

# 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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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

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## Guarding My Tongue

David A. Cox

James describes the tongue as “an unruly evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:18). Indeed, the tongue can do a great deal of harm and cause much unhappiness. James tells us earlier, “If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is useless” (James 1:26). Proverbs 21:23 tells us that “Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.” Without a doubt, we see that keeping our tongue is imperative if we are to please God. Now, let us notice some ways that we should keep our tongue.

**Keep Our Speech from Tattling and Talebearing.** Paul told Timothy that the young widows, if they did not marry, would become idle, tattlers and busybodies that speak things which they ought not (1 Timothy 5:13). Paul, writing to the Thessalonians, described busybodies as walking disorderly (2 Thessalonians 3:11). Peter stated that a Christian should not “suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters” (1 Peter 4:15). Guarding our tongues will help us not to be guilty of being busybodies and talebearers. In Proverbs 11:13, we learn that those of a faithful spirit will not reveal secrets of other men’s matters, as a talebearer does.

**Keep Our Speech Pure and Uncorrupted.** Paul writes to Titus, reminding him to exhort the young men to have sound speech that no one may find a reason to find fault with us due to our speech. (Titus 2:8). Paul told the Ephesians to “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth” (Ephesians 4:29), so here is a must in keeping a guard on our tongue. The Greek word (sapos) translated here “corrupt” is defined by W. E. Vine as “rotten,” “unfit for use,” “putrid.” From this definition, we learn that our tongues should be kept from using any language that is filthy and useless. Vulgar, profane, and by-words have no place coming from the mouth of the child of God, not even during times of persecution (Romans 12:14). James tells us that with the tongue we bless God and with the same tongue, we curse men who are made in the image (likeness) of God (James 3:9). In verse 10, he continues, “out of the same mouth

proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so." Profanity is not a mark of toughness or intelligence. Instead, it shows the weakness of those that profane God's name to gain acceptance by those in the world. It actually shows ignorance rather than intelligence by the lacking of an adequate vocabulary. There is just nothing good about profanity, it is sinful, and as Christians, we should hate it! May we join David as he said, "Let the words of my mouth, and the mediation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

**Keep Our Tongue from Contentious Speech.** There is corrective speech, and we must understand that this is not the kind of speech that is under consideration here. There are times that corrections need to be made, but we do not want our words and speech to be contentious in those times. It would help if everyone remembered the admonition to "be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19). The key to this is to think before you speak. If one thinks before he speaks, it will help them to give an answer that is tender and not to provoke and stir up anger. Solomon said, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Proverbs 25:11). So, in our lives may our speech will "always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6).

The tongue can cause misery, ruin influence, cause strife, division, and many other hurtful circumstances in life. As we guard our tongues, may we have the conviction that David had as he said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, while the wicked are before me" (Psalm 39:1).

## **Beacon of Truth**

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

on WVNN 770AM – 92.5 FM

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

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## ***When We're Baptized***

**Leland R. Ping**

The reasons to be baptized are innumerable. Wanting to be saved, wanting to avoid hell, and wanting to please the Creator are just some of the many reasons to obey the gospel of Christ. When we choose to serve God by being baptized, there are equally innumerable benefits. At Pentecost, the inspired apostle Peter commanded those who heard that first gospel sermon to "repent... and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). Luke records for us what happened next and in those passages we find so many of the benefits afforded to Christians.

First and foremost, being baptized allows us to receive the "remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Many religious groups teach that a person is saved prior to baptism but this scripture clearly teaches the opposite: baptism is necessary for salvation. Furthermore, being baptized comes with a great gift: the Holy Spirit. There is certainly a considerable amount of debate that has occurred through the years on what the gift is. In many ways, the discussions and disagreements among such "debate participants" isn't all that important. What is important, though, is that with any gift, even if it's unknown, we should be thankful for it. One thing is for absolute sure: the Holy Spirit which serves as a Comforter and Helper is a gift only to those who have been baptized.

As Luke continues, he also mentions that these new converts to Christianity "praised" God (Acts 2:47). The privilege to praise God is something we ought to not ever take for granted. The Creator of the world allows us to come before His great and majestic throne and personally tell Him how wonderful He is and how much we appreciate His kindness toward us. It's one thing to "know" God while not being one of His children but it's an entirely different thing altogether to consider being His servant and praising Him for all His good.

Finally, being baptized means that our Lord "adds" us to the church which Christ Jesus Himself died for and purchased with His blood (Acts 2:27). The church is the single most important institution in the world. Being baptized into Christ Jesus translates into being members of that organization which the scriptures teach is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). Of all the clubs, organizations, institutions, or groups we can be a part of, nothing compares to Christ's church! If you've

been baptized, you already know what a privilege it is. If you aren't a Christian, however, you'd do yourself a great favor to become one today and experience the many benefits that come from faithful service to our Father.

~via *Lake Elsinore Bulletin*; Lake Elsinore, California.



## *Why Believe A Lie?*

Dennis Allan

Religious confusion and its assorted contradictory doctrines proves that the devil and his servants are effective deceivers (John 8:44). Since God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33, the many false doctrines taught in various denominations today do not come from God. It is no surprise that the same evil one who has been perverting and denying the words of God since the Garden of Eden is still sowing seeds of deception. He even finds pastors ready to serve as his accomplices in preying upon little lambs (Acts 20:28-30).

But why would anyone allow himself to be deceived? Paul offers an explanation of the motives for believing lies in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12. The people deceived by Satan's craftiness "did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." It is not sufficient to know the truth. We must love the truth. There are many people who study the Bible for curiosity, or vanity, or for academic reasons, but who do not approach the Scriptures with the humility necessary to allow the Lord to change them and mold their character. They don't love the truth, and are thus easy prey for the devil.

Paul mentions one other factor: they "had pleasure in unrighteousness." When a person wants to find an excuse to justify sin in his life, he will not study the Bible with the honest and open heart necessary to understand it. You can often hear this attitude in the comments of those who want to defend their sinful practices: "Where in the Bible does it say I cannot...?" The proper attitude is not defensive of evil, but asks: "What does the Lord want me to do?" People who are determined to justify

their sins will not understand the truth. Their minds are carnal and incapable of discerning the spiritual richness of God's message (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Why would anyone believe a lie? Because the truth often demands painful transformations that most people are unwilling to make. The way of the Lord is difficult and lonely, but it leads to eternal life (Matthew 7:13-14).

~via *Gospel Power*; Anderson, Alabama.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Marion Mitchell  
JoAnn Gilbert  
Bobbie Adcock  
Ann Bush

Mitzi Carruth  
Loretta Warner  
Doris Lovell  
Tessa Bacci

### ***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  
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77  
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36  
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Elease Barksdale, rm. 22A  
Connie Brock, rm. 62  
Christine Hudson, rm. 77

### ***Limestone Health Facility:***

Virginia Meyer, rm. 69  
Alice Roberson, rm. 49

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59

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

Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge  
Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor  
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:**

**Dan Lovell** came home from rehab on Thursday and will continue therapy with home health... **Steve Usery** had oral surgery on Wednesday... **Ross Melvin** is at home following his hospitalization last week.

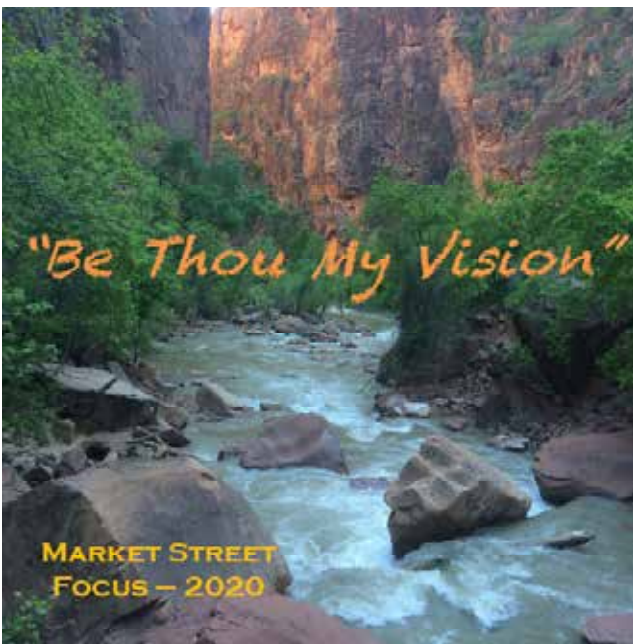
**CARDS:** This coming Saturday, **Bettye Harrison** and **Virginia Meyers** will celebrate their 90th Birthday. They are both in the Limestone Health Facility. If you could remember them with a card on this milestone birthday, I know it would be very encouraging to them.

**OUT OF TOWN:** **The Haraways:** *Albert & Brenda* have been out of town this past week... **The Putmans:** *Marvin and Irene* have been on vacation this week in the midwest... **The Wulfekubls:** *Russ, Lisa and Ali* are in Pennsylvania this week... **The Stiles:** *Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Opal Conn** is in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Christian Usery** is in Long Beach, California.

**MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:** The *Men's Bible Class* next meeting will be Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for week of June 28<sup>th</sup>:*

Sunday: Bible Classes .....  
 Morning Worship ..... 125  
 Evening Worship ..... 102  
 Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 80



**Men Privileged To Serve:**

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

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer..... Harold Ash  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Keith Hinkle  
 Assisting ..... Terry Andrews  
 Serving ..... Nathaniel Adams..... Tommy Burns  
 ..... Hunter Cox ..... Landon Adams  
 Closing Prayer ..... David Barnett

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon  
 Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
 Prayer..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Keith Hinkle  
 Closing Prayer ..... Danny Holt

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

Ushers..... Heath Dollar/Keenon Currier  
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

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

Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
 Bible Reading ..... Bill Eden  
 ..... Hebrews 13:7-17  
 Prayer..... Larry Holt  
 Invitation ..... Mike Ogles  
 Closing Prayer ..... Clayton Hamm

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

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Marcus Morris  
 Song Leader ..... Larry Holt  
 Prayer..... David Barnett  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Harvey Nixon  
 Assisting ..... Larry Tucker  
 Serving ..... Matthew Vaughn..... Danny Holt  
 ..... Roger Hammonds . Marvin Putman  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Marcus Morris  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Albert Haraway  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Harvey Nixon  
 Closing Prayer ..... Dan Reed

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

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Danny Johnson  
 Work Sound System..... Marty Adams