

# 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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### *John Mark: A Second Chance*

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##### **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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#### **MARKET STREET MESSENGER**

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

"And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their mission, taking along with them John, who was also called Mark" (Acts 12:25). According to 1 Peter 5:13, John Mark was the Apostle Peter's son in the gospel. This description is akin to Paul's words when he described his relationship to the younger preacher Timothy (1 Timothy 1:2, 18). This kind of relationship was rooted in the gospel. Too, there was great interest on the part of Peter in seeing that John Mark progressed in his service to the Lord. We easily understand the closeness of the two men— Peter and John Mark. Peter had been delivered from prison and was soon in the house of Mary, John Mark's mother (Acts 12:12-16). Imagine the excitement and amazement of seeing Peter come from prison. The subsequent influence of Peter over this young man is appreciated by those who seek to encourage younger preachers or other young Christians in their walk with the Lord. And now, John Mark was embarking on a preaching trip with Barnabas, his uncle, and the recently converted persecutor of Christians, Saul of Tarsus (cf. Colossians 4:10—cousin or nephew).

"Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem" (Acts 13:13). Why did John Mark make the choice not to continue with Paul and Barnabas on this preaching trip? Did he resent the new prominence of Paul over Barnabas? Why does Luke now simply refer to Paul's fellow-workers as "his companions?" Barnabas does not indicate any jealousy about this supposed elevation of one man over the other. Was John Mark afraid of robbers? If so, this fear was not without foundation. The inner regions of Asia Minor, in particular Pamphylia, were treacherous terrain; and robbers were common fare along the road leading north from the sea to the mountainous Taurus range. Paul told the Corinthians that he sometimes experienced "dangers from robbers" (2 Corinthians 11:26). Was John Mark afraid of disease? Epaphroditus got sick when he was away from home—not a pleasant experience (Philip-

pians 2:25). Maybe John Mark was homesick. Did he resent having to preach to the Gentiles?

We do not know why John Mark decided to leave the company of Paul and Barnabas and return to Jerusalem. All we really know is that he exercised the right to choose. That is the way God created him; that is the way God created each of us. Heredity and environment have something to do with our lives here on earth. Yet, they are not to be used or blamed for the poor choices we sometimes make. We are not deprived of choice. We are not preprogrammed robots. “Choose you this day...” are the familiar words of Joshua 24:15. We must choose something. The freedom to choose is a wonderful gift from God.

~via *Stallings Drive Bulletin*; Nachogdoches, Texas.



## *Simple Respect*

**Dee Bowman**

The word “respect” has an interesting history. It was originally a Latin word which meant “to look back to.” For instance, if you see something that captures your attention, you’re apt to look back to it or try to see it more closely. Today the word means to have regard for something or someone, to show esteem, to value. We sometimes use the word to describe giving attention to something, to consider something carefully.

There are a number of areas where respect has been lost in this day and age. People are so caught up in the business of equality and personal rights that they don’t give due respect to things that are actually very important. There are some things that are so important that it behooves us to give them special attention—due respect, if you please—and make sure that they are not forgotten. For instance:

**We need to respect God and His word.** It is astounding that in the midst of the best of times, numberless blessings, and wealth beyond imagining, we have no time for God. How many of us pray as we ought? How many of us read the word with any degree of regularity. Even preachers can get so tied up with trivial details,

minutia, that they neglect the reading of God’s word. We’re too busy, folks. God should be in our thoughts at the beginning of our day, and the object of the prayer we make at the end of the day. His word should be not just our chore, but our pleasure. It is the only source of information we must have to answer our needs of the here, as well as the hereafter (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It is foolish indeed to leave God out of our plans and to neglect His word.

**We need to respect truth.** The devil is very cunning and crafty. He can contrive little subtle things that are almost unnoticeable at the time, but which can eventually cause considerable damage to our spiritual character. One of the things he does with great frequency is cause us to make truth relative. That is, he causes us to rationalize regarding the truth. For instance, he causes us to say, “I’m different.” If we’re not careful, we’ll apply truth to others but when it comes to us, we have some reason why it doesn’t apply. After all, I have a good reason—“I’m different.” Truth is definitive. Its boundaries are clear-cut, cleanly delineated (look at the word—it is de-lined). That is, whatever it says to one, it says to all. It plays no favorites, has no personal preferences. Paul treats this very problem in Romans the second chapter. “And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?” And again, “Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?” (Romans 2:3; 21). It cuts both ways, folks.

**Children need to respect their parents.** I hear children talking to their parents in horrible ways in this day and age. Such language not only shows a disrespect for one’s parents, it is a sin against God. “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:1-3). That is a commandment, young people. It says that you should honor your father and mother—that is, you should show a high regard for them, give them a special place. And you don’t give them that kind of respect when you don’t listen to them or when you react to their wishes with a sullen attitude. Respect for parents is one way you show your respect for God. It follows, then, that when you don’t respect your parents like you should, you don’t respect God. Think about that.

**We need to have respect for age.** I deplore hear-

ing someone refer to their father as “the old man.” It’s disrespectful to them, to their age, to their station in life. There is an almost a feeling among us that it’s a sin to be old. Youth is the thing. It receives the attention, the admiration of people. Youth is elevated, age is deplored. Ponce de Leon searched for the fountain of youth— nobody ever looks for the fountain of age. God abhors disrespect for the aged. They were accorded special regard during both the Patriarchal and Jewish ages. Moses gathered the Elders to help him in his work (Exodus 3:16). In Exodus 18, he took advice from his father-in-law, Jethro, a sure sign of respect for his age. In the New Testament, God gave the work of superintending the flock to elders, not youthful men. It is a sin against God to neglect the aged (1 Timothy 5:16). And to pay no attention to the elderly is the same as openly abusing them. Men who have lived long lives are valuable to us. One writer I know rather well said, “If we would take the time to hear them instead of seeking so enthusiastically to compete with them, we could profit greatly. Their advice is based on the result of abrasives which have polished it to a lustre.” (The Godly Family In A Sick Society, 1979 FC Lectures, p. 71).

**We need to respect the worship services.** The wise man said, “Keep thy foot when thou comest to the house of God and be more ready to hear than to offer the sacrifice of fools” (Ecclesiastes 5:1). It is a serious thing to offer worship to God. It is a serious thing to act like you’re worshipping God when you’re not (Matthew 6:5-6). Sham worship is a terrible sin. It dishonors God. It desecrates and dishonors who and what He is. For instance, when a person doesn’t carefully examine himself and partake of the Lord’s supper in a worthy manner, “he eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body” (1 Corinthians 11:29). That’s serious business, folks. And it’s the same for one who doesn’t sing “with the spirit and the understanding” or merely goes through the motion of prayer, even reciting the proper phrases and saying the expected things, but without the involvement of his heart. It is a dangerous thing to engage in worship that goes no where. “God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).

Respect. Now, there’s a word we’d all do well to remember.

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

**Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.**

# News & Notes

## THE SICK:

Marjorie Dannuavant	Nancy Abernathy
Marvin Putman	Kim Rogers
James Adams	Lawinda Keenon
Gwen Bullock	Gilbert Hardy
Mary Ruth Gardner	Wynell Casteel
Wayne Gooch	David Hartsell
Bruce Mordecai	Una King Currier
Ronald Harrison	Carrie Miller
Abby Gilbert	Betty Faye Holt
Phillip Harwell	Ava Brooke Campbell
Charles Burns	Shelia Dunnivant Douglas
Matt Poff	

## *Athens Convalescent Care:*

Beulah Pope, rm. 100      Mattye 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

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** Remember the Ladies’ Bible class that meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are continuing the study, “*The Barnabas Factor*”. All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

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

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** We are happy to announce that *Mildred Lambert* has expressed her desire to be a part of the work here at Market Street. Sister Lambert has recently moved to the Montclair Apartments on Market Street. Let us all extend a warm welcome to sister Lambert.

**HAZEL TOONE (1910–2013):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of sister Hazel Toone this passed Wednesday afternoon. Sister Toone has been missed by all in the past year or so as her health failed to the point that she was unable to attend services. She loved the church at Market Street and was always interested in hearing about the work here. We want to express our deepest sympathy to Jerry, Joyce and Leigh Ann McGlocklin and all the family in her passing. Her funeral was Saturday morning at Spry Funeral Home and she was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery.

**RUBY DAVIS (1911–2013):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of sister Ruby Davis this passed Friday morning. She was a longtime member of the Market Street church. She had been sick and unable to attend services for several years. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all the family in her passing. Her funeral was Saturday afternoon at McConnell Funeral Home and she was laid to rest in the Athens City Cemetery.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Ruth Legg* in the passing of her nephew, *Marty Boyd*, on Thursday. The visitation will be Monday at 12 noon followed by the funeral at 2:00 p.m. at Limestone Chapel.

**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:** Attendance for Week of January 6th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 126  
Morning Worship ..... 169  
Evening Worship..... 122

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 102



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## Men Privileged To Serve:

### *Sunday, January 13th:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Prayer ..... Marty Adams  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Assisting ..... Marcus Morris  
Serving ..... Keith Hinkle ..... Nathaniel Adams  
..... David Terry ..... Ronnie Locke  
Closing Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Closing Prayer ..... Tyler Cox

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 13th:

Usher ..... Keenon Currier  
Work Sound System ..... Landon Adams

### *Wednesday, January 16th:*

Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Bible Reading..... Isaiah 59:1-10  
..... Danny Johnson  
Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Invitation ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

### *Sunday, January 20th:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Kenneth Smith  
Assisting ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Serving ..... Russ Wulfekuhl ..... Landon Adams  
..... Brandon Griswold ... Tommy Burns  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Marcus Morris  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Kenneth Smith  
Closing Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 20th:

Usher ..... Mot Dollar  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams