

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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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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Kenneth Smith..... (256) 777-6737

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The Principles of Life

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"It is more blessed to give than receive" — (Acts 20:35).

The words of the Lord that Paul recalled in Acts 20 set forth a different principle than the world gives us. The world says, "receiving or getting is better than giving." Jesus gives us a much deeper view of what is really blessed in life. The greater blessing and deeper happiness of life are found in two principle views of life.

The Principle of Gain.

Gain can be used in a good way if one uses the blessing to give more to the Lord's work and help others. But in many cases, the gain is the acquisition of things one wants, not because of need. The gain in this mindset caused Jesus to warn "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). It is this view of gain that Paul has in mind as he wrote to Timothy, "godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:6-7). If we have the right attitude toward gain, we will view life more as a service.

The Principle of Service

Service is the way we would definitely describe the life of Christ. Jesus said, "did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). In Acts 20, Paul wanted to encourage the Ephesian elders to follow Christ's example in serving others. Paul had lived his life in emulating the example of Christ, and he urged others to do the same (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:1). As we all strive for our life to be one of service, let us remember the words of an old hymn...

"Are you dwelling in the sunlight?

Is your path with roses strewn?

Do you walk with buoyant gladness,

In the steps that you have hewn?

Have you reached the top of Pisgah,

Climbing always firm and true?

*Don't forget that in the valley
There is someone needing you."*

May we ever learn the thrilling joy and peace of mind that comes from giving and serving. May we ever remember the words of the Lord "It is more blessed to give than receive."



Room In God's Kingdom

Bubba Garner

Jesus called them, one by one. When He named His 12 apostles, He chose "those whom He Himself wanted" (Mark 3:13). The implication is that no one else would have wanted them. They were not the only people He had to choose from. Jesus had throngs and throngs of disciples, so many that the crowds on one occasion were stepping on one another. But out of all His disciples, He chose these twelve for a special purpose.

We sometimes think of the apostles only in the sense of the group. The Scriptures certainly speak of them that way: "the twelve" (Mark 3:16). But they were also twelve individuals. They were not all exactly the same. And each one, in their own way, Jesus wanted. He had room in His kingdom for these twelve.

Jesus has room in His kingdom for you, too. He wants you. He has use for you. You might be tempted to think, "I'm just one person, what can I do? What difference can I make?" There is room in the kingdom for you.

There is room in the kingdom for common people. Jesus did not choose one Pharisee, Sadducee, Herodian, scribe, or nobleman to fill His posts. He chose fishermen, a tax collector, and a Zealot. He took those who were common and ordinary and empowered them to do extraordinary things. When Peter and John preached, the people marveled because they were "uneducated" and "untrained" men (Acts 4:13). Where did they get

this? Who taught them? They had "been with Jesus."

The church is made up of common people. How many wise and mighty and noble are called? "Not many" (1 Corinthians 1:26). But "by His doing" (1 Corinthians 1:30), those who have nothing to recommend can become wise in the Scriptures, mighty in spiritual warfare, and noble in the calling by which we are called.

There is room in the kingdom for new beginnings. Even the apostles had to overcome their past. James and John, the sons of Zebedee were also called the "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). They were the ones who wanted to bring down fire from heaven and destroy the village of the Samaritans. They were the ones who asked for positions of power and authority in the new kingdom. Matthew was a tax collector, a profession so despised that they were often spoken in the same breath with Gentiles, prostitutes, and sinners. That's who these men were. But that is not who they would continue to be.

The key to a past is to leave it in the past. "For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5-6). It was not about them or their name anymore. Their glory was in what God did for them. Once, we were all in darkness, separated from God, and lost in our sins. But we were shown the light through the gospel of Christ and can begin again in God's kingdom.

There is room in the kingdom for second chances. Peter often needed the grace of His Master. His name was Simon, but Jesus gave Him the name Peter (Mark 3:16). We see the failures of Simon and the successes of Peter through the gospels. They're often in consecutive verses. In Luke 22:31-32, Jesus not only said that the devil was after Peter, He spoke of his second chance: "Once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." And he did. He preached the gospel on Pentecost. He became an elder in the Lord's church. He wrote two epistles that continue to encourage disciples of the Lord to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

Jesus gives a second chance even to "epic" failures. He forgives and restores. He values and uses. Why did Judas commit suicide? He sinned in the likeness of Peter. He did it on the same night. He felt remorse; he tried to return the money. But where Peter went out and wept bitterly, Judas went out and hanged himself. He thought Jesus could not make room for second

chances. Oh, that he had just waited three more days. Failure does not mean that God is finished with you.

The names of the 12 apostles are written on the foundation stones of the new Jerusalem. By coming to Jesus, your name can be written in the Lamb's book of life. And when He calls us, one by one, He will say, "Enter in. There is room in the eternal kingdom for you."

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas

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Zeal for God!

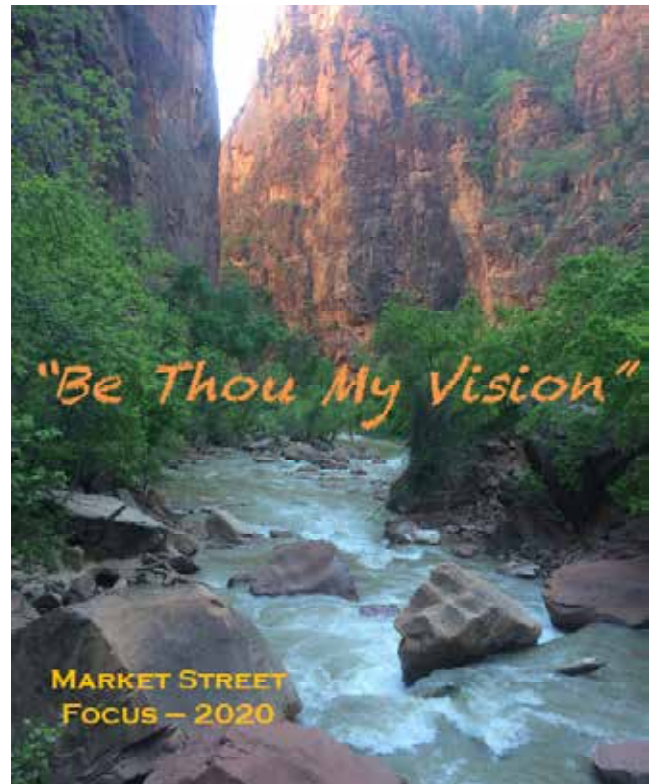
Paul Adams

Zeal is a wonderful thing to have. This excitement and enthusiasm can be illustrated by one of its meanings: to be heated to the point of boiling. Many people are on fire about religion. The Apostle Paul said that for zeal to be of any value there are some things that must accompany it. What must we have with our zeal? What does the Bible say?

- **Zeal Is Essential.** Paul indicates Zeal is a good thing when speaking of some people of his day. "For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God ..." (Romans 10:2) Zeal was a quality attributed to Jesus when He cast the moneychangers out of the temple: "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." (John 2:17).
- **Zeal Must Have Knowledge.** When Paul speaks of the zeal of Israel, he follows up by saying, "...but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness ..." (Romans 10:2-3). Just being excited was not enough. They needed to know the truth. Zeal alone would not save.
- **Zeal Must Be Accompanied By Righteousness.** Being enthusiastic, and knowing what is right, are still not enough. We must do those things. In Roman 10:3, we read of those zealous people who were: "seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God." Submission to the will of God is another essential.

We encourage you to have zeal that has both the knowledge of God's word and obedience to the truth. That is a saving combination.

~via *Ellettsville church of Christ*; Ellettsville, Indiana.



News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Jewel Dean Kennemer	JoAnn Gilbert
Jimmy Johnson	Doris Lovell
Ann Bush	Greg Clark
Malcom Gordon	Fredia Lowman
Haley Gill	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright	Loretta Warner
Vicki Stringer	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Janice Cagle

Cornelia Pepper	Ella Melvin
Wayne Wooldridge	Carrie Warner
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Lloyd Adams
Gene Carpenter	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Bill Faulkner, UAB Hospital - B'ham

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. 59	Bobbie Adcock, rm. 121
Frances Bowers, rm. 67	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Deanie Britton, rm.	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Barbara Carter, Traditions
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Irene Inman, at home
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Alan Thornton, Limestone Lodge
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Delmer Carter is meeting with doctors as he awaits surgery for an aneurysm ...***Dale Adcock*** began her chemo treatments this past Thursday...***Nell Steadman, Dale Adcock's sister***, was diagnosed with breast cancer this week...***Bill Faulkner, a friend of Mary Cecile Keenon***, had a liver transplant on Friday night in Birmingham...***Keelyn Currier's mother, Una King Currier***, is now home from her rehabilitation.

OUT OF TOWN: ***Ann McLemore*** has been in Hot Springs, Arkansas this past week...***The Ashes: Harold and Barb*** are home from their trip to the Gulf...***The Stiles: Chuck and Benita*** are in Vicksburg, Mississippi...***Christian Usery*** is working in Birmingham now.

PARKING LOT: The work on the parking lots continues. This week they began working on the storm drains on the west lot.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for week of November 29th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes..... 103
	Morning Worship..... 119
	Evening Worship..... 74

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, December 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Larry Holt
Serving	Roger Hammonds . Charles Vaughn
	Matthew Vaughn. Nathaniel Adams
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Joel Hamm

Other Assignments for the week of December 6th:

Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System.....	Marty R. Adams

Wednesday, December 9th:

Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading	Terry Andrews
	(James 5:1-12)
Prayer.....	Frank Melton
Invitation	Nathaniel Adams
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Sunday, December 13th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Marcus Morris
Assisting	Terry Andrews
Serving	Kenneth Adams.....Matthew Usery
	Harold Davis Roger Hammonds
Closing Prayer	Larry Tucker

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Dan Reed
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Marcus Morris
Closing Prayer	Bob Broadus

Other Assignments for the week of December 13th:

Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt