

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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Making A Difference

Richie Jenkins

We all make a difference, but what difference will we make? Peter and Jude write about Balaam and Cain. They both made a difference, but a negative one. On the other hand, people of faith, like those in Hebrews 11, all made positive differences. Both groups had one thing in common: they had all sinned. They had all made bad choices. But those in Hebrews 11 chose faith instead of rebellion.

Surely, we realize that bad people and righteous people are still people. No one is sinless. It is the love of God that compels the righteous. It is the Prince of darkness that rules the evil. The question is not, "will I mess up?" The question is, "Once I mess up, how do I respond?"

No marriage is perfect. Marriages are comprised of people, people who sin and people who make bad choices. Husbands and wives make a difference, but what kind of difference will I, as a husband, make? Do I awake each morning asking, "What good can I do for her today?", or do I ask, "What will she do for me?" Husbands are men. Wives are women. Men and women think differently. Biologically they are different. Though different, they can each make choices that build their marriage rather than destroy it. Am I making a difference that will produce growth for my mate? Am I living with her with understanding? Do I understand her wants, wishes, dreams, and goals? What difference am I making?

No parent and child relationship is perfect. Being a parent is hard. It takes work. It requires selfless love. Also, being a child is difficult. It is not easy dealing with hormones. It is not easy learning lessons of life. Both make choices. Both will make a difference. What difference will we make? It is an oversimplification to say, "Parents be the parents and children you be the child." Rather, we need the attitude that says, "You are my child. You are worth everything it will require of me to supply for your growth and well-being." As a child, it may be beneficial to realize you are learning life. You are learning right and wrong. Being a parent and being a child can be frustrating, but it does not have to be that way. Both will make a

difference. What difference am I making as a parent? As a child? The greater challenge is not when the child is in diapers, but when they begin to exercise their own free will. The greater is the responsibility then also.

No local church is perfect. Congregations are made up of people. People who walked away from God but have been saved by grace and the blood of Jesus. All are blood-washed. No one deserves to be with the Lord. Each person in the fellowship makes a difference, whether big or small. Each one can choose the attitude of Christ or spirit of Satan. Most local churches are not ripped apart because of some doctrinal error. Most are ripped apart because someone made a difference, and the difference was not good. On the other hand, it is not rare to find in a congregation that one person serving as the glue that holds the group together. That one makes all the difference in the world. Which one will I be?

If we all make a difference, why not make a difference for the good of others? If we make a difference for the good of others, we will be making a difference for ourselves, too. Be the one who makes all the difference for good!

~via *The Bible Way*; Garland, Texas.



Make Sunday Special

Dee Bowman

Sunday is special. It's the day of His resurrection. It's the day of devotion to God, a day for spiritual service and rejoicing. It's the day God ordained for worship and service. It's the day when we keep the memorial of Jesus' death, the Lord's Supper. It's a day for singing and praying and being together. It's a day for spiritual feasting.

Sometimes I think we take the Lord's Day for granted. We become so familiar with it that we fail to give it the thought and emphasis it deserves. If we're not careful, it can become plain, ordinary.

Please allow me a few observations on how you can make Sunday even more special. These are suggestions,

not rules; but they are worth consideration, methinks.

Dress appropriately. If Sunday is a special day, it deserves some special things. Appropriate dress is one of them. Now, please be advised that no one here is demanding that a dress code be observed, but it just makes sense that the importance and significance of the Lord's day is not made special by excessive casualness. We should not be casual in our observance of the various blessings of the Lord's day and it just makes good sense that, if things are to be done, "decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40), that proper attire is one of them. Incidentally, it might interest you to know that the Greek word translated with our word "decently" is defined a "denoting gracefully, becomingly, in a seemly manner" (Vine). Sometimes it even means "honorable."

Leave early. It just makes sense to get here on time. First of all, it indicates interest and concern. No one is advocating that we "tail-gate," getting ready for the services, but being here in a timely manner makes lots of things possible: 1) you have time to get settled and ready for worship or study; 2) you have time to get your mind focused so that when the services commence your mind is already receptive to what is about to occur; 3) you have time to divest yourself of any thoughts or anxieties that might preclude you getting the best from the services. And all it takes is a little planning. How hard can it be here a little early?

Smile. Show people you're happy to be here. When you look like it's a chore to attend, it has an effect on everybody concerned, visitors especially. A sad countenance makes the day dreary. It makes such a difference when people smile. Wrinkles disappear when faces light up. Attitudes, both yours and theirs, are affected when you smile at folks. Actually, a smile can change someone's day, bring some sunlight into an otherwise dreary time for somebody. Solomon said it well (Proverbs 15:13): "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." Show people a merry heart. Smile.

Greet folks. Few things are more enjoyable than a vibrant and cheerful greeting. It makes people feel good about being here. And what's more, it makes you feel good about being here, too. "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Proverbs 15:23). A word spoken in due season seldom better used than when you give someone reason to believe that they are welcome, that

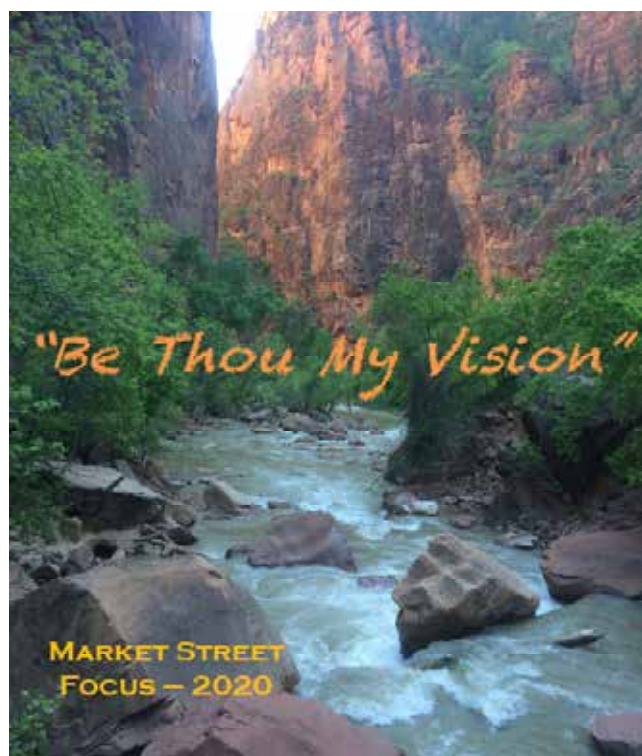
you genuinely care for them. Greet the older people, but greet the kids, too. It's good, too, to leave the place where you sit and greet some folks on the other side of the building. It'll do them good that you came over.

Participate. Participation is an indication of interest. It means, as the word indicates, that you are taking part-part-taking. The Lord's day is a good day to divest yourself of worldly things and think on the good things in the gospel, to get involved in spiritual matters, matters of the soul. Meditation means that we give our minds over to things that have a greater value, things that are really substantive, not just temporary. The Lord's day is a time for contemplation of who we are, how well we are doing spiritually, how our course to heaven is proceeding, what we need to do to make course corrections, and where our real devotions lie. "I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto thy testimonies" (Psalm 119: 59). Be part of the whole service and you will bring a satisfaction to your soul.

Don't hurry. Take time to be holy. Need more be said about that? I think not.

You realize, of course, that nobody can make rules of the things I have suggested. They are just that-suggestions; and it's up to you what you do with them. But they work. I've seen them work.

~via *In Remembrance*; Edmund, Oklahoma.



News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Marcella Coblentz	Jimmy Johnson
Jewel Dean Kennemer	Bonnie Sutton
Larry Tucker	Carol Dean
JoAnn Gilbert	Doris Lovell
Ann Bush	Larry Morris
Kelli Gordon	

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:

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
Deanie Britton, rm.	Alice Roberson, rm. 49

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor
 Frances Bowers, 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:

Bobbie Adcock was released from the hospital this past Tuesday and moved to Limestone Health Facility ... **Marcella Coblentz** had sinus surgery on Wednesday afternoon...**Frank Melton** had cornea surgery in Bir-

mingham on Tuesday. He is at his niece's in Chattanooga convalescing and will return home on Monday ...**Dan Reed** is doing well following surgery and was able to be back at Bible study Wednesday night...**Larry Tucker** continues to recover from his back surgery...**Jimmy Johnson** fell and broke his arm this past week. On Friday, Jimmy had a port in his arm for dialysis, due to his stage four kidney failure...**Justice Gentry** will be getting a second opinion for treatment with Perthes Disease on November 18th in Birmingham ...**Danny Holt and Larry Holt's cousin, Marcus Dean**, is at home with hospice as he battles cancer.

JERRY MCGLOCKLIN RESIGNS: Last Sunday morning, Jerry McGlocklin resigned as an elder of the Market Street church. Jerry was appointed as an elder in May 2008. Before that time, Jerry served as a deacon at Market Street. for several years. Of course, serving in these capacities, one must meet qualifications and be selected by the congregation and then appointed in order to serve. It speaks volumes that Jerry was selected and served with the confidence of the brethren here. At this time, Jerry decided that due to health concerns to step down from serving as an elder. Jerry loves the church here at Market Street as he has throughout the years and will continue to be a part of the church here. We appreciate Jerry for his sacrifice to help the work of the Lord. May the Lord continue to bless Jerry and Joyce.

PARKING LOT: The work on the parking lots continues. The work on the east lot is making good progress. The work on the other lots will be following soon.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Broadus:* Bob and Phyllis are in Missouri... *The Stiles:* Chuck and Benita are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... *Christian Usery* continues in Montgomery working.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of October 25th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	93
	Morning Worship	127
	Evening Worship	80
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	62



Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 8th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Holt
Assisting	Mike Ogles
Serving	Kenneth Adams..... Keenon Currier
	Matthew Vaughn..... Matthew Usery
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Smith

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Tony Thomas
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Holt
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Other Assignments for the week of November 8th:

Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Marty Adams

Wednesday, November 11th:

Song Leader	Larry Holt
Bible Reading	Matthew Usery
	(James 3:13-26)
Prayer.....	Dan Reed
Invitation	Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer	Tommy Burns

Sunday, November 15th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Terry Andrews
Serving	Keith Hinkle
	Heath Dollar
	Danny Holt
	Mike Ogles
Closing Prayer	Harold Ash

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	David Barnett
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for the week of November 15th:

Ushers.....	Hunter Cox/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams