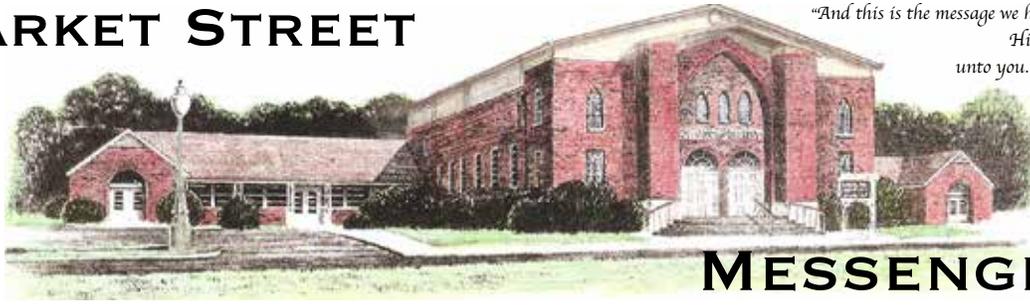


# MARKET STREET



*"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.

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## Living Our Lives In Honesty

David A. Cox

*"Do not lie to one another, since that you have put off the old man with his deeds" — (Colossians 3:9)*

Several years ago, a seven-year-old baseball player in Wellington, Florida, fielded a ground ball and attempted to tag the runner going from first to second base. The umpire called the runner out. The seven-year-old player immediately ran to the umpire and said, "I didn't tag the runner." The umpire reversed the call and put the runner on second base. Imagine that happening in a major league game or college, high school game. No one would ever think about it. Calls in games are missed many times, even in the days of instant replay. What we need to see is the character of one who will be honest as the young seven-year-old and of the umpire's honesty to change the call. The fact is that honesty is a rare commodity today. It just seems that our society is very comfortable with lying. Studies tell us that 60% of people cannot go 10 minutes without lying. Wow! But regardless of what the culture does, Paul's admonition to the Colossians shows that God expects His people to be honest.

### God's View of Lying

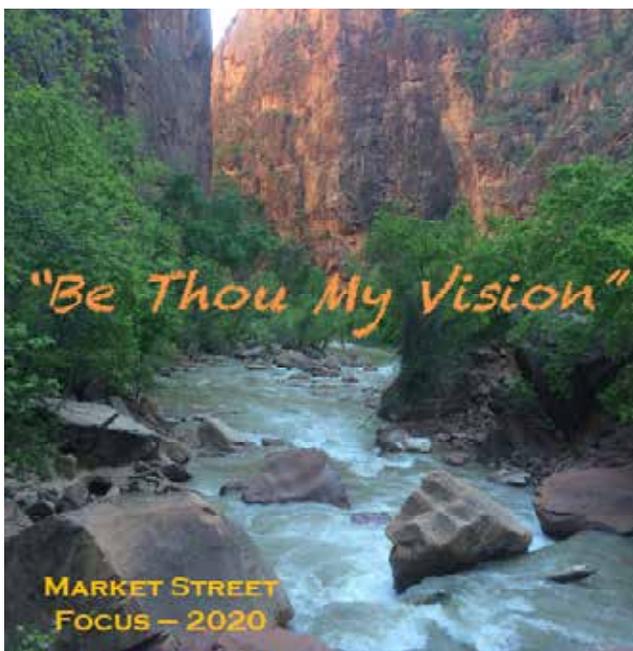
God has very little patience with the telling of lies. The first sin in the garden of Eden involved a lie being told and believed. It caused a separation between God and man that could only be repaired with the sacrifice of God's only begotten Son. Telling the truth may not always be the easiest thing to do in this life, but it is always the best and the right thing to do. Jesus reminded His disciples that "every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36). Indeed, all would understand that lies would be included in the "idle words" that we speak. In Revelation 21:8 we are told, "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolators, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." It is clear from this statement what God thinks about those who lie. The wise man wrote, "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight" (Proverbs 12:22). The word "abomination" is used to describe

lying. Abomination is used in scripture to describe the worst of sins, and it is applied here to the one who tells lies. As much as God hates lying, He loves the truth.

### God Wants Honesty

Those who tell the truth, the wise man says, are God's delight. It should be no surprise that lying and truth would have such a different reaction from God. God is light, and sin is darkness. God has no connection or delight in the things of darkness (1 John 1:5). Paul apparently hears that some of the Christians were lying to one another at Colosse. He reminds them, "Do not lie to one another" (Colossians 3:9a). Why? It is an abomination to God. God gave His Son to die for your sins, and as a new man in Christ, our lips should not be speaking lies. Paul says it this way, "since you have put off the old man with his deeds" (Colossians 3:9b). Notice what Paul said: "putting away lying, 'Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor' for we are members one of another" (Ephesians 4:25). "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor" is quoted from Zechariah 8:16, God commanded His people under the law of Moses to speak the truth. Why would God expect anything less under the law of Christ? It is a better covenant with better promises and brought to us by the blood of Jesus Christ. The fact is God wants honesty, and it should be among those who wear the name of Christ.

May we strive with all of our being to be people of honesty, displaying the truth in our lives, and living our lives in honesty. By doing so, we will be letting the light of Jesus be seen in us.



## Jesus Has Time For You

Edwin Crozier

If you are like me, you sometimes wonder if God, with the cares and concerns of the whole world being brought before Him, really has time for you. Why would He take the time to focus on my small (in the grand scheme of things) problems? I am an unclean sinner, not worth the effort when there are so many more important people around to care about. In this way, I'm probably very much like the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5:21-43.

According to Leviticus 15:25-30, she is unclean. Not only is she unclean, everything she touches becomes unclean. Not only that, but everyone she touches and everyone who touches anything she touches becomes unclean. Imagine the isolation this poor woman has felt for the twelve years of her infirmity. If married, she and her husband are unable to even sleep in the same bed. Her family cannot touch her, hold her, hug her. Like a leper, she is likely shunned because of her uncleanness.

She has sought remedy after remedy, going after each new cure and physician that promised help. Each time she came up short. She has gone through whatever finances she had and has only gotten worse. Then she heard about Jesus, the rabbi who teaches with authority and to whom spirits and sickness submit. Can you see her on the edge of the crowd? I can only imagine she has a shawl covering her head and face. If anyone sees her, they might recognize her as the unclean woman. All those people between her and Jesus. If they figure out who she is, they will be livid. Yet, she needs that healing.

She doesn't call out to Him or try to attract His attention. Why? Likely for the very reason mentioned above. Surely, this important and powerful rabbi has no time or inclination to deal with the struggles of an unclean woman. Look at the crowds following Him. His time is taken with them. Besides, isn't that one of the rulers of the synagogue seeking Jesus's attention? Why would Jesus ever put a ruler of the synagogue on hold to listen to the request of one unclean woman?

So she sneaks up behind. I can imagine she is careful to sneak through the crowd, trying not to attract attention or to touch people as she approaches. There He is. She reaches out, touches His garment, and she can immediately tell the difference. She is healed. Praise

the Lord!

She tries to sneak away, but Jesus Himself stops and calls attention to what has just happened. Jesus, with all the crowds pressing in, with the synagogue ruler wringing his hands, stops and calls out to discover who has touched Him (not that He needed to learn, but His disciples, the crowds, and Jairus needed to learn). In fear, she admits what she has done, surely expecting a rebuke. Yet, she receives only encouragement.

I can see Jairus to the side fretting. His mind is racing. "We don't have time for this woman. Let's hurry and get to my daughter." Then the worst is reported. It is too late. The daughter has died. Jesus couldn't be in two places at once. He couldn't heal the woman and the daughter both. Or could He? He calmed the father, went to the house, and brought the little girl back to life. Jesus indeed has time for the 12-year-old girl and the woman with the 12-year-old disease.

Praise the Lord, Jesus has time for you too. Do you need to respond to Him today?

~via *Charlestown Road Bulletin*; New Albany, Indiana.



## *Did You Know?...*

**Roger Shouse**

That the apostles never used food, games or social activities to draw a crowd so they could preach to them?

Yet in many churches today, even some calling themselves Church of Christ, the social programs are so extensive that a social director or a youth minister must be hired to oversee the social planning.

Although schools existed in the first century, and the apostle Paul even taught in one for 2 years (Acts 19:9,10), no churches ever supported them financially?

Yet in many churches today, even some calling themselves Church of Christ, the financial supporting of Christian schools or colleges is a regular part of the budget.

That the apostle Paul illustrated many of his epistles with analogies from sporting events (1 Corinthians 9:24,25). Yet no church sponsored or had sporting teams?

Yet in many churches today, even some calling themselves Church of Christ, the sporting activities are so much a part of the work that full scale gyms have been built.

If these things mentioned above were not a part of the early church and we do not find them in the Bible, *why* are churches doing them today? And who gave them the *right* to do it? These things ought not to be! And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17).

~via *The Belleville Messenger*, Belleville, Indiana.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Steve Bradley	Sue Thomas
Bob Broadus	Sue Taylor
Marcella Coblenz	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 Currier
Matt Poff	Gene Carpenter
Carrie Warner	Lloyd Adams
Joan Carpenter	

### ***In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:***

*Ryan Tucker*; Vanderbilt – Nashville, Tennessee  
*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:***

Bettye Harrison, rm.	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
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### ***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:**

**Tony Thomas** spent a couple of days in the hospital in Dickson, Tennessee, this week with the virus... **Louise Melvin** is scheduled to have knee surgery this Tuesday in Huntsville... **Sue Taylor** is doing much better this past week from the virus... **Sue Thomas** is making improvements as she recovers from the virus this past week... **Elizabeth Usery** suffered a bicycle accident last Friday, and it required clamps to close the wound ... **Larry Mitchell** had cataract surgery done this past Thursday morning... **Ross Melvin** is to have another the CAT scan done on Monday followed by a biopsy at a later date... **Allison Usery's father, Kedrick Romine**, was released from the hospital after suffering a mini-stroke on Sunday... **Steve Usery** is scheduled for knee surgery on August 6<sup>th</sup>... **Ruby Dean Ezell's son-in-law, Pat Kilpatrick**, was released from the hospital after his bout with the virus... **Ross & Louise Melvin's grandson, Luke Davis**, is to have back surgery in August in Boston, Massachusetts.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Dwaine Allfrey and all the family** in the passing of his sister, **June Allfrey Booth**. She passed away on Monday. There will be a graveside service for her Monday afternoon at 3:00 in the Athens City Cemetery... We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Jerry McGlocklin and all the family** in the passing of Jerry's uncle, **Charles Sowell**. He passed away last Sunday. There will be a private graveside service.

**VIRGINIA MEYER (1930 — 2020):** As we noted last week sister **Virginia Meyer** passed away on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a graveside service at the Roselawn Cemetery, Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. She loved the Market Street church. All are invited to the outside service. May the Lord bless Virginia's family at this time.

**OUT OF TOWN: The Ashes:** **Harold and Barb** are in Indiana visiting with family... **Joe Hinkle** is in Port St. Lucie, Florida, visiting with family ... **The Stiles:** **Chuck and Benita** are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Opal Conn** is in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Christian Usery** is in Long Beach, California.

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....  
 Song Leader .....  
 Prayer.....  
 Preaching.....  
 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 26<sup>th</sup>:

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

**Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</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... Marvin Putman  
 ..... Roger Hammonds..... Danny Holt  
 Closing Prayer..... Tommy Burns

*Evening Worship*

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

Other Assignments for the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup>:

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