

# 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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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## Counting The Cost

**David A. Cox**

*“And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it — lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish!” – Luke 14:27-30*

Jesus once asked the multitudes who followed Him about the need to count the cost. Jesus wants the people following Him to give serious consideration to both sides of their spiritual life. The commitment needed to follow Him and the loss that will be suffered by not following Him. Let us consider these costs that Jesus asks the multitude to consider.

### The Value of the Soul.

We must think about the value of the soul. Jesus asks, “For what is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? Or, what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26). The question Jesus asks is rhetorical. There is no profit to the man who has everything the world offers but is void of any spiritual value. Jesus says that man’s worth is great. In Matthew 6, Jesus points out that man is the crowning glory of God’s creation. Man has far more value than any other thing that God created. When God created man, He “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7). The man was given the eternal side, a soul that would exist for eternity. God valued man’s soul so much that He did not want to see man’s soul be lost in hell forever. The value is seen in God sending His Son to die on the cross so that man could be saved (John 3:16). The soul is precious, and we need to see it for the value God has for it.

### The Value of the Inheritance.

Peter speaks of the “inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:4). It is the value of the inheritance that Jesus says, “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:20). Suppose we count the cost of our inheritance. We will

see that the greatest value is the opportunity to dwell together with God in heaven forever.

### **The Cost of Our Soul Being Lost.**

There is an old song we sing that asks the question, “Have you counted the cost if your soul should be lost?” What is the cost if one is lost? (1) His soul is cast into hell (Matthew 25:41; 10:28). (2) A loss of great joy; life has frustrations, but to be saved will give us the greatest joy (2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Romans 8:18). (3) No hope of heaven as our eternal home. As we live as Christians doing the Lord’s will, we look with hope to a better and eternal day (Revelation 2:10; Hebrews 6:18-20). But this hope is lost for the soul that is lost eternally (Luke 16:19-31).

Let us all count the cost should our soul be lost. Then, understanding the tragic loss of our lost soul, let each determine to seek after the Lord with all of our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37). Truly giving ourselves daily as a living sacrifice to God.



## ***No Little Jobs, Only Little People***

**Gary Henry**

*“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much” (Luke 16:10).*

Every honorable job in this world deserves to be done well. When we’re asked to do a thing, especially in the Lord’s work, it really doesn’t matter whether the thing is “important” or not. The saying is true that there are no little jobs, only little people—people of too little character to see the value of work well done.

Our real attitude toward service is probably not measured by our performance in the big, glorious situations but rather by our steadfastness in the small, inglorious ones. “He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much.” As has been said, a person can’t be trusted with a big job who won’t give his best to a little one.

Whatever we do in the Lord, we can do it knowing that it will accomplish something worthwhile. It is the Lord, not we ourselves, who will take it and turn it into something good. It doesn’t depend on us or the “importance” of what we’ve done. So Paul said, “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). No matter what the job is, it’s not in vain if it’s in the Lord.

“When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast,” Jesus said, “do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:8-11). So in heaven, there may be some surprises. The most exalted places of honor may be filled by simple souls whose work in this world was hardly ever noticed.

~via *Heaven Bound Charlestown Road*; New Albany, Indiana.



### **Beacon of Truth**

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

on WVNN 770AM – 92.5 FM

8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.

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## Speech Recognition

Jeff Himmel

Most computers and even smartphones now have speech recognition software, allowing you to enter commands with your voice instead of using a keyboard. When creating documents, you can speak instead of typing. What was once the stuff of science fiction has now become an everyday tool.

But these high-tech apps do have some challenges. I find that most of them have a bit of trouble with my slight southern drawl, so I have to speak with an affected northern accent on certain words. Sometimes I say a big word, but the computer hears a train of small ones instead; if I talk too slowly, “factuality” may type as “fax you Al a tea.” Obviously, the results can be pretty funny. And that creates another problem: if I laugh out loud, the computer just types more gibberish.

The result? When I use speech recognition software, I sometimes have to speak in such a way that I barely recognize myself. It’s sort of like talking to a foreigner who knows English but has some trouble understanding the way it is often spoken. In order to communicate, you may need to speak differently than usual.

Perhaps there’s a lesson here on teaching. As you and I grow in our knowledge of God’s word, we get comfortable with various Biblical terms and concepts. Because we’ve studied them, they make perfect sense to us. But to someone else, those same terms and concepts may be unfamiliar and confusing. They may sound like gibberish. If we’re going to teach such a person, we may need to speak a little differently so that we can be understood. Many people, for instance, have no idea what fornication is, or what it means to repent, or what is denoted by inspiration. We need to be ready to carefully explain such things. We can’t effectively teach people if they don’t understand what we’re saying.

We will find, of course, that this takes time and effort. But it’s worth it. In our teaching, let’s imitate Solomon, who “searched to find just the right words” in order to teach “what was upright and true” (Ecclesiastes 12:10, NIV).

~via *Plant City Planter*; Plant City, Florida.

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Brad Brown	Nikki Ogles
Shirley Miller	James Adams
Betty Pepper	Doris Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	Diane Kilpatrick
Gabriella Gentry	

### 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
Leigh Ellen Elliott	Wynell Romine

### 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:

Marci Bassett, rm. 114	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  
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:

#### Updates:

**Tena Wells** had her third surgery this past Tuesday for melanoma. They will be giving her the results of the tests when they come back...**Dale Adcock** neck surgery is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>...**Carol Dean’s** report on her heart monitor was good at this point. She will continue to wear it for two more weeks. She will be having more

tests done on April 4<sup>th</sup> ...*Nikki Ogles'* immune system is low and she will be going to get another shot for it this week...*Joyce McGlocklin's sister, Wynell Romine*, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and they will be determining a course of action for her.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Priscilla Tucker and all the family*, in the passing of Priscilla's mother-in-law, *Sandra Gronsewski*. She passed away last Saturday. Her funeral was Wednesday afternoon at the Spry Funeral Home.

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, March 21<sup>s</sup> to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them next Monday morning at 10:30.

**UKRAINE:** There is no doubt that we have all seen the atrocities that the people in Ukraine are suffering. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren who are there.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Anderson church* in Anderson is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker will be *Jeff May*... The *Eastside church* in Scottsboro is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *John Duvall*.

**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 March 6<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	123
	Morning Worship .....	162
	Evening Worship .....	121
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	83



### Remember Our Bible Study Periods

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

### Men Privileged To Serve:

#### Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>:

##### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Holt
Assisting .....	Jerry Baker
Serving .....	Harold Davis .....
	Christian Usery
	Hayden Pierce .....
	Landon Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Wayne Vaughn

##### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Dan Reed
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Holt
Closing Prayer .....	Harold Ash
Other Assignments for the week of March 13 <sup>th</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Heath Dollar/Marcus Morris
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrew

#### Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:

Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading.....	Kenneth Smith
	(John 10:1-21)
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Invitation .....	David Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds

#### Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>:

##### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader .....	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting .....	Stephen Lynn
Serving .....	Luke Vaughn .....
	Charles Vaughn
	Matthew Usery.....
	Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer .....	Nathaniel Adams

##### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader .....	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds
Other Assignments for the week of March 20 <sup>th</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt