

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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Wednesday June 12th – 7:00 p.m.

June 10th – 13th – 10:00 a.m.

Ed Harrell, Speaking

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Save Someone

Russ Bowman

The providential power of God is one of the most fascinating and compelling of His qualities as they are revealed in the Bible. By definition, “providence” might be described as the power of God to accomplish His will without suspending the regular and common laws which govern the natural world. In other words, providence is God’s power absent the miraculous. Perhaps the most expanded illustration of this divine quality is revealed in the Old Testament account of Esther, which chronicles the rise of a young Jewish woman to the position of queen of Persia and her intercession on behalf of the Jews so as to deliver them from the evil design of a Persian courtier. In the absence of any concept of God, with His promises, purposes, and provisions, we would likely accept this story as an amazing series of coincidences and an instructive lesson in cause, effect, and consequence. But the Word of God repeatedly notes God’s intentions and His prophetic revelations, and in so doing, illustrates His power to so employ the determinations and decisions of men that He might bring about His ends. Without ever defying the freedom of choice of one man, God has and can accomplish His purposes, as illustrated not only in the story of Esther, but in the lives of Abraham or Joseph or in the historical dominions of Assyria, Babylon, or Persia.

Against the background of God’s divine ability, I would offer a reminder to those of us who are Christians as we look to our service in the upcoming new year. One of the prominent qualities of the Christians described in the pages of the New Testament appears to have been their zeal in promoting the good news of salvation in Christ. In a matter of three or so decades, a small group of disciples in Jerusalem had spread the message of the gospel to lands far removed from Judea. And such a determination to promote the offer of salvation ought to be a natural and continual part of our service to Christ, if for no other reason than the fundamental command to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39). Granted, it is easy to become distracted from “evangelism” as we consider and pursue other aspects of life, whether in service to God or simply in the daily demands of existence. And we therefore need, from time to time, to be reminded of this important

activity. Thus, we here at Northwest hope to offer a continued emphasis upon our responsibilities and privileges as sowers of the seed of God’s Word (Luke 8:10f). One of our goals is to “save someone” and we hope other Christians elsewhere will seriously address this pursuit as well. “But what,” you might ask, “is the connection between this goal and the providence of God mentioned earlier?”

If you or I decide that, in the coming year, we would set out to save the life of another human being, just how would we go about it? We would first have to find someone who was in somewhat immediate danger of losing their life. Perhaps we could become a lifeguard or an Emergency Room doctor, or something similar which would place us in close proximity to those who faced the imminent possibility of death. We might then intervene on their behalf. Or, we could roam the busy street of a big city and hope that time and chance placed us in the position to push someone out of the way of a speeding car or rescue someone being victimized by a violent criminal. In physical terms, the determination to save a life is impacted greatly by opportunity. The world might as well be full of heroic individuals who simply have never been in a circumstance where they could save someone. However, in spiritual terms, the determination to save someone is made effective because of the providence of God. God has the power, without defying the will of any individual, to make sure that those who need to be saved and want to be saved are given the opportunity to hear and respond to the call of the gospel.

Witness the account of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:26f. The Ethiopian nobleman was intent upon serving God, having traveled to Jerusalem in order to worship (v.27). Moreover, his curiosity about God’s kingdom and Messiah are evident in his reading from Isaiah 53 (vv.27,32f). As he has just spent time in Jerusalem, where the gospel Jesus Christ had been promoted and where persecution had been intense, we must conclude that he was giving some thought to the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah and exactly how they were to be understood. Here is a man lost, but looking for truth. So, while God could certainly have provided some miraculous knowledge to the man or could have sent an angelic messenger to guide him to the truth, He instead simply pointed Philip down the road to Gaza (v. 26). God offered no further instruction to Philip, performed no miracles, provided no divine

enlightenment. He merely told Philip to go, knowing Philip's determination to "preach Christ" (v. 5). And in so doing, God made sure that someone looking for the truth was to come in contact with someone committed to promoting the truth. A lost man was directed to one determined to save men.

Knowing that God has this power, we should be that more determined in this year to save someone. God's providence seems intent upon affording opportunity to those seeking salvation. We need merely to go about our daily lives intent upon and prepared to tell people about the gospel. Who knows whether or not God will put us on the same road or in the same car or in the same office with some lost soul seeking salvation? But the fact that He can, and has, ought to prompt greater effort in all of us.

~via *College View Columns*, Florence, Alabama



What Kind of DOER Am I?

Jonathan L. Perz

There are all kinds of people who call themselves Christians. Some are good, some are not so good. Some are faithful, some are not so faithful. Some are honorable, some are not so honorable. Some are doers, some could be described as hyphenated- doers.

James instructs us to be "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). One who is not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, will be blessed in what he does (James 1:25). Unfortunately, not all are **doers** of the work.

You have those who are **not-doers**. They just don't do the work. They expect blessings without any effort. They want a reward without any labor. Such a one has deceived himself (James 1:22).

Don't forget the **Do -It-When-I-Get-Around-To-It-Doers**. These are the ones constantly putting off that which should be done today. there is no zeal, fervor or diligence in their **do**, only the never ending promise

to do it tomorrow. If something is worth doing - and the Lord's work is always worth doing - then do it with all your might while you can (Ecclesiastes 9:10; James 4:13-17).

There are also those **Somebody-Else-Will-Do-It-Doers**. These are those who are content to leave the work undone until someone else does it. They like to see things get done, but they never volunteer because then they would have to do it. This brings to mind the story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important task to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but in the end, Nobody did it.

There are many kinds of hyphenated- **doers** who are not really doing much for the cause of Christ. Suffice it to say - being a Christian means being a **doer** of the word! No hyphens. No excuses. No exceptions. Paul reminds us that we are, "His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Ephesians 2:10). Take a moment and ask yourself, "What kind of **Doer** am I?"

~via *The Voice of Truth*, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Robert Beasley	French Barksdale
Bobbie Adcock	Marvin Wales
Gwen Bullock	Betty Hastings
Wynell Casteel	Abby Gilbert
Charles White	Jerry Taylor
Robin Legg	Ava Brooke Cambell
Barbara Piper	Charles Burns
Matt Poff	Una King Currier
Morgan Barksdale	David Hartsell
Phillip Harwell	Eddie Simmons
Charles Owens	

In The Hospital:

Judy Vaughn, Huntsville Hospital, rm. 663
Elizabeth Kate Miller, St. Jude's Hospital; - Memphis

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Beulah Pope, rm. 100	Matty Murray, rm. 60
Harvey Pope, rm. 107	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Daryl Allfrey, rm. 80	

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

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 29-E

Limestone Manor:

Jack Cannon, rm. 91

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
Lola Colwell, at home
Mary Ruth Gardner, at home
David & Martha Rice, Mobile, Alabama
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUT OF TOWN: *Will Chumbley* was in Bowling Green, Kentucky last week and is in Hueytown this morning ... *The Smiths: Kenneth and Peggy* have been out of town on vacation this week.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the books of "Proverbs". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember *Mitzi Carruth's* son-in-law, *Joel Smith*, who is in Afghanistan serving the U. S. military. Keep him in your prayers.

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.

THE RECORD: Attendance for Week of June 2nd

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 130
 Morning Worship 169
 Evening Worship..... 108

Wednesday:
 Bible Classes..... 100



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 9th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Dan Reed
Preaching Ed Harrell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Dwaine Allfrey
Assisting Tommy Coblentz
Serving Keenon Currier Delmer Carter
 Dan Lovell Nathaniel Adams
Closing Prayer Jonathan Keenon

Evening Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching Ed Harrell
Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer Norman Brown

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 9th:

Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, June 12th:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading Mark 1:40-45
 Will Chumbley
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Invitation Ed Harrell
Closing Prayer Marty Adams

Sunday, June 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching Ed Harrell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Steve Bradley
Assisting Marty Adams
Serving Brandon Griswold David Terry
 Russ Wulfekuhl Kenneth Adams
Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching Ed Harrell
Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer Norman Brown

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 16th:

Usher Jerry McGlocklin
Work Sound System Terry Andrews