

# 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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## *“Let This Mind Be in You”*

David A. Cox

*“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”*

(Philippians 2:5)

Paul is writing to the Philippians about the unity and care they should possess for one another. Paul then reminds them of the life of Jesus. When Paul writes, *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,”* he is exhorting them to live with the attitude of unity and care for one another. Why does Paul do this? Because Jesus came to free us from sin, and His life demonstrates to us the kind of mind we need to possess the same love, to be of one accord and of one mind. Paul says to achieve this standard of unity, we need the mind of Christ. What do we see about the mind of Christ?

### **The Mind of Christ was Selfless.**

Paul is saying that Jesus, who had always been God came to the earth to live as a man (Philippians 2:6). As John opens his gospel, he declares that Jesus, the Word, was God, and His involvement with God (John 1:1-3). John goes on to tell us that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Jesus came and “dwelt” with us. The word “dwelt” carries the idea of “to pitch a tent” or “tabernacle with.” Jesus came to live with man on the earth. It was never the intention to be any more than a temporary arrangement for Jesus to come to earth to live as a man and pay the penalty for sin. The psalmist reminds us again of the difference between God and man. “Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and sheep of His pasture” (Psalm 100:3). God is the creator, and we are His creation, the sheep of His pasture. Jesus indeed shows incredible selflessness in coming to this earth. Jesus did so, not holding on to the fact that He was God. Let us learn from the selflessness of Christ, seeing His attitude of letting go of the past and serving where we are for the good of others.

### **The Mind of Christ was Focused on Sacrifice.**

Paul writes of Christ, *“but made Himself of no reputation taking the*

*form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men*” (Philippians 2:7). Jesus came as a servant. Even in the eyes of men, Jesus came in the humblest of ways. He did not come as a King or a rich man but as a son of a carpenter. In living life as a man, Jesus faced temptations as we face them. He knew what it was to be hungry, to feel pain, to be worn out from a long day. Jesus was not a Superman, but a man who lived a life focused on the sacrifice for man’s salvation. Yes, we need to learn from Jesus how to balance our needs with the needs of others. This will require some sacrifice to make room for others, but Jesus did this for us; let us do it for others.

### **The Mind of Christ was One of Humility.**

Paul writes, *“And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross.”* (Philippians 2:8). The humility of Jesus is seen throughout His life on earth. Jesus said, “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me” (John 6:38). This statement from John is just and of many where Jesus declares His works was to do what the Father desired. There is no doubt that the prayers Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane come to reflect the same humility (Matthew 26:36-44). Jesus was the Son of God, and He showed humble obedience to please the Father. Jesus goes to the cross and hangs there to die when He knew that He could have come off the cross at His will, but He humbled Himself to do the Father’s will. Humility is what is needed to submit to God and obey Him. Let us learn from Jesus how to humble ourselves and not allow our pride to get in the way of doing what God desires.

Can we experience the joy of our life in Christ? Yes, we can because Jesus came to free us from sin. He has shown how to have the mind to possess the same love, be of one accord and of one mind. This is accomplished when we have a mind that is selfless, sacrificial, and humble. May we strive with all our being to let this mind be in us.



### **Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

## ***Open to Reason***

**Jacob Hudgins**

*“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere”*(James 3:17).

James teaches us that God’s wisdom is “open to reason.”

The word means to be “easily persuaded, with the implication of being open to reason or willing to listen”(Louw-Nida). It is translated “reasonable”(NASB), “considerate”(NIV), and “willing to yield”(NKJV). To be wise according to God’s standard, I must be able to listen to and consider things besides my own thoughts. This prompts two questions.

Can others talk to me? Do others know that I am willing to listen to them—to really listen? Many factors play into this. One is the simple self-absorption that keeps us from really listening when others speak because we are waiting to speak our minds, which is more important than what they have to say. If my mind is wandering, eyes darting, and mouth yawning while others speak, am I truly open to reason?

But more commonly, others feel they cannot talk to us because we are unable to control our anger and emotions at what they say. When the wicked Nabal shames David’s men, one of Nabal’s servants says about him, “he is such a worthless man that one cannot speak to him”(1 Samuel 25:17). Talking to such a man won’t do any good; he is not open to reason. This is why James encourages us to “be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger”(James 1:19). We need to be able to listen without constantly speaking or flying off the handle. We need time to absorb what is being said and fashion an acceptable and God-honoring response. What do my co-workers—my children—my brethren think of whether they can talk to me? Am I “open to reason”?

Can I admit when I am wrong? “Open to reason” also implies that people can reason with us and that we are “easily persuaded.” I may begin a conversation convinced that I am correct. If I am open to reason, I may finish that conversation completely different. You can convince me! I will listen! I will hear! And if I am wrong, I will say so. That is part of being “open to reason.”

Far too often there is a temptation to defend things we have done or said in the past, statements that are

part of the “company line” on a certain issue, or morally suspect behavior in people close to us. Are those topics closed and off-limits? Or do we have the courage to listen with an eye to God and his will—and own where we have been blind or mistaken? Can we be convinced?

Wisdom from above demands that we remember that we are not always right and that others can help us to see our blind spots. Are you open to reason?

~via *Good News*; Little Rock, Arkansas.



## *We Will Not Forget*

**Rick Duggin**

On September 1, 1923, Japan suffered a devastating earthquake that killed 143,000 people. In a matter of hours the United States sent a convoy of ships with medical supplies and more than ten million dollars in aid. The Emperor sent a famous five word cablegram to the White House: “America, we will never forget.” Eighteen years later, on December 7, 1941, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, killing 2800 Americans. Japan forgot.

There are some things that we should forget. “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehend; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead...” (Philippians 3:13). Paul would not let past victories distract him from present duties. The team that wins the Super Bowl this year will have a hard time repeating its success next year. Satisfaction often prevents us from doing our best.

There are other things that we must never forget.

We must remember acts of kindness that we have received. Joseph was forgotten twice. The chief butler forgot his kindness in the Egyptian prison (Genesis 4:23). A Pharaoh later forgot his acts of kindness to Egypt (Exodus 1:8). Belshazzar, king of Babylon, forgot that God had made his nation great (Daniel 5). Many Americans have forgotten the Biblical principles that made this nation great and strong. “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17). “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is

a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34).

The worst forgetfulness of all occurs when a child of God forgets his Creator and all the blessings that He has bestowed. People can drive 100 miles to watch a ball game, or jump out of bed at 4:00 a.m. for a fishing trip, but then let earthly cares prevent them from assembling with the saints to worship God (Hebrews 10:25). People can read the paper or watch TV for hours at a time, but they just can’t find time to study the Bible. Have you forgotten God?

~via *Westvue Messenger*; Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Marcella Coblentz	Dale Adcock
Pat Nixon	Shirley Miller
JoAnn Gilbert	Jimmy Johnson
Doris Lovell	Justice Gentry
Diane Kilpatrick	Janice Cagle

### ***Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:***

Mike Ogles	Donna Wright
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Lloyd Adams	Phillip Harwell
Cornelia Pepper	Carrie Warner
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Barry DeFoor	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	

### ***Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:***

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Elease Barksdale, rm. 23B
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Connie Brock, rm. 62	Doris Reid, rm. 103

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

Opal Conn, rm. 102	Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Joy Warner, rm. 14	Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38
Frances Bowers, rm. 67	Ann Bush, rm. 75
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	

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

Bobbie Adcock, at home
Nell Barksdale, at home

Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor  
 Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge  
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
 Barbara Carter, Traditions  
 Unaking Currier, Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur  
 Irene Inman, at home  
 Bobby Ogles, Merrill Gardens, Madison  
 Stan Stanford, at home  
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison  
 Alan Thornton, Limestone Lodge  
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

**Updates:**

**Marcella Coblenz** had out-patient sinus surgery done on Wednesday... **David Barnett** had injections in his neck this past Thursday... **Dale Adcock** had knee surgery done this past Monday in Madison... **Frank Melton** returned to the doctor this week for follow-up after his surgery... Remember our expecting mothers **Heather Cox** and **Casey Curry** in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Helen Blankenship** in the passing of her brother, **Bobby Lovell**, last Saturday. He was also the uncle of **Doris Lovell, Jeanette Weir** and **Dan Lovell**. May the Lord bless all this family at this time.

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet Monday morning at 10:30, to write and mail out cards. If you would like to be a part of this, please join them tomorrow morning at 10:30.

**PICTURES MADE:** Pictures are continuing to be made after services. If you need to get your picture made go to room 22 in the east wing.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The **Midway church** in Lauderdale county is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. The speakers will be: *Sunday morning – Buc Chumbley; Sunday evening – Lowell Sallee; Monday – Don Miller; Tuesday – Kasey Harbin; Wednesday – Jerry Curry; Thursday – Kenny Moorer; Friday – Justin Roberson.*

**OUT OF TOWN:** **The Ashes:** **Harold & Barb** are in Plainfield, Indiana visiting family... **Brenda Haraway & Doris Fisher** are in Indianapolis, Indiana with family... **Joe Hinkle** is in Florida... **The Stiles:** **Chuck & Benita** are in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of June 13<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	112
	Morning Worship .....	142
	Evening Worship .....	102
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	99

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

*unday, June 20<sup>th</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Joel Hamm
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting .....	Mike Ogles
Serving .....	Charles Vaughn .....
	Keenon Currier
	Kenneth Adams...Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Stephen Lynn

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer .....	Dan Reed

Other Assignments for the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers.....	Russ Wulfekuhl/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

*Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>:*

Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn
Bible Reading .....	Heath Dollar
	(2 John 1:1-13)
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Invitation.....	Marty R. Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Wayne Vaughn

*Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Larry Holt
Preaching.....	Joel Hamm
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblenz
Assisting .....	Larry Mitchell
Serving .....	Matthew Vaughn.....
	Sam Gregory
	Clayton Hamm .....
	Matthew Uesry
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	David Barnett
Preaching .....	Song Service
Lord's Supper .....	Tommy Coblenz
Closing Prayer .....	Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers.....	Marvin Putman/Danny Holt
Work Sound System.....	Nathaniel Adams