

# 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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## *Eating The Book*

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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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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

As the time-honored axiom goes, “You are what you eat” – I find this to be particularly true when we direct our attention to the human soul. While we are bound to meet folks who stay in peak physical condition despite less – than – ideal dietary habits (and, conversely, there are those who struggle with their health regardless of what they eat). I just do not think that one can pollute his spirit with ‘junk food’ and not begin to show the adverse effects very quickly. If we are constantly exposed to a corrupt environment, we will suffer; if we keep company with the depraved, we will suffer; if we do not monitor what we see, what we hear, what we experience, we will suffer.

However, we can clearly see that the opposite is just as true – a healthy spiritual ‘diet’ can cure many woes, and prevent countless others besides. Take care to be in the right place at the right times, associate yourself with godly, ensure that what goes into your ears, eyes, and mind is pure and acceptable.

Rightly so, when we describe a ‘spiritual feast’, we are usually discussing a time in which we have enjoyed the word of God, that which sustains, strengthens and bestows life with greater power than any other meal we could partake of (Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8).

The Scriptures present a picture of a certain meal eaten by John, in Revelation 10. As he was receiving the Revelation, the apostle saw a mighty angel coming to him with a little book – the prophecy John was receiving, which he must soon write down and distribute to other Christians. Even though the book of Revelation contains many symbolic images, it would not have been out of place for the angel to simply instruct John to read the prophecy and understand it – yet he did not do so. “So I went to the angle and said to him, ‘Give me the little book.’ And he said to me, ‘Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.’ Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it” (Revelations 10:9-10). This part of the vision appears to

allude to the book of Ezekiel; near the beginning of his ministry, we see the prophet being given similar orders from the lord. "And He said to me, 'Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you.' So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness" (Ezekiel 3:3).

Jeremiah makes use of the same metaphor in his writings – "Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). As one would expect, this image is used to signify that Jeremiah – or John, or Ezekiel – had mastered the contents of the book. Eating is stronger than reading. The word was not lightly scanned or hastily glanced at; rather, it was a substantial and adequate meal, something which would 'fill the stomach', tasted in full and experienced to a complete degree. We may say that someone has 'devoured a book', or we may describe a 'consumptive reader' – but would you apply these phrases to someone reading a magazine at the doctor's office? Someone sifting through their mail while they watch TV? Of course not – the kind of eating (reading, studying,) that is implied in these passages is that which includes comprehension, effort, savoring.

I only bring these passages and ideas up for the sake of posing a question: When was the last time you sat down to that kind of meal? While we do not eat the book, so to speak, for the same purpose as these prophets – they bring the writers, ourselves being the end audience – we have no smaller need for complete and full knowledge of the things written in Scripture, nor for due appreciation of the things which issue from the very mind of the Almighty. I fear that too often our spiritual meals are of a totally different type and magnitude than the ones enjoyed by the writers of old. They are of the 'nibble around the corners, balance the plate on one knee so that you've got at least a hand free to do something of real importance, spread everything out so that it looks like you've cleaned the dish, and please, no seconds' variety. Worse, many of us are simply on a crash diet, starving ourselves from the pure and wholesome nourishment which is found in the word.

This week, examine your diet. How often are you sitting at the table? When you do take nourishment from the word, are you taking your fill? And when you've got the chance to, would it really kill you to go back for that second serving? Let's focus on devouring the book – study the word of God with a desire to know

it, to understand, to be equipped to live it. May our appetite for truth never diminish.

~via *Cyfair Family News and Notes*, Cypress, Texas.

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## *To Be Like Jesus*

**Johnny Ramsey**

I once heard a man tell 300 young people that he did not know the Bible very well, but that he really knew Jesus! I told him right after the lesson that his statement was completely impossible, because all he could ever know for sure about Jesus was in the very Bible which he admitted he didn't know very well!

There are so many people who claim to know and love some phantom which they dreamed up. They even talk about loving as Christ loved, and loving what Christ loved. But their subsequent life-style proves they do not love the Scriptures – which reveal Christ to us, nor the church – for which Jesus died and shed His blood (Acts 20:28). Nor do they love the souls of men enough to tell them God's eternal truth about salvation or how to get to heaven!

God, in the Bible the young man admitted he didn't know very well, gives a comprehensive view of what He has always required: "And keep the charge of Jehovah thy God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself" (1 Kings 2:3).

It is said of the people who watched the lives of the followers of Jesus, "Now when they beheld the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled: and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). People can only tell we have been with Jesus when we think and act like Him!

In Christ We Have: A love that can never be fathomed. A life that can never die. A righteousness

that can not be tarnished. A peace that can never be understood. A rest that can never be disturbed. A joy that can never be diminished. A hope that can never be disappointed. A glory that can never be clouded. A light that can never be darkened. A happiness that can never be enfeebled. A purity that can never be defiled. A beauty that can never be married. A wisdom that can never be baffled. Resources that can never be exhausted.

Our Savior rebuked sin, "Jesus said unto them, Is it not for this cause that ye err, that ye know not the scriptures, nor the power of God?" (Mark 12:24). He condemned hypocrisy, "Making void the word of God by your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things ye do...all things therefore whatsoever they bid you, these do and observe: but do not ye after their works; for they say, and do not" (Mark 7:13; Matthew 23:3). He exposed their traditions as being opposed to the word of God. And those were the basic reasons they crucified Him. Do we have the courage to be like our Redeemer in the midst of such animosity? To live for the Master is the greatest challenge we shall ever face!

Have you ever noticed how most of our gospel songs, spiritual songs, center in the glorious life of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ? Jesus is All the World to Me; Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me; Into the Heart of Jesus Deeper and Deeper I Go; Would You Live for Jesus?; Have Thine Own Way Lord; All the Way My Savior Leads Me; Savior, Lead Me Lest I Stray; Be With Me Lord; Anywhere With Jesus I Can Safely Go; Bring Christ Your Broken Life; If Jesus Goes With Me.

The more like Christ we become, the nearer heaven will be and the distance from Satan will be grater. May we live, emphasizing godliness, that a closer walk with God will be a daily habit and eternal blessing. "Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Read Acts 8:26-39 for a clear Bible example of how to become a Christian. Then read 2 Peter 1:4-11 on how to maintain this relationship. "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2). Again, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). To live like Christ is a genuine joy now, with hope for an even better tomorrow.

-via *The Reporter*; Louisville, Kentucky.

# Gospel Meeting

October 13-17, 2013

(Sunday through Thursday)

## Schedule of Services

Sunday 9:30 a.m; 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday- 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Hall, Speaking

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# News & Notes

## THE SICK:

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Larry Mitchell        | Betty Pepper       |
| Mot Beasley           | Benton Ball        |
| Betty Hastings        | Wynell Casteel     |
| Gwen Bullock          | Charles Burns      |
| Abby Gilbert          | Phillip Harwell    |
| Una King Currier      | Will Carl Sullivan |
| Charles White         | Matt Poff          |
| Anita Willis          | Jerry Taylor       |
| Elizabeth Kate Miller | Barbara Piper      |
| Ava Brooke Cambell    |                    |

## In The Hospital:

### Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beulah Pope, rm. 100   | Mattye Murray, rm. 60   |
| Harvey Pope, rm. 18    | Dorothy Draper, rm. 97  |
| Robert Johnson, rm. 18 | Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102 |

### 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. 11

### Limestone Manor:

Jack Cannon, rm. 82

**Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:**

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

**Shut-In:**

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

**SINGING:** There will be a singing on Friday, August 30th at the **Weatherly Heights church** in Huntsville. The songleaders will be: *Tim Stevens, John Kilgore, Glenn Tomberlin and Daniel Lankford.* The singing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**OUT OF TOWN: The Coblentz:** *Tommy and Marcella* are in Tennessee visiting with their son and daughter -in-law... **Rita Smith** has been on a trip in the midwest...

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Bill and Doris Claxton** have expressed their desire to be a part of the work at Market Street. The Claxtons have been members here in the past and we welcome them back. They will be in *Work Group 1.* Let us extend a warm welcome to them.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the book 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 Three** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group tonight.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of August 18th*

**Sunday:**

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| Bible Classes.....    | 127 |
| Morning Worship ..... | 184 |
| Evening Worship.....  | 122 |

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 110



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**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, August 25th:**

*Morning Worship*

- Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey
- Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm
- Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz
- Preaching ..... David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding ..... Jerry McGlocklin
- Assisting ..... Marty Adams
- Serving ..... David Terry ..... Danny Johnson
- ..... Kenneth Adams..... Landon Adams
- Closing Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell

*Evening Worship*

- Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey
- Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge
- Prayer ..... Marcus Morris
- Preaching ..... Song Service
- Lord's Supper ..... Jerry McGlocklin
- Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 25th:

- Usher ..... Delmer Carter
- Work Sound System ..... Terry Andrews

**Wednesday, August 28th:**

- Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns
- Bible Reading..... Mark 4:30-41
- ..... Russ Wulfekuhl
- Prayer ..... Todd Williams
- Invitation ..... Jordan Lovell
- Closing Prayer ..... Dan Reed

**Sunday, September 1st:**

*Morning Worship*

- Announcements ..... Terry Andrews
- Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns
- Prayer ..... Joel Hamm
- Preaching ..... David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding ..... Marcus Morris
- Assisting ..... Ronnie Locke
- Serving ..... Nathaniel Adams..... Mot Dollar
- ..... Dan Lovell..... Paul Hasting
- Closing Prayer ..... Norman Brown

*Evening Worship*

- Announcements ..... Terry Andrews
- Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox
- Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin
- Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell
- Lord's Supper ..... Marcus Morris
- Closing Prayer ..... Keith Hinkle

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 1st:

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