

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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Making Good Use of the New Year

David A. Cox

A song says, "Swiftly we're turning life's daily pages, swiftly the hours are changing to years." How true that is of life. We live each day, and as the days pass you turn around and the year is spent. Since that is the case, we would do well to ask ourselves the question the song asks, "How are we using God's golden moments, shall we reap glory or shall we reap tears?" Indeed life passes so quickly and it is so easy to get wrapped up in the affairs of life that we fail to spend our time doing the things that will benefit those around us and ourselves the most.

A year is a definite period of time. 2013 will be composed of 52 weeks and 365 days. If we are allowed to live through these weeks and days, they will either be used for our "reaping of glory or our reaping of tears." Let us look at ways that we can make the "new year" a good year and a blessing to us spiritually.

Grow Spiritually – In knowledge – In grace.

The necessity of growing spiritually as Christians is important (Hebrews 5:11-14). In order to grow spiritually, we must determine to be faithful in our attendance in the services of the church. We must learn the value of taking time to study God's word with other Christians and receiving encouragement from others as well as extending encouragement to others. If we are to grow spiritually, we must be present when the local church of which we are a member assembles (Hebrews 10:23-25). We will not grow in knowledge and in grace when we place our jobs or other activities in front of our "assembling together". But spiritual growth also requires our participation in home Bible studies with others and the study of God's word on our own. Christians should be like the Bereans who "searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). Let us make time in our schedules this year to be present at assemblies and Bible class periods, to participate in home Bible studies and to make time for personal Bible study at home. We make time for everything else we deem as important. Without a doubt there is nothing more important than doing those things which will help us to be faithful and grow spiritually.

Grow Deeper In Our Worship.

One reason we do not grow spiritually is because we lack depth in our worship. Worship is more than just showing up to be present. Worship involves attention, participation, and refection. There is great value in study, prayer, teaching in song, in giving and reflecting upon God's will and His marvelous grace. Reflecting on our worship and putting the meaning in it that we should will help us to overcome sin and draw closer to God.

To Grow In Our Service To Others.

Selfishness is condemned in the scriptures. The rich fool in Luke 12, was blessed with abundance in his harvest, but was condemned for thinking of self and not remembering God or others. Again, in Matthew 25:31-46, the judgement scene is pictured and those that were condemned were those who had not remembered others when they had the opportunity to assist. The life of a Christian should be a life of putting God first, others second and self third (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 2:3-4). Let each of us determine to look upon the needs of others in the coming year. Let us truly exemplify Christ living in us as we forget about ourself and look for opportunities to help others; physically and spiritually (Matthew 26:39).

To Make Our Homes As God Desires.

If we are to have good homes in the world in which we live we must make them as God would have them. God is the designer of the home and He is the authority for how the home is to be ordered. We must determine as husbands, wives, and children to be what the scriptures teach us about our place in the home.

Make Our Lives Pleasing To God.

We must make sure our lives are what God would be pleased with. If we have not done the things to bring about the forgiveness of our sins and reconciling us to God then we must do that immediately. We all must resolve to make our lives a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1-2).

Let us determine to use what time we have in the "new year" to grow spiritually, deepening worship, grow in service to others, and to make our homes and lives pleasing to God. Let us do all that we can in 2013 for the cause of Christ and for the work we have been given to do. Let us all determine to make the best use of the "new year" for the glory of God.

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

Congregational Singing

Friday, February 22, 2012 — 7:00p.m.

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"He Went About Doing Good"

Randy Harshbarger

Peter spoke these words to Cornelius about Jesus Christ: "even Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38). The immediate and obvious application of Peter's statement, "He went about doing good," relates to the fact that Jesus, by miracles, healed the sick and delivered those who had been taken captive by Satan. That He should do this was a matter of prophecy (Isaiah 42:1; 61:1). When Jesus began His ministry, He read from the Isaiah passage, applying it to Himself and His work (Luke 4:16ff). The Spirit of God descended upon Jesus at His baptism (Matthew 3:16-17). Jesus fulfilled the program of work outlined for Him. He preached good tidings to the poor, provided release to those captive in sin, and restored sight to the blind. Peter's statement is a good summary of Jesus' life on earth: "He went about doing good."

We are not surprised to read about Jesus doing good. Can we not imagine the Savior, as He moves through a great throng of people, many of whom were diseased. The gentle touch of His hand was all it took for the leprosy to be gone. Or, simply saying the word, and the one tormented with palsy was made whole. Can we not imagine His tender sympathies as He heals Peter's mother-in-law? Can we not image the joy of those, once demon-possessed, but now made free by the power of His word? As Isaiah said, and as Matthew

quotes: "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases" (Matthew 8:17). Jesus was burdened as He viewed the vast multitudes who wandered aimlessly, as sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:35-38). He was burdened for their souls. Jesus went about doing good. We are not surprised to read this.

But what about us? What about you and me? Jesus left us an example to follow; are we following Him (1 Peter 2:21)? Or, you say: "We can't work miracles today, so we can't do what Jesus did." That is partially true; we cannot work miracles as did Jesus, but we can emulate His example of caring and service to others. Jesus told one young man, that in order to have treasures in heaven, he must sell what he had and then distribute it to the poor (Matthew 19:21). Is that same demand made of us today? Yes, if what we have gets in the way of our putting Jesus first. Many inspired instructions emphasize practical efforts that provide blessings to others (James 1:26-27; 1 John 3:16-17). If we do these things, we would be doing good.

Do you find it interesting that the Lord speaks about practical everyday things when He gathers all men before Him in judgment? A cup of water, some needed food, a visit, or some clothing--all combine to make us more like the Savior (Matthew 25:31-46). These are things the Lord mentions when that final review takes place. Can we see their importance? Will we strive to live as He lived? Will we grow as He grew? Will we think as He thought and obey as He obeyed? Will we forgive as He forgave and love as He loved? Will we give as He gave?

We are not surprised that Jesus went about doing good. May our lives be such that no one is surprised to see us walking in the footsteps of the Master. Wherever Jesus leads, may we follow Him, follow Him all the way. Wherever Jesus leads, let us follow Him every day.

—via *Stallings Drive Bulletin*; Nachcogdoches, Texas.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come and Join Us As We Study Together

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

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

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Gladys Johnson	Mot Dollar
Kim & Peyton Rogers	Gwen Bullock
Gilbert Hardy	Mary Ruth Gardner
Wynell Casteel	Wayne Gooch
Bruce Mordecai	Una King Currier
Ronald Harrison	Carrie Miller
Abby Gilbert	Betty Faye Holt
Phillip Harwell	Evelyn Harrison
Charles Burns	Ava Brooke Campbell
Matt Poff	Shelia Dunnavant Douglas

In The Hospital:

James Adams; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 626

David Hartsell; UAB-Spain, Birmingham

Athens Convalescent Care:

Hazel Toone, rm. 7 Beulah Pope, rm. 100

Matty Murray, rm. 60

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B

Albert Norton, rm. 36 J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

Rosella Pugh, rm. 74 Billy Sutton, rm. 29

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 29-E

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home

Lola Colwell, at home

Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 45

Ruby Davis, Valley View Health, Madison, rm. 51-A

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class will not be meeting for the rest of this month. They will

resume meeting on January 8th and continue the study, "The Barnabas Factor".

OUT OF TOWN: The Beasleys: Robert and Mot have been in North Carolina visiting with family.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group two will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group tonight.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Kenneth Smith**, in the passing of his sister-in-law, **Marie Smith**. She passed away on Friday. The visitation will be this afternoon beginning at 1:00 followed by the funeral at 3:00 at the McConnell Funeral Home... Also, we want to express our deepest sympathy to **Ruby Jean Tinnon**, in the passing of her brother, **Herbert Ezell**, this past Sunday. His funeral was Thursday afternoon at Limestone Chapel... Also our deepest sympathy goes to **Brenda Jones**, in the sudden passing of her sister, **Janet Waddell**. Her funeral was Wednesday afternoon in Nashville. Remember all these families in our prayers.

NEW QUARTER TO BEGIN: The new quarter in our Bible classes at Market Street will begin next Sunday, January 6th. This would be a great time to begin participating in our Bible classes if you are not. We are blessed with good dedicated teachers and I appreciate the work all of them do throughout the year in preparing and teaching the classes.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: The Children's Bible Drill is each Sunday afternoon at 4:40 and lasts about 15 minutes. It meets in the auditorium and will end about 5 minutes before the beginning of our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to be present this evening for the Bible drill.

THE RECORD: For the Week of December 23rd

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 131
Morning Worship 194
Evening Worship..... 108



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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, December 30th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Wayne Vaughn
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Terry Andrews
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Kenneth Smith
Assisting Jonathan Keenon
Serving Kenneth Adams..... Mot Dollar
..... Marty Adams..... Stefan Fudge
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements Wayne Vaughn
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Steve Bradley
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Jordan Lovell

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 30th:

Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, January 2nd:

Song Leader Tyler Cox
Bible Reading..... Isaiah 57:11-21
..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Invitation Marty Adams
Closing Prayer Joel Hamm

Sunday, January 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Jerr McGlocklin
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Terry Andrews
Assisting Wayne Vaughn
Serving Dan Lovell..... Delmer Carter
..... Harold Davis..... Paul Hasting
Closing Prayer Mot Dollar

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Jonathan Keenon
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer Jack Cannon

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 6th:

Usher Marion Mitchell
Work Sound System Marty Adams