive others, because we are forgiven. Our lives should mend quarrels and help others to see the bright side of life. Life is short, let us live our lives, extending love, mercy, compassion, concern, and help to others. May our lives be an example of living as Christ desires us to live.

Remember This Life is Not All. Many live with the idea that this

life is all there is. The prosperous farmer in Luke 12, whose lands brought him many blessings, but in all the planning and work in life, he forgot about God. The rich young ruler who turns away from Jesus because he is unwilling to forfeit anything in this life.

In 1932, Robert H. Smith wrote the following poem titled "*The Clock of Life*":

*"The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.*

*To lose one's wealth is sad indeed.
To lose one's health is more.
To lose one's soul is such a loss,
That no man can restore."*

*Today only is our own.
So live, love, and toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow,
For the clock may soon be still.*



Made In God's Image

Mark McCrary

In journalism school, I learned there are 5 basic questions that need to be answered in a story: who, what, when, where & why. Answer those, and you've given readers information they can actually use.

There is no more iconic opening of a book ever written than that of Genesis 1, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." That is a journalistic dream, ticking off those basic questions not in a 500 word or 5-page article, but in one simple, memorable, timeless sentence:

- Who? God
- What? Created
- When? In the beginning
- Where? The heavens and the earth

But, you may notice one question is not answered... why? Why did God create everything? Reading through

Genesis 1, we notice that God did several things: He made a universe, made a planet, prepared that planet and then placed life on that planet. Life was first made in the form of plants, then animals (both water and land animals). But, the climax of all creation is found in verses 26-27, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So, God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Why did God create everything? To make mankind. To make us. We are the point of all creation. Think about that one for a while.

But, that's not the only "why" that can be asked. Why did God make us? The answer from verse 26 is clear—to bear His image and likeness. That's a deep concept; what does it mean? On one hand, it suggests to us that God wanted someone similar to Him with whom He could extend fellowship and relation. This is something that could not be acted upon with animals—who, along with all of creation, are for us. We, however, are for God; there is something uniquely and intrinsically suited about us for fellowship with Him. We, like God (and unlike animals) are moral beings.

Others have suggested, however, another idea: just as an image represents the image bearer, so mankind (us!), made in God's image, has the duty to represent God to the world. Think about that one. We have the duty to represent God's holiness, justice, mercy and grace and everything else that is God to the world. "You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:45).

So, which is it? I don't know, but both are intriguing, possible and necessary for us today. You and I can have an intimate relationship with God, and we have a duty to live in such a way as to positively represent Him in the world.

Let's apply that to our lives.

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

Remember Our Study Period

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

A Faith That Dwelt First In...

Jason Hardin

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well."
(2 Timothy 1:5)

Two books in the New Testament of the Bible bear his name. As a young man, he had been "well spoken of" by disciples of Jesus at Lystra and Iconium (Acts 16:2). He accompanied the apostle Paul on evangelistic journeys far away from home. He was eventually urged by Paul to remain at Ephesus "so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine" (1 Timothy 1:3). He had been charged "in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word" (2 Timothy 4:1-2). But before all of this, there was a mother and a grandmother.

Timothy's faith had grown to be sincere. He was a genuine believer, fully assured in what he was hoping for and personally convicted of things he had not seen. But 2 Timothy 1:5 specifically draws our attention to the roots of Timothy's faith—a faith that dwelt first in his grandmother and mother.

Faith is most certainly personal. You cannot have faith for someone else. We each must grow to be personally assured of things hoped for, individually convicted of things not seen. But when genuine trust in God is consistently modeled and the substance of faith is diligently taught, the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ can ignite in the hearts of others. That's what had happened in young Timothy—grandson of Lois, son of Eunice—to such a degree that Paul could write, "I am sure sincere faith dwells in you also."

Here's a question worth thinking about today and this week: what can you do to impact potential faith or strengthen existing faith in the heart of someone else? Who can you pray for? Who could use a word of encouragement? Whose spirit could be lifted by a note of appreciation? Who is going through a particularly difficult time right now? Who could use a listening ear? Who recently responded to the gospel? Who might be on the verge of turning to Jesus? If you're a parent, what little seed of faith can you plant or water in the hearts of your children today? If you're a grandparent, how can

you reinforce faith in the hearts of your grandchildren this week?

The same assurance and conviction that dwells in you today can blossom as sincere faith in the heart of someone else in the days, weeks, months, years, and decades to come. Ten thousand years from now, what will have been more worthwhile than that?

~via *Charlestown Road church of Christ*; New Albany, Indiana.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Marion Mitchell	Sherry Davis
Helen Blankenship	JoAnn Gilbert
Bobbie Adcock	Loretta Warner
Doris Lovell	Alvis McLemore
Ann Bush	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 Carrier
Matt Poff	Gene Carpenter
Carrie Warner	Kevin Belue
Lloyd Adams	Joan Carpenter

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Elease Barksdale, rm. 106
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Mattie Murray, rm. 2
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77

Limestone Health Facility:

Virginia Meyer, rm. 69	Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	

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
Irene Inman, at home

Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Elise Barksdale suffered a stroke on Tuesday of this past week. She is in the Restore Rehabilitation ... **Marion Mitchell** is at home after suffering a light stroke and will be doing therapy ... **Alvis McLemore** is not doing well and continues at home ... **Sherry Davis** continues her recovery at home. She is to return to the doctor on Tuesday... **Tena Wells' granddaughter, Tessa Bacci**, has spent a few days in NICU in Nashville. She is doing better now... **Larry Tucker's mom, Joyce Tucker**, is not doing well at all and the family is with her around the clock ... **Betty Lovell** continues her therapy at home.

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

CONFESSION: Last Sunday morning, **Jennifer Threet** came forward asking for prayers for strength in living the life of a Christian. May we all encourage Jennifer as she has and will encourage us in living as a disciple of Christ.

GRENADA TRIP: There are several supplies that we will be shipping down to Grenada this week for the VBS in July. Some of you have expressed interest in helping to send supplies that are needed. Below I am giving a list of some of the things that will be needed:

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| Writing pads | Pens |
| Pencils | Highlighters |
| Crayons | Glue/GlueSticks |
| Permanent Markers | White board markers |
| Copy Paper | Scissors |
| Liquid Hand Soap | Pocket Folders |
| Hand Sanitizer | First Aid Supplies |
| Bibles | Playdough |
| Towels/Tissue | Copies of The Big Picture |

I appreciate several of you who have participated in this by purchasing supplies and bringing them to the building, and others who have given money to purchase the items to be sent. If you have any items that you want to be sent down they will need to be at the building on Tuesday. The shipping company will come on Wednesday to bring 77-gallon drum to be packed and shipped.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of May 24th:

Sunday: Bible Classes
 Morning Worship 123
 Evening Worship 80
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 78

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 31st:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Dwaine Allfrey
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting Marcus Morris
 Serving Landon Adams..... Keenon Currier
 Danny Johnson..... Marvin Putman
 Closing Prayer Tony Thomas

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Harold Ash
 Preaching..... Nathaniel Adams
 Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Other Assignments for the week of May 31st:

Ushers..... RussWulfekuhl/Heath Dollar
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

Wednesday, June 3rd:

Song Leader Griffin Holt
 Bible Reading Larry Holt
 Hebrews 11:13-29
 Prayer..... Joel Hamm
 Invitation..... David Cox
 Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Sunday, June 7th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Albert Haraway
 Song Leader Larry Holt
 Prayer..... Bob Broadus
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Bill Eden
 Assisting Tony Thomas
 Serving Harold Ash..... Tim Griswold
 Keith Hinkle Larry Tucker
 Closing Prayer Tony Thomas

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Albert Haraway
 Song Leader Griffin Holt
 Prayer..... Joel Hamm
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Bill Eden
 Closing Prayer Harvey Nixon

Other Assignments for the week of June 7th:

Ushers..... Tommy Coblentz/Hunter Cox
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt