

# 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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## *Lessons of Service From Jesus*

**David A. Cox**

*"Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded" – (John 13:3-5)*

Just hours before His execution on the cross, Jesus demonstrated a most valuable lesson to His disciples; the life of service. Many facing what was in front of Jesus would have never considered the lesson He showed His disciples. Most would focus on how to escape the impending death or the desertion of all the disciples and the disciple that betrayed Him. The setting of the supper follows the disciples' quarrel about rank and who would be the greatest (Luke 22:24). The service of Jesus is expressed in three words which show His action of service: rose, girded, and wash. The humility of Jesus and His concern, love, and compassion for his disciples wants to give them one last example of a life of service. Let us consider things to learn from Jesus.

### No Task of Service Is Beneath Jesus

There are times in life when people who need Christ are in desperate situations. Sometimes the situations can be very messy, and many may say, "They made the mess, let them clean it up." However, Jesus washed His disciples' feet. Jesus did not get them dirty. They were dirty from the things and traveling the disciples had done. But Jesus rises, pours water into a basin, and washes their feet. Why? Because Jesus was showing them that the work of service is not limited. They are thinking about being the greatest, but the greatest in the kingdom is the one who serves. Let us learn and put the lesson into action.

### Service Requires Thinking of Others Better Than Yourself.

The disciples certainly did not think the other disciples were better than them. How do I know? They were arguing about who was the greatest.

The “I am better” attitude is a common problem for many. The church at Philippi had two women in a dispute over some issue. Paul writes to them, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4). How many troubles in the home, workplace, church, etc., could be eliminated if people practiced this in their lives? The focus is wrong when thoughts arise about how much I have done and how little others have done. Maybe they are not doing what they should, but neither were the disciples doing as they should, but Jesus shows that He esteems them better than Himself.

### **Service Gets My Focus Off of Me.**

There is no doubt that Jesus had a lot of needs that He could have been focused on, but He did not let them get in the way of serving the disciples. Often people struggle to get their minds off of their needs or even accomplishments. This stems from a problem of pride. They are proud of what they have accomplished and maybe even done for others. But they are hindered in service as they rest on their laurels. Jesus had done much for many people in His life. At this point, He could have overlooked the service to the disciples thinking about all the good He had done, but He did not! Neither did Jesus allow the stresses of the cross and His needs to get in the way of serving. Jesus did not let Himself get in the way of serving; instead, He arose, girded Himself, and washed the disciples’ feet.

These are three vital lessons for us to learn as we strive to be servants like our Lord and Master. May we learn from Jesus the value of service. Let us see the action of service, and let us emulate that in our lives.



## ***Which Shall We Choose?***

**Gary Henry**

*“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is*

*being renewed day by day”* (2 Corinthians 4:16).

***There Is No Question Whether Suffering Will Change Us or Not; The Only Question Is How It Will Change Us?*** What the change will be depends on our response -- and in the final analysis, there are only three basic ways that people respond to suffering.

**Passivity.** Some people see themselves as little more than the passive victims of whatever happens to them. Unwilling to acknowledge any responsibility for their own actions or any freedom to choose their response, these individuals are at the mercy of their surroundings and their circumstances. They don’t really live their lives; their lives are “being lived” for them by outside forces.

**Bitterness.** Unfortunately, the passive mentality of the victim often degenerates into something even worse: a resentment that life should be so unkind and so unfair. In such cases, pain and suffering come to be the source of bitterness and anger. The fortunate few who are happy are resented, and God Himself may even be complained against for His cruel mismanagement of the universe.

**Transformation.** This response is radically different from either passivity or bitterness. It is the response which says, “I will do the best I can to do whatever is right, and I will respond to suffering with the dignity of a person made in God’s image.” When our chosen response is to trust God and obey Him, pain changes us for the better. Even while “perishing,” we are “renewed day by day.”

When we look at the kind of people we are now as opposed to the kind of people we used to be, we all see a difference, a contrast between “before” and “after.” *We’ve either grown upward or downward.* And the difference between those who’ve grown upward and those who’ve grown downward is not that some have suffered and others have not. In one way or another, all have suffered. But those who have grown toward God are those who, when faced with suffering, have chosen the upward path rather than the downward. Transformation to greater glory is always a *choice*.

“Pain and suffering produce a fork in the road. It is not possible to remain unchanged. To let others or circumstances dictate your future is to have chosen. To allow pain to corrode your spirit is to have chosen. And to be transformed into the image of Christ by these difficult and trying circumstances is to have chosen” (Tim Hansel).

~via *North Beach Church of Christ*; Fort Worth, Texas.



As children of God, we are thankful for all our heavenly Father has done for us. This thanksgiving should fill our hearts and be expressed through our thoughts, spoken words, songs of praise, as well as prayers of thanksgiving. The next time we go to God in prayer, let us consider what He has done for us. While we are thankful for our many physical blessings, we know they will one day go the way of the world, leaving us with our “treasures in heaven.” Let us make the time every day to praise the Lord for all that He has done, thanking Him for the salvation of our souls.

~via *Tidewater Church of Christ*; Chesapeake, Virginia

## *Praising the Lord*

**John M. Duvall**

Praising the Lord should be a genuine expression stemming from the heart of every Christian. There are so many blessings for which we should be thankful. From God’s mercy and grace, to His loving kindness and justness, to His eternal plan for the salvation of man, we have so much for which to be grateful.

Consider for a moment Paul’s letter to the church in Rome. The apostle Paul, in reference to the salvation of the Gentiles, wrote the following: “9 . . . and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, ‘Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.’ 10 And again it is said, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.’ 11 And again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.’ 12 And again Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.’ 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope” (Romans 15:9-13, ESV). Let us consider some key phrases in this text. In v. 9, Paul refers to the Gentiles glorifying God for His mercy. We see the words “praise you” and “sing to your name.” In v. 10, we see a reference calling the Gentiles to “rejoice” with God’s people. In v. 11, we see a call to “praise the Lord” and to “extol Him.” In v. 12 and 13, we see a reference to the “hope” found in the root of Jesse, which is the Christ.

## *News & Notes...*

### **THE SICK:**

Paul Adcock	James Adams
Dan Lovell	Shirley Miller
Betty Lovell	JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell	Keith Holt

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

Sharon Nave	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Wynell Romine	Anthony Sutton
Tim McGuire	Barbara Piper
Henry Fusch	Liz Fusch

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

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

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

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	Bobby Ogles, rm. 113
Ann Bush, rm. 75	Alice Roberson, rm. 49

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

Nell Barksdale; at home  
Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge  
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Barbara Carter; Goldton at Athens  
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville  
Irene Inman; at home  
Stan Stanford; at home  
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison  
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

**In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:**

*Cassidy Craig*; UAB Hospital; – Birmingham  
*Emma Bacci*; Huntsville Hospital

**Updates:**

**Peggy Pepper** is at home following her hip replacement ...**Helen Blankenship's great-granddaughter, Cassidy Craig**, is in the hospital in Birmingham with a brain bleed. She is scheduled for a procedure on November 23rd...**Harold Davis** will be going to the doctor to begin medication for his Polymyalgia Rheumatica... **Wendy and Roger Hammonds' niece, Brooklyn Berthiaume** has completed her cancer treatments at Clearview this week...**Doris McGuire's son, Tim McGuire** continues his chemo treatments and has been able to continue working.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS:** The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30. They are beginning a study on "The Parables of Jesus."

**OUT OF TOWN: The Hamms: Joel, Sharma & Ragan** are on the senior trip with Athens Bible School this week in Washington, D.C. and New York.

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet Monday morning at 10:30 to write and mail out cards. If you would like to do this, join them in the morning.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT Q & A:** For the next several Wednesday nights, I will be doing Question & Answer sessions. If you have questions that you would like for me to deal with, please write the question or topic you are interested in hearing about, and I will deal with them.

**AWAY FROM US:** Some of our people are away from home. Keep them in your prayers.

**Kenneth Adams** is in Auburn for school.  
**Keenon Currier** is stationed in Monterey, California.  
**Addison Holt** is in Birmingham for school.  
**Christian Usery** is in Birmingham for work.

**THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>:**

Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 115  
Morning Worship ..... 142  
Evening Worship ..... 101  
Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 82

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz  
Song Leader ..... Albert Haraway  
Prayer.....Nathaniel Adams  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Terry Andrews  
Assisting ..... Marcus Morris  
Serving .....Matthew Vaughn..... Luke Vaughn  
.....Roger Hammonds ..Clayton Hamm  
Closing Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz  
Song Leader ..... Larry Holt  
Prayer..... Frank Melton  
Preaching..... Frank Himmel  
Lord's Supper ..... Terry Andrews  
Closing Prayer ..... Jerry Baker  
Other Assignments for the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>:  
Ushers..... Danny Holt/Tommy Coblentz  
Work Sound System..... Russ Wulfekuhl

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
Bible Reading ..... Hayden Pierce  
.....(John 21:15-25)  
Prayer.....Dan Reed  
Invitation..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Hunter Cox

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer..... Bob Broadus  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Harvey Nixon  
Assisting ..... Keith Hinkle  
Serving .....Matthew Usery..... Charles Vaughn  
.....Landon Adams... Nathaniel Adams  
Closing Prayer .....Tommy Coblentz

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Clayton Hamm  
Prayer..... Harold Ash  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Keith Hinkle  
Closing Prayer ..... Roger Hammonds  
Other Assignments for the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>:  
Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Marvin Putman  
Work Sound System..... Larry Holt