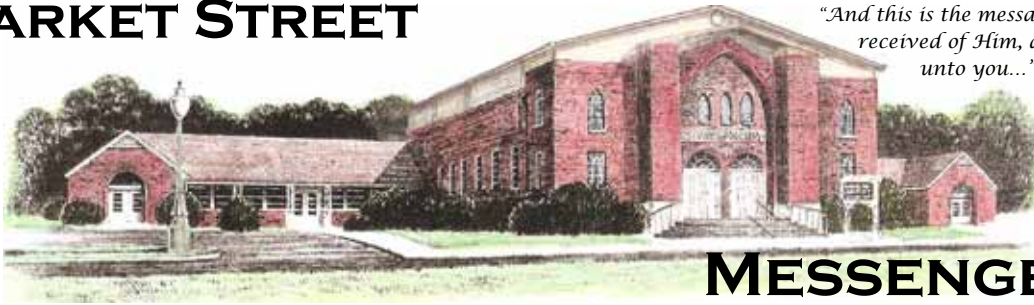


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Stick With The Basics

Jody Broyles

In a world of "big box" stores, Five Guys' menu is extremely simple: hamburgers, hot dogs, fries and soft drinks. Their philosophy is to stick with the basics and do it to the best of their ability.

It seems to me that there is some application for us today in the church of our Lord. When you read the Bible, it is amazing just how simple God's Plan actually is! The church Jesus established had the overall mission of reaching out to the lost and leading them to salvation from sin. When Peter and the other apostles preached in Acts 2 at the beginning of the church, they emphasized eternal salvation through Jesus...they did **not** talk about political overthrow of the wicked Roman Government nor social reconstruction of the slave-holding world of their day. They did **not** establish an entertainment organization for the enjoyment of the people nor did they build daycare/preschool programs to relieve parents of their responsibilities. They didn't offer self-defense classes or Weight Watchers, and they didn't host "Trick or Treat" or Isthmian Games Super Sundays.

Point # 1 -- The Lord's Church Is All About Saving Souls!

In Jesus' marching orders for the apostles, He said: "Go into the entire world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15,16). He sent them out with a message of **salvation**.

They did exactly what He told them to do; they preached: "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord... Truly these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent..." (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30, etc.).

The "menu" of the church found in the Bible is quite simple: reach the lost, teach the lost, save the lost, and keep the saved.

Point # 2 -- We Should Serve to The Greatest of Our Ability!

Since God has loved me/you so much that He paid the ultimate price

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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David A. Cox, Editor

and gave His Son for **my/your** salvation; shouldn't we be willing (anxious even) to share that wonderful news with **others**?

Instead of just "doing church," we need to give the greatest effort possible. Consider the example of Stephen: He was arrested for preaching the message of Jesus to the people of his day; when given a chance to address the charges brought against him, he preached the message of Jesus to them! As a good soldier of Christ, he paid the ultimate price (Acts 6, 7). Consider the example of Paul: he repeatedly faced persecution after his conversion to Christ and when writing to the church in Rome (the capital city of much of that persecution) said: "So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the Gospel of Christ to you who are in Rome also" or as The Message puts it: "...I can't wait to get to you in Rome, preaching this wonderful good news of God (Romans 1:15).

Let's get back to the basics in the church (saving souls) and let's do it to the best of our ability.

~via *First Street Bulletin*; Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.



What To Do With Offenses Between Brothers

Shannon Shaffer

Physical families know about the pain of internal conflict. Families are required to love each family member and grow through offenses. The same should be true of a spiritual family in a local church. When an offense has occurred among brethren what should we do?

Apply the Golden Rule: "*So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets*" (Matthew 7:12). I am surprised at times at the treatment so called brothers and sisters feel justified in dealing out to their brethren. When you are hurt or feel that you have been sinned against the carnal reaction is to hurl abuses or speak evil of a brother. Yet, we have all felt that hurt when one has done the same to us. At that

time we have perhaps in amazement thought or said, "I'd never do someone that way." Why then do we feel free to do the same at times? First consider how you want to be treated. Then treat others the way you wish to be treated. Such is living out all the principles detailed in the Law and the Prophets about how brothers should treat other people. Poor treatment to you does not allow or excuse your poor treatment to them or other people.

If a brother has sinned against you go to him "*If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.*" (Matthew 18:15). Nothing good is accomplished by telling others your story and enumerating the sins of your brother to others who are not involved. Go to him. Seek to win him back. Gossip, evil speaking, judging hearts and motives is likewise sin. When this occurs there are then two brothers (sisters) in sin who need reproved and returned to the fold. Again being sinned against does not justify me sinning against them or allow me to sin in some manner.

If your brother has something against you go take care of the matter. "*Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering*" (Matthew 5:23-24). If you know there is a problem with a brother take the initiative to fix the problem. Such even takes priority over worship. Because worship offered by one with a divided heart or a heart harboring ill will toward a brother is unacceptable to the Father. Swallow your pride and humbly seek forgiveness. Don't assume that it will do no good before you try. Even if you have tried before, try again. On the other hand if you have something against a brother and he knows nothing of the matter don't expect him to come seeking to make things right. First apply the first two points of this article.

Let love hide it. "*Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins*" (1 Peter 4:8). If the matter has been discussed—forgive. If it is a matter of your own selfishness or pride—forgive. If you have discussed a matter of opinion and the two of you have different respectable conclusions—love and don't allow bitterness to separate brothers. May God's love hide my sin in His grace and mercy even when I have not yet grown to understand or been keen enough to realize my sin and ask His forgiveness. Love your brother and do the same

~via *Lifelines*; Galena, Indiana.

Christianity

Michael W. McLemore

The life we enjoy in Christ escapes us far too often. May I ask, "Do you enjoy your life as a Christian?" Paul called the Philippians to "rejoice in the Lord always." Are we? Do we?

Many years ago I discovered a piece that describes well what Christianity ought to bring to our lives. Yes, the hope of heaven propels us through adversity, but our life in Christ ought to bring light and vitality today, while we live. I hope you will be moved by Hugh Elmer Brown's wondrous description of Christianity.

Christianity is not the religion of sorrow and gloom; it is the religion of the morning, and it carries in its heart the happiness of heaven.

Christianity is not a restraint but an inspiration — not a weight but wings; not subtraction but addition. It brings bloom for faded hearts, rejuvenation for the prematurely old, imagination for the dry, literal mind.

Christianity is not a kill-joy at the feast of life, nor a kind of incarnate "don't": it bristles with great affirmatives, fires the soul with permanent enthusiasms and durable loyalties.

Christianity leaves a trail of light wherever it goes; it can keep you cool under any confusion, bring you up smiling from any deeps and utterly banish your fret and worry.

Christianity brings zest and sparkle to life; it is sunshine on the flowers rather than moonlight on the snow; it is life more abundant; it is leaving the little narrow life behind and leaving it forever.

~via *Weatherly Weekly*; Huntsville, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Lona Jackson	Jeanette Stinnett
Jo Dunnavant	James Johnson
JoAnn Gilbert	Cornelia Pepper
Marion Mitchell	Chuck Stiles
Bobbie Adcock	Doris Lovell

Wayne Reyer	Ann Bush
Linda Jones	Wayne Gooch
Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:	
Joe Leopard	Jeanette Weir
Irene Inman	Janice Cagle
Patsy Thomas	Priscilla Tucker
Ella Melvin	Bobby McLemore
Matt Poff	Susan Cox
Elizabeth Howard	Al Pollard
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Phillip Harwell
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Betty Christopher	Una King Currier
Ava Brooke Campbell	Cindy Glass

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Joseph Griffin; Madison Hospital, rm. 321
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Flossie Smith, rm. 102
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 73	Mable Crafts, rm. 39

Limestone Health Facility:

Larry Owens, rm. 114 Esther Jernigan, rm. 116

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at City Center, Decatur
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
Irene Inman, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Angie Hinkle had an infusion done on Wednesday of this past week in Birmingham. It went really well ...
Arvid McGuire received word on the biopsy done last week and the report was that some cancer is still present. He is scheduled for further removal on April 16th...
Margaret Carter had a reaction from the infusion she had done last week and spent one night in the hospital. She is now at home and doing better ...
Ashton Gatlin's grandfather, Wayne Reyer, is experiencing difficulties with his kidneys ...
Adrian Maynard, from the *Hindsbury Road church in Barbados*, is scheduled to have the second part of his brain surgery on April 4th.

GOSPEL MEETNG: The *Harvest church* in Harvest is beginning a meeting today and it will continue

through Wednesday. *Josh Carter* will be the speaker in the meeting... The *Lacey's Spring church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Alton Bailey*.

SYMPATHY: We want extend our deepest sympathy to *Sam and Taylor Gregory* in the passing of Sam's grandfather, *Bobby Gilliam*. He passed away on Tuesday morning. His funeral was on Friday at the Mount Carmel building. May the Lord bless all the family at this time.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: We are thrilled that *Bob and Phyllis Broadus* have let it be known that they want to join us in the work here. We are also thrilled that *Albert and Brenda Haraway* have let it be known that they desire to be a part of the work here. We look forward to working with them. Let us extend a warm welcome to *Bob, Phyllis, Albert and Brenda*.

OUT OF TOWN: *Vickie Brown* was in Florida last week... *Ruby Dean Ezell* has been out out town this past week... *The Ogles: Mike and Nikki* were in Auburn last week with Drew... *Jim Whitt* has been in Seattle, Washington with his work... *The Hamms: Joel, Sharma, Clayton & Ragan* have been on vacation this past week... *The Coxes: David and Kerry* are in Mobile this weekend.

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

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

Sunday:	Bible Classes	132
	Morning Worship.....	167
	Evening Worship.....	120
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	93

Gospel Meeting

April 22-25, 2018

(Sunday through Wednesday)

Schedule of Services

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

Jim Deason, Speaking

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CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 25th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Steve Usery
Song Leader	Ashton Gatlin
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting	Larry Mitchell
Serving	Matthew Vaughn.... Keenon Carrier
.....	David Terry
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Steve Usery
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 25th:

Ushers.....	Tommy Coblentz/Danny Holt
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams

Wednesday, March 28th:

Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading	Mark 1:1-13
.....	Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Invitation	Marty Adams
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Sunday, April 1st:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Mike Ogles
Serving	Kenneth Adams.... Charles Vaughn
.....	Clayton Hamm
Closing Prayer	Daniel Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Ashton Gatlin
Prayer.....	Christian Usery
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 1st:

Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Steve Usery
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews