

MARKET STREET

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



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MEN OF ZEBULUN

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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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It's been said that a narcissist is a person who is unable to commit to anything outside of himself. He moves from one relationship to another, from one job to another, from one friendship to another never staying in one place long enough to make anything stick. He promises, and then makes excuses when he breaks them. His life might best be described with the motto *"here today and gone tomorrow."*

As I think about the life of a narcissist, a passage came to mind from 1 Chronicles 12. In this chapter, the author lists the soldiers who came to David's aid when he was in Ziklag. These soldiers came from the various tribes of Israel realizing that even though David was not king over Israel yet, God's hand was upon him, and sooner or later he would replace Saul as king.

So, in chapter 12 you have a list of men from Benjamin, Gad, Manasseh, and so on. Perhaps the most famous are the men of Issachar who in 1 Chronicles 12:32 are described as men who *"understood the times and knew what Israel should do."* Many sermons have been preached in praise of these men of Issachar and well should there be. But far too often, we forget to read the very next verse which describes the men of Zebulun. The fifty thousand men of Zebulun are described as men *"who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men who could keep ranks"* (1 Chronicles 12:33).

Here you have a great number of troops who came to David ready to fight. They showed up in full battle gear, shield and spears and bows, ready to go to battle at a moment's notice. But that is not their finest quality. Their most outstanding quality was that they were men *"who could keep ranks"*, NAS *"undivided heart"*, NIV *"undivided loyalty."*

These were men David could count on through thick and thin, good times and the bad. These are men who would say to David, *"where you lead, we will follow"*

Wouldn't be wonderful if everyone who claimed Jesus Christ as Lord had the same attitude?

That instead of saying to Him, "I will follow as long as I agree with where you are taking me" That we give ourselves totally to His Will and leadership.

If we did then we would have the undivided heart of the men of Zebulun.

A TOUGH COMMAND

Al Diestelkamp

Throughout modern times, the subject of congregational corrective discipline has been a source of quiet controversy among brethren. I say, "quiet" because it is an issue that has not generally produced outright division, and those with differing convictions usually find ways to work together. Perhaps this is how it should be, but it should not be so quiet that we do not pursue the truth on the topic.

While we might rejoice that this has not become a divisive issue among us, there is a downside. Many Christians have not been taught what the Bible teaches on the matter and have never been part of a congregation which has used corrective discipline in an effort to bring people to repentance. Then because of the mobility of our society, Christians who move away from their "home" congregation are totally unprepared when brethren in their new surroundings have to withdraw themselves from the unfaithful.

Most Christians will understand that there is the need for corrective discipline when a brother or sister is engaged in unrepentant immorality. The controversy comes when morally upright people who at one time put on Christ, have allowed the "cares of this world" (Matt. 13:22) to draw them away from the Lord. What is our responsibility in such cases? One of the most popular defenses offered by those who do not use corrective discipline on such people is that

"you can't withdraw from someone who has withdrawn from you." That sounds logical. However, we do not base our faith on human logic! Human logic, at best, is flawed. If my logical mind tells me one thing and God's word another, I have to assume that there's something wrong with my logic.

The apostle Paul clearly gives the command to "withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us" (2 Thess. 3:6). If failure to worship and work with other Christians is not "disorderly," I don't know what is. Those who refuse to obey this command regarding those who have quit attending worship sometimes justify their inaction by pointing out that the withdrawal was to be from those "among you" (v.11).

There is more than one way for a person to be "among" us. When a Christian becomes a part of a local body of believers he is "among" us in a working relationship. This is not only in our assemblies, but also in our efforts together to be an influence to people in our community. Often when one just quits attending he will still tell others that he is a Christian and a member of the congregation.

It's also true that many who become unfaithful are closely related to, or maintain social relations with, others within the congregation. It amazes me how many Christians, without qualms, "eat, drink and be merry" with brothers and sisters who are clearly walking disorderly.

Even among those who, "ought to be teachers" (Heb. 5:12) and, in many cases are teaching and preaching, we see many who are unwilling to withdraw themselves from family members and friends who are unfaithful to the Lord. Not only do they continue their social relationships, but sometimes they "think it strange" that other faithful Christians cannot conscientiously join them.

It's never pleasant to have to withdraw from any brother or sister in Christ. I know of no one who enjoys the process. However, to fail to do so places us in the unenviable position of disobeying a direct command from an inspired apostle of Christ.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

OF MICE AND MEN

Matt Hennecke

As I bent over to scoop up sunflower seeds for the bird feeder I noticed the mouse. Instinctively I recoiled, jerking back fast enough to drop the scoop. My pulse increased as I contemplated the furry creature. In the back of my mind I wondered how he'd gotten into the sealed container which held the fifty pounds of sunflower seeds.

I leaned closer, taking note of the cute little fellow: light brown fur, beige colored tail curled in a gentle "S," and quite dead. That's right. His eyes were open and he looked very well-fed but, sure enough, he was dead. Taking a pair of pliers from my toolbox I picked up the mouse by his tail and tossed him into a snow drift just outside the garage door.

How ironic, I thought. The little mouse probably thought he'd struck gold when he discovered all that sunflower seed. I can picture him happily gorging himself. I can almost imagine him thinking, "I'm rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing." Of course what the mouse didn't realize is that eating requires digestion and digestion requires water. In the midst of all his riches and wealth the little mouse died of thirst.

That little mouse got me thinking about those of us living in the United States. As a nation we are blessed beyond compare. We have riches in abundance. A trip to the local grocery store is an amazing journey into the profusion of foods available to us. Yet, even in the midst of riches, many are dying of thirst. Our bodies are filled, but our souls are parched and dying.

John said it well: "Because you say, 'I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,' and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor..." (Rev. 3:17).

We are like that little mouse who began to feel poorly while surrounded by plenty. We need "water." We cannot live without "water." Our souls long for it and will die without it. Are you thirsty? Jesus said, "the water that I give shall be a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (Jn. 4:14).

News & Notes

THE SICK:

JoAnn Gilbert	Cornelia Pepper	Bob-
bie Adcock	Peggy Pepper	
Linda Jones	Ann Bush	
Doris Lovell	Wayne Gooch	
Wayne Reyer	James Johnson	
Virginia Meyer	Nancy Abernathy	
Marcella Coblentz	Damien Power	
Elvie Coffman		

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Irene Inman	Jeanette Weir
Janice Cagle	Patsy Thomas
Priscilla Tucker	Ella Melvin
Cindy Glass	Una King Currier
Matt Poff	Susan Cox
Elizabeth Howard	Al Pollard
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Phillip Harwell
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Betty Christopher	Ava Brooke Campbell

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Dorothy Draper, rm. 73	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 63	Matty Murray, rm. 2
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Stan Stanford, rm. 25 (Limestone Health Fac.)	

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

SYMPATHY:

Is extended to the family of *Alvis McLemore* following the death of his brother *Bobby* this past week. His funeral will be at Spry Monday. Visitation 12:00-2:00, funeral 2:00.

UPDATES:

Bob Broadus will see a kidney doctor on July 9. *Jackie Whitt's mother, Dean Holt,* will have surgery on July 11th. *Peggy Pepper* continues to recover at home. Steve Usery had oral surgery Friday in Birmingham.

OUT OF TOWN:

The Bradley's will be out of town most of the month of July.

Out of town this week: *The Hamms, Marion and Betty Pepper, The Wulfekuhl, The Usery's, The Rogers, The Nixon's and Ida Nell Griffin*

Buc is preaching at the O'Neil church this morning.

THIRD QUARTER:

Begins today

WORK GROUPS: Work Group Three will be meeting after our evening service.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of June 24th

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	136
	Morning Worship.....	164
	Evening Worship.....	141
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	120



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 1st:

Morning Worship

Announcement.....Marty R. Adams
 Song Leader.....Joel Hamm
 Prayer.....Bonnie Sutton
 Preaching.....David Cox
 Lord's Supper:
 Presiding.....Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting.....Terry Andrews
 Serving.....Keenon Currier, Christian Usery
Russell Wulfekuhl, Kenneth Adams
 Closing Prayer.....Russell Melvin

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Marty R. Adams
 Song Leader.....Tyler Cox
 Prayer.....Keith Hinkle
 Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper.....Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer.....Mike Ogles

Other Assignments for the week of July 1st:

Ushers.....Larry Mitchell, Danny Holt
 Work Sound System.....Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, July 4th:

Song Leader.....Hunter Cox
 Bible Reading.....Mark 4.35-41
Danny Johnson
 Prayer.....Tony Thomas
 Invitation.....Larry Tucker
 Closing Prayer.....Danny Holt
 Usher.....Larry Mitchell

Sunday, July 8th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader.....Ashton Gatlin
 Prayer.....Joel Hamm
 Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding.....Larry Holt
 Assisting.....Mike Ogles
 Serving.....Matthew Usery, A.J. Price
Charles Vaughn, Nathaniel Adams
 Closing Prayer.....Dwayne Alfrey

Other Assignments for the week of July 8th:

Ushers.....Danny Holt, Steve Usery
 Work Sound System.....Landon Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader.....Albert Haraway
 Prayer.....Harold Ash
 Preaching.....David Cox
 Lord's Supper.....Larry Holt
 Closing Prayer.....Larry Mitchell