

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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The Tragedy of Neglect

David A. Cox

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation; which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him" — (Hebrew 2:3).

The Hebrew writer brings to mind the seriousness of neglect. It is indeed a serious matter to be negligent in doing things that have serious consequences if left undone. We might neglect to do many things in life, and it is not a real serious matter. For example, to fail to eat good-enriching foods may be serious over time. Still, the immediate danger of such neglect is unapparent. But in spiritual matters, neglect is very serious and can determine our eternal standing with God. Let us consider some people in the scriptures who neglected the things of God.

Different Individuals That Neglected

Cain Who Neglected. Cain is the first that comes to mind (Genesis 4). He wanted to worship God and had been told what God expected but failed to offer that. Abel did not neglect God's will but offered to God a sacrifice that God required, and it pleased God. Cain's neglect led him into a life of rebellion and separation from God.

Uzzah Who Neglected. Uzzah is another one that neglected God's will concerning not touching the ark of God. Uzzah is remembered for his neglect putting forth his hand to steady the ark as the ark shook as it crossed Nachon's threshing floor, and God smote him for his neglect in the case (2 Samuel 6:6-7).

The Rich Man Who Neglected. In Luke 12, we read that the rich man was blessed abundantly by God, and his ground yielded plentifully. Rather than remember his soul and what God required of him, he thought only of himself and sought his happiness here on earth, feasting on the riches of God he had blessed. He is referred to as a "fool" for his neglect and not remembering God.

Felix Who Neglected. We are reminded of Felix, who heard Paul preaching to him of righteousness and the judgment to come," who said,

“Go away for now; when I have a convenient time, I will call for you” (Acts 24:24-27). Felix neglected a grave spiritual matter, the salvation of his soul, thinking there would be a later time.

It may be that neglect is deliberate and comes as we take the downward road away from God, as in Cain’s case. Or, it may be neglect that in our minds appear to have a good motive as in Uzzah’s case. Or, it may be neglect due to a lack of attention and commitment to pleasing God because of selfishness, as in the rich man’s case. Perhaps, negligence due to thinking there will be a better time later, as in the case of Felix. Regardless of the case, the tragedy of neglect is that it can leave one unprepared to meet God in judgment.



Life: The Great Non-Negotiable

Steve Patton

One of the most moving and inspirational books I ever read was written by a football coach. It wasn’t about football. Coach Gene Stallings, a successful and now retired NFL and college Coach, wrote the book (Another Season) about his son, John Mark Stallings. John Mark had Downs Syndrome. Tests indicated to them before his birth that he might be severely handicapped. The doctors urged them to abort. They chose not to take that course. The book is about how John Mark transformed the lives of his parents and siblings and just about everyone else who got to know him. It is a story of how a family came to view a handicapped child as the greatest blessing they ever received. The book changed my view of and appreciation for handicapped children. Their lives are of infinite value – to man and God.

The sad thing is there are many in our society that believe all would be better off if children like John Mark were never born. And these days, pre-natal testing allows doctors, insurance companies, and prospective parents to determine which babies in the womb will be so-called “normal and healthy,” and which will be born

with handicaps. Which is why more and more of them identified with handicaps, like Downs Syndrome, are being aborted. A society with a warped value system makes judgment calls based on social and economic factors and not on the value of a soul. The result is the use of modern technology to eliminate the “imperfect” – those who will be financial and social burdens.

This isn’t a new idea. This practice even has a name – Eugenics. It involves the evaluation of people based on the value to society and deciding who to eliminate for the good of the race. It was an idea even advocated in this country in the last century by such well known people as Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and early birth control and abortion advocate Margaret Sanger. Its ultimate expression in modern times was carried out in Nazi Germany by Adolf Hitler. Most do not realize that Hitler was eliminating mentally and physically handicapped people long before he started killing Jews. But he was doing it for the good of the Master Race. Onward and upward to a better world!

An American today can choose to eliminate any baby in the womb through abortion. They do not have to give a reason. When a society allows such choice to exist it does not take long for people with a soulless value system to choose only the perfect ones to live. How sad they will never know the joy of a Downs Syndrome child. I believe every Downs Syndrome child I have ever known was among the happiest and most loving people I ever knew. And their parents loved them with all their hearts. Yes, they were a tremendous challenge for the family but they were also a blessing.

In God’s eyes every person is of infinite value. Each has a soul that comes from God. As Christians we must never forget that. We are “his offspring” and must respect each and every life. Anything less leads to a heartless and cruel society. Value life. Yours may eventually depend on it.

~via *University church of Christ*; Tampa, Florida.



Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Brad Brown	Nikki Ogles
Bonita Dollar	Marci Bassett
Shirley Miller	Carol Dean
James Adams	Betty Pepper
Bonnie Sutton	Doris Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	Diane Kilpatrick
Prissy Ash	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Phillip Harwell	Cornelia Pepper
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77 Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Limestone Health Facility:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38
Alice Roberson, rm. 49 Bobby Ogles, rm. 113
Ann Bush, rm. 75

Shut-In or Away From 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
Stan Stanford; at home
Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Alan Thornton; Limestone Lodge
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Gerald Cox; Jackson-Madison Hospital – Jackson, Tenn.
Sadricia Wilson; Seattle, Washington

Updates:

Dale Adcock learned that she has a ruptured vertebra

in her neck that will require surgery. Before Dale has surgery, she will be seeing a neurologist concerning her MRI that showed she had six strokes... **Jay Baker** was able to leave Spain Rehabilitation on Thursday to come home. He will continue to do therapy at Athens TOC ... **Carol Dean** was involved in an accident on Monday and spent a day and night in the hospital running tests. She will be wearing a heart monitor for 30 days... **Brad Brown** suffered two broken legs last week. He is at home... **Jennifer Threet's daughter-in-law, Nancy Threet**, is having difficulties breathing after being diagnosed with the virus... **Albert & Brenda Haraway's grandson, Justice Gentry**, had surgery in Birmingham on Tuesday, and the surgery went well and they were very pleased with the progress Justice is making in his healing ... **Marci Bassett** continues not doing well... **Jerry McGlocklin** had a spell Monday where he could only see half of an object. The doctor thinks he may have had a stroke in his eye. The issue has cleared up, and he will be following up with the doctor... **Harold & Barb Ash's daughter-in-law, Prissy Ash**, had neck surgery on Monday, and it went well...

Jewel Dean Kennemer's granddaughter, Leigh Ellen Elliott, has taken two or three first round of treatments and has needed blood following this treatment... **Jackie Cox's nephew, Gerald Cox**, is in the hospital in Jackson, Tennessee, on a ventilator

PLEASE BARKSDALE — (1923-2022): We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of **El ease Barksdale**. El ease passed away this past Thursday evening at Athens Health & Rehab. Sister Barksdale has been a member of the Market Street church since 2017 when she moved to town. We have missed El ease's presence in the last couple of years as her health did not allow her to be out. We have all been blessed to have known El ease and see her love for the Lord. The visitation will be Saturday, February 26th at 12:00 noon followed by the funeral at 2:00 at Limestone Chapel. She will be laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery. May the Lord bless **Jennifer Threet and all her family** at this time.

OUT OF TOWN: The Coblentz's: **Tommy & Marcella** have been out of town in Georgia this past week... **Phyllis Broadus** has been out of town this week.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Barbara Carter & Angie Hinkle** in the passing of their brother, **Don Lovell**. Don passed away on Sunday night. His funeral was on Wednesday afternoon at the Spry Funeral Home. He was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery. May the Lord bless Angie, Barbara and all the family at this time.

OUR TENTH ANNUAL SINGING: This past Friday night, we had our *10th Annual Singing*. *Jim Deason, Wiley Deason & Johnny Felker* were the song leaders for the singing. The singing is always an encouraging night. We had 239 present. I appreciate all the work that so many do by inviting, and helping in various ways for the singing.

CONFESSIONS: Last Sunday morning, we were touched as *Sherry Davis* came forward asking for prayers for strength in her life as a Christian. We appreciate Sherry's good heart and desire to please God... Wednesday night *Jennifer Threet* came forward asking for prayers for forgiveness and strength in her life as a Christian. We are touched by the tender heart of Jennifer and her desire to please God. May we all encourage Jennifer and Sherry as they have and will encourage us.

SONG SERVICE: This evening at 5:00 will be the time for our regularly scheduled song service. I hope that everyone will be able to be present for that service.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, March 7th, to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them next Monday morning at 10:30.

ANNUAL SINGING RECORDINGS: We have video and audio recordings of the Tenth Annual Singing. If you would like copies of the singing, please fill out a member/visitor's card this morning and note that you want copies. Please note if you wish to have just audio/video or both.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the *"The Christian in a Secular Age."*

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of February 20th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	110
	Morning Worship	149
	Evening Worship	108
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	85



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting.....	Terry Andrews
Serving	Roger Hammonds
	Heath Dollar
	Keenon Currier.....
	Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer	Harvey Nixon

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer	Christian Usery
Other Assignments for the week of February 27 th :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, March 2nd:

Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading.....	Marcus Morris
	(John 9:13-34)
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Invitation.....	Frank Melton
Closing Prayer	Clayton Hamm

Sunday, March 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting.....	Hunter Cox
Serving	Harold Davis
	Kenneth Adams
	Nathaniel Adams.....
	Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Stephen Lynn
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Wayne Vaughn
Other Assignments for the week of March 6 th :	
Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt