

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..... 6:30 p.m.

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Learning From Enoch

David A. Cox

"By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God." — (Hebrews 11:5)

The population of the world today is over 8 billion people. Thinking about that is staggering, but then how many people have lived since the beginning is uncalculatable. Enoch was one of two who did not die of all the people who have lived. The Hebrew writer lists Enoch among the great men of faith. The Bible only gives 11 verses to the life of Enoch (Genesis 5:18-24; Luke 3:27; Hebrews 11:5; Jude 14, 15). In these verses, we learn some things about Enoch:

- He was the seventh from Adam and was a contemporary with him for 300 years.
- He was the Father of Methuselah.
- He was in the ancestral lineage of Christ.
- He walked with God.
- He prophesied the punishment of the ungodly.
- He was translated without seeing death.

Let us consider lessons to learn from the life of Enoch.

A Day of Judgement.

In Jude 14-15, Jude writes of the prophecy of Enoch concerning the coming of the Lord "to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." There are four times in verse 15 Enoch describes the judgment of the ungodly. They will be judged for their actions and words. There is no doubt that the judgment was the flood that came after the translation of Enoch. However, the promise of God and His judgment must not be passed over. God promised that judgment, and it came. Peter connects the promise of the flood and the promise of Christ's return to judge the world (2 Peter 3:3-4). People may scoff at the idea of the second coming of Christ, but that will not change the

fact that He will come.

The Value of Faith.

Following the commendation of Enoch in Hebrews, we read, “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Just imagine that Enoch could have heard Adam speak of the Garden of Eden and the time as the world was created in the beginning. He could have listened to the story of the beginning of sin from Adam and the decline of the world as sin began to reign in the hearts of men. It would be the faith and conviction of Enoch which caused him to live in a way that was so different from the world around him. The conviction of Enoch and the value he gave to please God should encourage us as we live in an ungodly world. There is a path to God through Jesus Christ, and our faith and obedience to Him will allow us to be redeemed.

The Faith Was Active.

In Genesis 5:24, we are told, “Enoch walked with God.” The word “walked” implies that Enoch was actively involved in his service to God. The walk was a walk of progression that would draw Enoch closer to God. Notice it was Enoch who walked with God, not God who walked with Enoch. The walk is a life that desires to please God. In this walk with God, Enoch was looking for direction from God; he would communicate with God. We must learn this lesson that we must have faith, but it involves action on our part. We will make time to build our faith. We will do this by reading and studying the Bible and making applications to our lives. We pray to God and let him hear from us about our cares and concerns. We will gather together with others for study, prayer, and encouragement. We will talk to others that need to prepare for the day of judgment.

Why did Enoch have this kind of faith? It is because he looked to the reward of faith. Hebrews 11:13, speaking of those listed as examples of faith, said, “...not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.” May we learn the lessons of Enoch to serve and please God as he did.

Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

The Notable Woman of Shunem

Joshua Welch

In 2 Kings 4:8, the inspired text remarks, “Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there was a notable woman.” When God’s Word calls a woman “notable” (NKJV), or “great” (ASV), then we should take notice. There is no hint her greatness was on account of her physical beauty, or her social position, or even her intellectual brilliance. She may very well have been all of those things, but her greatness was seen in her...

...insistent hospitality towards a man of God (2 Kings 4:8-11). This woman has a home, a spare bed, a desk, a chair, a lamp, and extra food and insists with her husband she use it for the sake of Elisha, the prophet of God. What a relief this must have been to the traveling prophet to find respite in the Shunammite woman’s home in the midst of his labor! Indeed, the most refreshing of people are often the most willingly hospitable.

...humble generosity (2 Kings 4:12-13). Elisha has been so blessed he wants to try and repay this woman with a favor. Yet, her response to his honor is “I dwell among my own people” (4:13). In other words, she is content to be home. She does not need an invitation to the king’s court or extra security from the king’s commander. She willingly gives to Elisha without asking for anything in return. Her generosity is not for the sake of self-serving repayment.

...honesty and candor (2 Kings 4:14-16). However, Elisha found out through Gehazi about a hole that existed in the woman’s heart. She had always wanted a son. So, Elisha promises a son and the woman replies, “No, my lord, Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!” (4:16). She was not the type of woman who wanted to hear false promises. Her heart was fragile after years of disappointment. She wanted Elisha to be truthful... and he was.

...hasty plea for help (2 Kings 4:17-30). As this woman’s child, her only son, grows he is injured while working with his father (4:17-21). The woman knows where to go and to whom to make her request—she goes to the prophet Elisha (4:22-27). She informs him of the situation and makes it clear she wants Elisha to

help (4:28-30). She is willing to ask for help.

...*heartfelt thankfulness and worship* (2 Kings 4:31-37). Her son is, indeed, brought back to life by Elisha. Before putting the child into her arms the woman “fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground...” (4:37). She is showing her thankfulness to Elisha for his help. This notable woman is hospitable, humble, honest, hasty in prayer, and heartwarmingly thankful. God bless the Shunammite woman and all those who possess her attributes today.

~via *Anderson church Bulletin*; Anderson, Indiana.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Duane Thomas	Frank Melton
Bonnie Sutton	Jeanette Weir
Steve Stringer	Pat Nixon
Dan Lovell	Helen Blankenship
Shirley Miller	Doris Lovell
Johnny Lovell	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Priscilla Tucker	Sharon Nave
Harvey Nixon	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Nikki Ogles	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Wynell Romine	Anthony Sutton
Jerry Lawrence	Henry Fusch
Liz Fusch	Kimberly Pressnell
Tim McGuire	Wynell Romine
Monica Nelson	

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77

Connie Brock, rm. 62 Auteen Campbell, rm. 96

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a Ann Bush, rm. 75

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home

Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge

Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville

Barbara Carter; Goldton at Athens

Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville

Irene Inman; at home

Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee

Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens

William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison

Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Judy Brown; Crestwood Hospital-Huntsville, ICU

Sadricia Wilson; Huntsville Hospice Facility – Huntsville

Updates:

Paul Adcock is scheduled to go to the doctor on Tuesday of this week ... *Judy Brown* had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. She aspirated and developed pneumonia. She is in the Crestwood Hospital... *Barbara Ash* had surgery on her hip on Wednesday, and she is doing well... *Duane Thomas* was released from the hospital on Friday after spending a couple of nights there due to pneumonia... *Sharon Nave* learned on Monday from her doctor's visit that she has a bowel obstruction and three major hernias. They have referred her to UAB and is waiting to get the appointment set ... *Frank Melton* is at home but has developed pneumonia ... *Taylor Gregory's aunt, Monica Nelson*, is battling stage 2 breast cancer... *Dan Lovell, Doris Lovell & Jeanette Weir brother, Johnny Lovell*, is at home with hospice after receiving a report that the cancer was spreading following his surgery and treatment and there is nothing more they can do for him... *Sue Thomas' granddaughter, Amy Gill*, had surgery on Tuesday to remove the pressure from her spinal cord and it went well. Sue is caring for her during her recovery ... *Jackie Cox' niece and my cousin, Sadricia Wilson*, is in a hospice facility in Huntsville as she continues her battle with pancreatic cancer ... *Jeanette Weir* continues her recovery at home... Remember our expecting mother, *Lynsey Adams*, in your prayers.

NEW BABY: We are rejoicing with *Nathaniel & Laura Adams* on the birth of their daughter, *Macy Frances*. Macy was born on Tuesday. She weighed 7 lbs 7 ozs and was 19.5 inches long. Macy is now at home with her parents and her big brothers, *Declan & Jack*. *Marty & Marvella Adams* are among the proud grandparents of Macy...

Also, *Polly Leopard* is the proud great-grandmother of *Joseph Walker Harris*. Walker was born last Saturday to *Emily & Will Harris*. Walker is at home with his parents.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made? We continue to make and update photos of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

RESTORED: Our hearts were caused to rejoice as *Sherry Hasting* came forward requesting prayers and desiring to make her life right with God. We are thankful for Sherry and her good heart. May we all encourage her as she has and will encourage us in our walk with God.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Jewel Dean Kennemer* in the passing of her sister, *Alice Roberson*. Alice passed away last Sunday, and the graveside service was on Wednesday morning in the Sunny Hill Cemetery.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30. They are studying "*Preparing To Teach My Neighbor.*"

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Cartwright church* begins a meeting today; it will continue through Tuesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *A. J. Price*.

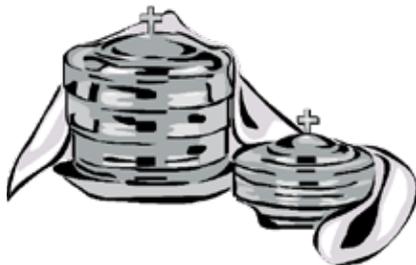
SINGING: The *Holland's Gin church* near Ardmore will have a singing this afternoon at 3:00.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Remember the Children's Bible Drill this afternoon at 4:45 before our evening service. I hope all our children can come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

OUT OF TOWN: *Sherry Davis* continues her vacation. She is in Indiana this week.

THE RECORD: Attendance the week of July 23rd:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	126
	Morning Worship	153
	Evening Worship	123
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	96



Communion Preparation for August

Communion Bread — Bob Broadus
Communion Cups — Marcus Morris

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 30th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harold Ash
Assisting	Stephen Lynn
Serving	Nathaniel Adams, Matthew Vaughn
.....	Roger Hammonds Ronnie Locke
Closing Prayer	Terry Andrews

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Marty R. Adams
Preaching.....	Nathan Pope
Lord's Supper	Harold Ash
Closing Prayer	Bob Broadus
Other Assignments for the week of July 30 th :	
Usher	Danny Johnson/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, August 2nd:

Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Bible Reading.....	Russ Wulfekuhl
.....	(Acts 13:42-52)
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Invitation.....	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams

Sunday, August 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Marty R. Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Snell
Assisting	Harold Ash
Serving	Larry Tucker..... Luke Vaughn
.....	Matthew Vaughn..... Harold Davis
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Clayton Hamm
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Snell
Closing Prayer	Marcus Morris
Other Assignments for the week of August 6 th :	
Usher	Larry Mitchell/Hayden Pierce
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews