

# 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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## *A Father's Missions*

**Mark McCrary**

*"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him" (Genesis 18:19)*

Abraham was a man with a mission-- he just didn't fully understand how big of a mission his would be. It was a mission that would carry on for generations. From him would come a great people, a great nation, and eventually, a great Savior. He literally had no clue how important he, his role and his faithfulness would be for all of mankind. But, God did. He gave a "purpose statement" of Abraham's life: he was known by God to guide his family to serve God and "to do righteousness and justice."

If you think about it, fathers today have a somewhat similar charge. Theirs' isn't quite so grand-- each father's actions won't impact the whole world, but they will impact the lives of their children or their children's children for years to come. Therefore, the purpose statement God had for Abraham is a good one for fathers to consider today.

Fathers are to know the Lord. Actually, the statement is that the LORD knew Abraham, but this knowing was a two-way street. God knew Abraham, and Abraham knew the LORD. This really is the foundational necessity for fathers with lasting legacies — they must know God. This is more than being aware of certain information about God; it is delving head-first into a relationship with the Creator. It is structuring life around Him and His will, submitting personal desires to His interest and committing oneself wholly to His pleasures. It is loving the Lord "with all your heart, soul and mind" (Matthew 22:37). Without such dedication, dads, any successes we seem to have will only be fleeting, and not eternal.

Fathers are to command their families. Fathers who are so dedicated to the LORD will naturally want to see such dedication passed on to their children. They will not only live that dedication, they will encourage their families to live that way as well. They will teach, they will model, they will

instruct. Passages like Deuteronomy 6:6-9 and Ephesians 5:22-6:4 will be on their minds regularly. As a result, they will lead their wife and children not only in devotion to the LORD, but also in proper behavior to their fellow man — “righteousness and justice.” They will lead their families and not be afraid to make difficult decisions with love and goodwill toward all.

In doing so, fathers bring God’s blessings on themselves and those they love. They can die in peace knowing they have done what they could to secure a good future for those who follow after them.

Such was the legacy of Abraham. Such should be the legacy of every father.

Let’s apply this to our lives.

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



## *The Spiritual Essentials*

**Brent Lewis**

During some of the most intense public discussions of the COVID-19 ordeal, there was much controversy about what is essential. Who are essential workers? What jobs are essential? What businesses and services are essential? But let’s consider some spiritual essentials in our life?

The non-spiritual essentials are important and should not be minimized; consideration should be given to each topic. However, this article is to opine on what are the spiritual essentials in our life.

Everyone agrees there are several things in life which are essential. Food to eat and a place to sleep. A place to call home as well as a source of income. Interaction with family and friends, both in the community and in the church. Equally important are some critical spiritual essentials.

During this period of time people have searched for ways to satisfy this essential aspect of life. They have

set up online Bible studies and video chat discussions. Virtual religious services and “meeting places” were created to satisfy the need to worship and assembly with fellow believers.

God has not left mankind to guess what are the essential requirements for serving Him, obeying Him and pleasing Him. He told two different prophets, several centuries apart, to tell the children of Israel what He required or considered essential spiritually.

When the children of Israel were on the east side of the Jordan, Moses told this mass of people, “... what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the Lord’s commandment and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good” (Deuteronomy 10:12, 13). Warning Israel before they went into captivity, the prophet Micah (6:8) spoke to his generation God’s message. “And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

Some essential requirements emerge when combining these two passages. God expects people to love Him, to fear (or respect) Him, to serve Him, to keep His commandments, to do justice and kindness to each other, and to walk humbly in all His ways. These essentials are necessary regardless of one’s circumstances in life, age or residence.

For our current generation, these spiritual essentials have not changed. They are as essential today as they were when Jesus walked on the earth. Jesus summarizes what God said through these two prophets, “Love God and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). These spiritual essentials provide instructions to those who want to be living God’s way.

~via *Chiefland Church Bulletin*; Chiefland, Florida.

## **Beacon of Truth**

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

on WVNN 770AM – 92.5 FM

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

**MARKET STREET  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

# Four Conditions & Three Blessings

Rick Lanning

*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

Do you know what is going on when God makes this famous quote? Solomon has just spent years building the spectacular Temple to God and dedicated it with the sacrifice of 22,000 bulls and 120,000 sheep! The entire nation of Israel was on hand to witness this historic event and to hear this famous wise man offer a prayer for God to always bless His people in this place. Jehovah answers that He indeed will... if the king remains faithful, and if the people refuse to bow to false gods. If the nation does wander into sin and receives a curse of famine or pestilence, and if they then follow the four conditions laid out in this verse, then God will hear and return to them three blessings. What He said to "My people" then, He still repeats to "My people" today. Pay attention. Each of these conditions are still part of our salvation.

Condition 1: *"humble themselves."* Humility is always God's first demand in all situations of forgiveness. No humility, no forgiveness. "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble... Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up" (James 4:7-10).

Condition 2: *"and pray."* No child of God has ever been forgiven without petitioning Him for His grace and mercy (Hebrews 4:14-16). John put it bluntly: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Condition 3: *"and seek My face."* This is more, far more, than prayer, it is a desire for intimate fellowship with our Maker. Fellowship is a sacred closeness. I yearn for unity and oneness as a son with my Father. David said it beautifully: "When You said, 'Seek My face,' My heart said to You, 'Your face, LORD, I will seek.' Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation" (Psalm 27:8-9).

Condition 4: *"and turn from their wicked ways."* Stop sinning! Start living... for God's glory! This is Biblical repentance based on "godly sorrow leading to salvation not to be regretted" (2 Corinthians 7:9-11). You will never regret turning from your wicked ways. Never!

Three Blessings follow God's conditions: 1. I will hear from heaven. 2. I will forgive their sin. 3. I will heal their land. Do you believe God is a promise keeper? If so, today, right now, while you are thinking about your stricken conscience caused by sin(s), humble yourself, pray, seek God's face, and turn from your wicked ways. That done, receive the promised blessings of answered prayer, forgiveness and healing. Trust me, you will never be at peace with God, or yourself, until you do.

~via *Northwest Bulletin*; New Hope, Minnesota.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Marion Mitchell  
Sherry Davis  
Bobbie Adcock  
Doris Lovell  
Tessa Bacci  
John Lovell

Mitzi Carruth  
JoAnn Gilbert  
Loretta Warner  
Ann Bush  
Para Stewart  
Dee Bowman

### Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright  
Nikki Ogles  
Lona Jackson  
Judy Vaughn  
Jeanette Weir  
Wayne Wooldridge  
Kenneth Fisher  
Charles Burns  
Phillip Harwell  
Matt Poff  
Carrie Warner  
Joan Carpenter

Freddie Mae Elmore  
Anita Wheeler  
Janice Cagle  
Ella Melvin  
Cornelia Pepper  
Cindy Walker  
Al Pollard  
David Collier  
Una King Currier  
Gene Carpenter  
Lloyd Adams

### In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

### Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15  
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7  
Connie Brock, rm. 62  
Christine Hudson, rm. 77  
Elease Barksdale, rm. 22A  
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77  
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36

**Limestone Health Facility:**

Virginia Meyer, rm. 69 Bettye Harrison, rm. 59  
Frances Bowers, rm. 114 Alice Roberson, rm. 49

**Shut-In or Away From Home:**

Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge  
Marci Bassett, 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:**

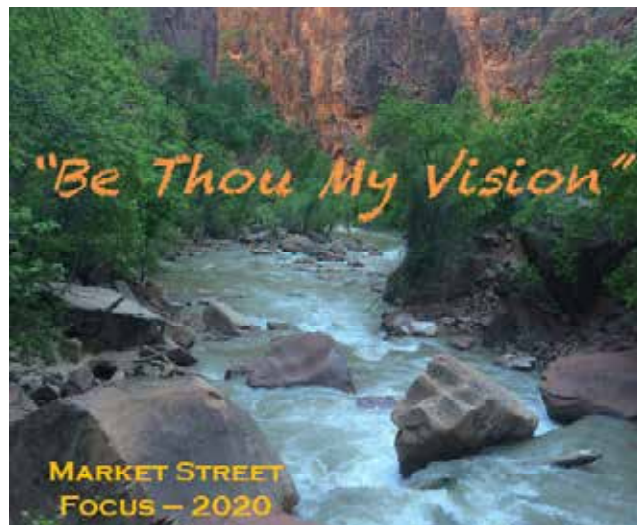
**Mitzi Carruth** had surgery this week on her hand...  
**Marion Mitchell** completed his home therapy this week...  
**Dan Lovell** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Tuesday...  
**Steve Usery** is scheduled for oral surgery July 1<sup>st</sup> for his implants...  
**Vicki Stringer** had a series of infusion treatments this past week...  
**Joe Hinkle** has been having trouble with his blood pressure and is to go to see his heart doctor ...  
**Betty Lovell** has received a good report from her recent test.

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

**MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:** The *Men's Bible Class* is scheduled for Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will do *Excel Still More*, episode 22, "**Let's Save Everyone.**"  
**Joel Hamm** will be teaching the class.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of June 14<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday: Bible Classes .....  
Morning Worship ..... 144  
Evening Worship ..... 97  
Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 85



**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer..... Marty Adams  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Harvey Nixon  
Assisting ..... Albert Haraway  
Serving ..... Kenneth Adams..... Mike Ogles  
..... Sam Gregory ..... Tony Thomas  
Closing Prayer ..... Keenon Currier

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Larry Holt  
Prayer..... Kenneth Smith  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Harvey Nixon  
Closing Prayer ..... Bill Eden

Other Assignments for the week of June 21<sup>st</sup>:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Marcus Morris  
Work Sound System..... Landon Adams

**Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader ..... Albert Haraway  
Bible Reading ..... Steve Usery  
..... Hebrews 12:18-29  
Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams  
Invitation ..... Tim Griswold  
Closing Prayer ..... Danny Holt

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Larry Holt  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer..... Marcus Morris  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Larry Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Joel Hamm  
Serving ..... Harold Davis ..... Clayton Hamm  
..... Matthew Usery..... Marty Adams  
Closing Prayer ..... Roger Hammonds

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Larry Holt  
Song Leader ..... Albert Haraway  
Prayer..... Landon Adams  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Larry Mitchell  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ogles

Other Assignments for the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Steve Bradley/Danny Johnson  
Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews