

MARKET STREET

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



MESSENGER

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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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Giving Our Best To God

David A. Cox

"Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord" (Colossians 3:23)

AT&T had a recent advertising campaign that had the slogan, "Just Ok is not Ok." The commercials showed several situations in life when it is certainly not Ok, just to be Ok. Paul is telling us in Colossians 3:23, "It is not Ok, to just be Ok." The wise man wrote, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). God expects us to do our very best in all things and especially in our service to Him. When we are thinking about spiritual things, we should not ever be Ok with just being Ok. If we are going to give our best to God, what should we do?

Be Diligent. The life of the Christian is a life of dedication and distinction. To be the dedicated servant God desires of us and to be the people of distinction, we must be diligent in our lives. The word "diligent" or a form of it is used many times in the New Testament. The word "diligent" means to "careful and persevering in carrying out tasks or duties." By being diligent in our lives, we will carry out the life we live with care and perseverance. This attitude in life is the opposite of being slothful or slacking in our service to God. It is the diligent life that Paul had in mind as he wrote: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1-2).

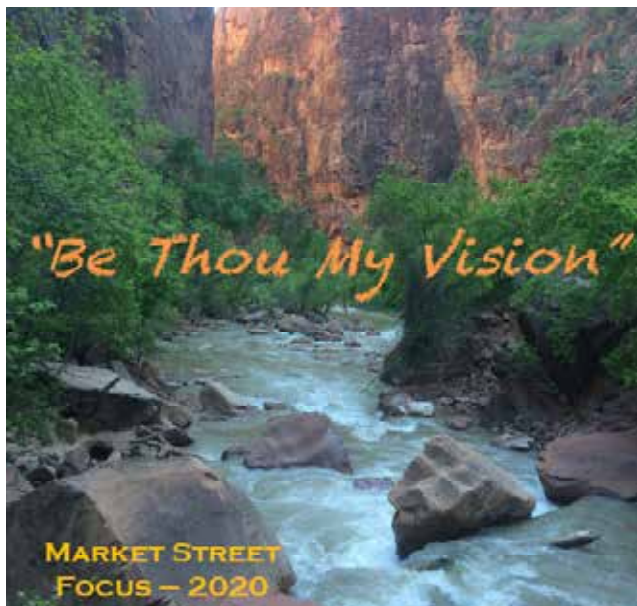
Resolve to Be the Best You Can Be. In the world, it is easy to just be Ok. Everyone else seems to be fine with just being Ok. This will require that we be determined or resolute in being better than Ok. The children of Israel were God's people under the law of Moses. God wanted the best from them. But as they came out of bondage, wandered 40 years and entered the promised land, the temptation was to just be Ok. Joshua sees the problem that is before them. In his farewell address, he says, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). Joshua knew that

to serve the Lord with their best, they would need to be resolved in doing so. The verses that follow, Joshua makes it very clear that half-hearted service, hot today and cold tomorrow was not going to be acceptable to God. They had been that way in the past, but now is the time to resolve to give the best to God.

Develop a Plan to Excel. To accomplish any task, we need to plan or a course to follow. The plan might simply be:

- *Set the right priorities.* Some things in life are more important than others. Know what these things are and set them as priorities in your life.
- *Read and Study God's Word.* Here is where we will get the right priorities for our life. Spend time every day in reading and a study of the scriptures. Make the changes to your life that you learn from your studies. Remember, our goal is to be the person God wants us to be, not like the others around us.
- *Pray for wisdom and strength.* We need to use the avenue of prayer with God (James 1:5). God wants to hear from us about our lives and the things we need (Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 3:12). Prayer will strengthen us, and we can be confident in the life we live.

God wants us to do everything to the very best that we can. Mediocrity is not acceptable to God. He knows our abilities and desires us to use them in our place in life. Let us be diligent, resolving to live a life that excels in all things, but ensuring we are determined to excel in the spiritual things.



Thankful For One Another

Roger Shouse

There are many things to be thankful for, especially on this holiday weekend. We have truly been blessed. One area that we often overlook are the brethren that have finished their course here and have gone on to be with the Lord. Since I moved here in March of 2008, we have had many funerals. Many of us well remember these wonderful folks. They helped shape us to who we are today. Some served as shepherds. Others were Bible class teachers. We hope these names will take you down memory lane and will be a reminder that we should never forget our brethren.

There are some lessons that we ought to see here:

First, life is always moving. It's fluid. We don't stay one age. Solomon said a generation goes and a generation comes. He also wrote, "there is a time to be born and a time to die." God holds that divine appointment for each of us. We sing, "This world is not my home." These reminders help us to realize that.

Second, life is full of people. Look at all these wonderful names. They worshipped with us. They were part of this church family. People are always coming and going in and out of our lives. For reasons we often do not realize nor understand, God allows our lives to intersect with others. Through those intersections, we help, encourage and bless each other. Today, as you look about this church building, you'll see young families and senior citizens. You'll see people who have been part of this church for decades and others for just a few months. Our lives are connected here. We have intersected for this moment in time. Years from now, some of us will be gone to the other side. Others will have moved on to different places. These memories we form here, these impressions, these influences, help point us to the Lord. Good folks, godly people, that's what we have all around us.

Third, all these names represent people like you and I. They loved the Lord and each of them were baptized into Christ. They, like you, journeyed on through faith. They had their own battles, struggles and joys, just as you do. They made the decision to worship God on Sundays. They helped support this work. They invited their friends and did what they could. We are here today because of folks just like them. And, what you and I do now, determines and shapes the kind of church this will

be in the future.

Fourth, there will be a time when our names are on a similar list. What will people think of when they remember your name? Are you making a difference in the lives of your church family?

I am thankful for these brethren. I knew most of them. I preached a majority of those funerals. In this season of thankfulness, we look back and say "Thank you," to our brethren who have helped us.

~via *Good News from Charlestown Road*; New Albany, Indiana.



Jesus is Lord

Willard M. Cox

What is meant by the truth that Jesus is Lord? It means that Jesus is the One in charge. Jesus has all authority (Matthew 28:18). He is the King of His kingdom (John 18:36). He is the Head of the body, the church (Colossians 1:18). Jesus is the "King of kings, and Lord of lords" (1 Timothy 6:15). In Peter's sermon in Acts 2, he preached: "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ" (v. 36). When the people heard this truth that Jesus is Lord, they respected His authority and yielded to His will, and repented and were baptized when Peter, who was inspired by the Holy Spirit, answered their question by telling them what to do (v. 38). Peter did not tell them to say the sinner's prayer, nor did he tell them you do not have to do anything if you already believe in Jesus.

Many times Jesus is called "Lord" in the New Testament. In John 13:13, Jesus said, "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am" (vs. 14-17). Jesus is Lord, but he was not arrogant about it. Jesus, as Lord, was still humble enough to wash the disciples' feet and gave us an example to be humble enough to do it, too. In Luke 6:46, Jesus asked: "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" In order for Jesus to be our Savior, He must be our Lord

first. A person must first be humble enough to submit to the authority of Jesus in order to obey His terms of salvation, so he can save him/her. The Holy Scriptures tell us of "...mercy and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior" (Titus 1:4). "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also look for the Savior" (Philippians 3:20). Peter links "Lord" and "Savior" to Jesus a few times 2 Peter 1:11; 2:20; 3:2,18).

Jesus is the "one Lord (Ephesians 4:5). He is the "only Potentate" (1 Timothy 6:15). Jesus is the only Savior. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come unto the Father but by Jesus (John 14:6). Paul wrote: "And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11). Jesus is Lord and every person should submit in obedience to His teaching while the opportunity is given. On the judgment Day, everyone will admit to the fact that Jesus is Lord (Romans 14:11-12). Please do not put it off till then.

~via *Sylva Herald*; Sylva, North Carolina.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Sue Taylor	Jennifer Threet
Marion Mitchell	Mitzi Carruth
JoAnn Gilbert	Loretta Warner
Bobbie Adcock	Doris Lovell
Ann Bush	Tessa Bacci

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	Lloyd Adams

Joan Carpenter

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

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

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
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:

Virginia Meyers was diagnosed with the virus this past week...**Steve Usery** is to return to the dentist this week to have the stitches remove...**Ross Melvin** is scheduled to have a CAT scan done this Wednesday.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Allison Usery** and *all the family* in the passing of her uncle, **Julian Darmer**. He passed away last Wednesday and his funeral was this past Monday morning... We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Dan Reed** and *all the family* in the passing of his aunt, **Isabelle Pederson**. She passed away on Friday night.

OUT OF TOWN: **The Hamms:** Joel, Sharma, Clayton and Ragan have been on vacation this week at Orange Beach... **The Wulfekuhls:** Russ, Lisa and Ali have been in Pennsylvania this past week... **The Melvins:** Ross and Louise have spent a few days in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida... **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 20th at 7:00 p.m.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of July 5th:

Sunday: Bible Classes
Morning Worship 131
Evening Worship 98
Wednesday: Bible Classes 77

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....
Song Leader
Prayer.....
Preaching..... David Cox
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 July 12th:

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

Wednesday, July 15th:

Song Leader
Bible Reading.....
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Prayer.....
Invitation.....
Closing Prayer.....

Sunday, July 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....
Song Leader
Prayer.....
Preaching..... David Cox
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 July 19th:

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