

# 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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## *How To Have A Happy Home*

**David A. Cox**

God instituted the home, and it is to be a place of happiness (Genesis 2:18-25). Today, we find that many homes are falling apart and at an ever alarming rate, and many are just not happy in their homes. The answer to these problems may be varied and seem very complicated. Still, we must understand that God intends for the home to be a place of happiness. As God designed the home, it is to be a loving, warm and caring place of safety. In our society today, can we have a happy home while the home and the marriage relationship are under full attack? There are some necessary ingredients for a home to be happy. Let us consider them.

### **God Must Be First In the Home**

Since God instituted the home to be a place of happiness and harmony, then God must be in His place – first in the home. Many may think that the spouse or children or jobs should be given first place in the home. However, God is to be first in every aspect of our lives, and that includes the home. If our lives are to be happy, then they are to be what He wants them to be. The same is true in the home. A happy home is a place where God and His will are given first place in the home. Putting God first will help to solve many other problems that normally destroy the happiness of the home. If a home is to be happy, then God will be there.

### **There Must Be Communication.**

The key to understanding and happiness is communication. When people are not happy, they will murmur and complain when communication is not what it should be. In the workplace, employee/employer problems often are caused by a lack of communication. In the home, it is the same. We cannot assume that everyone knows what I am thinking. Many homes are destroyed because simple lines of communication are stopped. If we are to have a happy home, we must major in communication. Peter stressed this as he wrote, "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be

hindered” (1 Peter 3:7). We must have communication in our homes if they are to be happy. There will be differences, but they can only be worked through with lines of communication that give understanding.

#### **There Must Be Cooperation and Commitment.**

In the home, there is a place in the family for each one to fill. Husbands, wives, and children each have a place that God has given to them. If we are to have a happy home, the husband must assume the leadership in the home, but he must not rule as a master of slaves. He is to be the leader, and the family is to follow. The example of a shepherd comes to mind. The shepherd will not do things to scatter the sheep but to secure their safety and to lead them in the right path. A man considered to serve as an elder or shepherd of God’s family exhibits this kind of leadership. This kind of leadership promotes happiness, as each understands their need to fulfill their role. In this kind of home, the wife will not sinfully seek to take the leadership away from her husband. Instead, the home will be united, working together as a team. This spirit of cooperation will promote happiness in the home. Cooperation like this begins as families commit to serving God in all things and not just in some areas. This kind of home will exhibit a true daily walk of service and commitment. When cooperation and commitment exist in a home, it will be a home where happiness resides.

#### **There Must Be Love.**

Without love, a home will suffer the loss of the great happiness that could be enjoyed. Paul stressed the importance of love when he wrote, “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Without love, our lives will be void of goodness and happiness. The characteristics of love that Paul lists are so important for the home to be happy. Notice Paul says that love is longsuffering, kind, is not envious, boastful, or proud. Love does not act in an unbecoming way, does not seek its own good, thinks evil, or is easily provoked. Instead, love “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a). The harsh, bitter, faultfinding spirit and the spirit of a lack of trust that looks for the bad of the other will not be present when love is there. Love is the ingredient that will eliminate many problems and will cause our

homes to be a permanent place of happiness as long as love resides in the home.

Yes, we can have a happy home when God is there and love is present. Love will allow our homes to be open, honest, and a place of trust. This will cause us to communicate and commit ourselves to the good and happiness of the home. These attitudes hinge on one’s complete surrender of his life to the will of God. And what a joyous and happy home there will be when God reigns in the home.



## ***The Greatest “Service Job” on Earth***

**L. A. Stauffer**

We have heard of a business meeting where some disgruntled members presented the elders with their reasons for wanting to change preachers. One offered, “My daughter says he preaches too long.” The elders were not too impressed with that, but suggested they might ask the man to plan his lessons for a better use of time.

A second complained, “But my wife says he preaches too loud.” The elders thought they might turn down the public address system and solve that weighty problem.

And the third said, “The bad thing is, the liberals just don’t like him.” Well now, that is going to be a bit harder to handle. Makes me think of a bumper sticker: “Get a taste of Religion — BITE A PREACHER.” The man who devotes his full time to preaching the gospel deserves better than that.

There are bound to be good and bad preachers — and some who should be doing something else. But aside from the “professionals,” and the con-men who think it is an easy way to make a living, preachers are a pretty decent lot. With the education, drive, and self-confidence necessary to make a reasonably successful preacher, a man can make more money and have a less demanding life doing something else. That is why those in it for the

money usually drop out in eight to ten years and get into some other field.

It takes a good man Charlie Brown, to go right on doing research, preparing the sort of lessons you and your elders feel are most needed, and presenting them to an audience of note passing teenagers, sleeping parents, ceiling-gazing gum-chewers and a liberal sprinkling of crying babies and their struggling mothers. More than once I have had the strong temptation to close the book and shout, "O.K., you win, you can have it!!"

And then I see the sober, thoughtful look on this teenager; the nod of approval on that parent; and a young mother comes to me after service with an apology for her child, and a request for my outline so she can study it when the child sleeps. If there are problems that fret and discourage us, there are also people who need the Lord, and are appreciative of your efforts to bring the two of them together. When you speak of good and bad preachers — remember the good and bad people they work with, and the fact that, despite rumors to the contrary, preachers are people.

Mothers and Dads, encourage your boys to accept the challenge of the greatest "service job" on earth.

~via *Midweek Messenger*; Cypress, Texas.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Betty Pepper	Dale Adcock
Lona Faye Jackson	Carson Parks
Pat Nixon	Shirley Miller
JoAnn Gilbert	Jimmy Johnson
Doris Lovell	Justice Gentry
Diane Kilpatrick	Janice Cagle
<b>Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:</b>	
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	Matt Bassford

### **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	Shelia Barrett, rm.

### **Limestone Health Facility:**

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59	Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38
Joy Warner, rm. 14	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

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

*Mike Ogles*; Huntsville Hospital – Huntsville

### **Updates:**

**Betty Pepper** had surgery on her knee for a meniscus tear on Monday and is at home... **Pat Nixon** is scheduled to have some heart tests done on Thursday of this week ... **Carson Parks** has been cutting some teeth this past week ... **Mike Ogles** began the RICE chemo treatments this past week. The treatment will take about 4-5 days. He is in the Huntsville Hospital... **Opal Conn** has finished her rehab and has gone to Vicksburg, Mississippi, with Benita and Chuck... **Matt Bassford**, who preaches for the Jackson Heights church in Columbia, Tennessee, has been diagnosed with ALS. Keep him in your prayer... Remember our expecting mothers **Heather Cox**, **Casey Curry**, and **Lynsey Adams**, in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Steve Usery** and all the family in the passing of Steve's grandmother, **Helen Rushing**, last Monday. Her visitation will be Monday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. The funeral will be at 2:00 at the Berryhill Funeral

Home in Huntsville. May the Lord bless all this family at this time... We also want to express our deepest sympathy to **Kenneth Smith** in the passing of his sister, **Josephine Davis**. She passed away on Sunday, and her funeral was on Friday in Decatur at Rideout Funeral Home. May the Lord bless all this family at this time... We also extend our sympathy to **Nancy Abernathy** and **Mike Ogles** in the passing of Nancy's brother-in-law and Mike's uncle, **Leonard Clines**. He passed away Thursday, and his Graveside service will be Tuesday at Roselawn.

**SUNDAYMORNING LADIES CLASS:** Beginning this morning, a Ladies Class will be meeting in the East Auditorium. The class will be studying "*How Shall I Be Remembered?*" **Phyllis Broadus** is coordinating this class.

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet Monday morning, July 5th at 10:30, to write and mail out cards. If you would like to be a part of this, please join them in the morning at 10:30.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** We are thrilled that **Isabella Perry** has decided to be identified with the church here. Isabella is no stranger to the church at Market Street, having attended with family here through the years. Let us extend a warm welcome to Isabella.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS:** The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class will resume meeting on Tuesday, July 20th. The class will be studying the "*Authority of the Scriptures*." The class will be meeting in the West Auditorium. **Scottie Reed** is coordinating this class.

**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.

**OUT OF TOWN:** **The Stiles:** *Chuck & Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Opal Conn** is in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for week of June 27th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	114
	Morning Worship .....	153
	Evening Worship .....	98
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	92



**Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, July 4th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting .....	Marcus Morris
Serving .....	Danny Johnson.. Roger Hammonds
.....	Russ Wulfekuhl .....
Closing Prayer .....	Hunter Cox
	Terry Andrews

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer .....	Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for the week of July 4th:  
 Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Heath Dollar  
 Work Sound System..... Marty R. Adams

**Wednesday, July 7th:**

Song Leader .....	Clayton Hamm
Bible Reading .....	Larry Holt
.....	(Jude 1-13)
Prayer.....	Frank Melton
Invitation.....	David Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams

**Sunday, July 11th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Holt
Assisting .....	Larry Tucker
Serving .....	Marvin Putman .....
.....	Heath Dollar
.....	Charles Vaughn ...Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Dan Reed

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Bob Broadus
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer .....	Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for the week of July 11th:  
 Ushers..... Danny Holt/Russ Wulfekuhl  
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams