

# 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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## *The Strength to Say "No"*

David A. Cox

*"Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in the present age." – (Titus 2:12)*

In our day and age, people have a real problem saying "No." In the early 1980s, Nancy Reagan, First Lady of the United States, learning the prevalence of drug and alcohol abuse, launched a campaign called "Just Say No." The problem of not saying "no" is perpetuated by parents when they raise their children and do not teach them what "No" means. The scriptures teach that there are times when we must say "No." In "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts" (Titus 2:12), each of us must be able to say "no" at times to be pleasing to God.

### Denying Ungodliness and Worldly Lusts

It is a foolish person who gives his life over to the things of the world and its lusts. God's grace will save man, but only if we learn to say "no" to sin. In Romans 6:1, Paul asks, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" He answers his own question in verse 2, "Certainly not!" Paul stresses to the Romans that we must say no to sin. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Notice that the unrighteous (ungodly) will not be saved. Why? Because they failed to say "no" to the various sins that are listed by Paul. The grace of God brings salvation to all men, but only those that live according to the teaching of God's will and say "no" to evil.

### How Can We Have Strength to Say "No"?

The strength to say "no" to the lusts of the world is found in the attitude of living "soberly, righteously and godly" (Titus 2:12). To live soberly means to live a self-controlled life. Righteously means living upright, which will cause our lives to be godly, focusing on the eternal things rather than the temporary ones. Strength in our lives comes when

we give ourselves to things that cause our faith to be strong: reading, studying, and meditating upon the word of God. Praying for wisdom and strength to face the things of life is essential.

The grace of God has come to man that all can be saved, but do not think that means all will be saved. The rich man in Luke 12:16-21 lived his life for himself. We must understand that God gave His Son so that we might be saved and that we must give our lives to righteousness and godliness if we are to be saved. Therefore, let us live our lives recognizing that what we do and how we live will determine where we will spend our eternity.



## *God Is, Therefore...*

Warren Berkley

Listen carefully to 1 John 4:7-12:

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.”

The Holy Spirit makes it very clear. “God is...” and who God is must be reflected by His people—in our minds, speech, lives, actions, interactions, reactions, and worship.

- God is merciful and that mercy should be seen in us.
- God is faithful and so ought we to be faithful.
- God is good and He has called us to be reflectors of His goodness into His world.

- God is patient with us and expects us to be patient with others.
- God should be imitated by His people—like father, like child.

“Love is from God,” John writes. Love is not from the world, a dictionary, movies, or the media. “Love is from God” and the most powerful evidence of His love is that He “sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

And where does this line of thought take us? “If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” Like father, like child.

~via *Charlestown Road Bulletin*; New Albany, Indiana.



## *It Matters*

Warren King

Does it matter whether I believe the Bible to be the standard of right and wrong – the guide for living my life? Yes, it matters (John 12:48).

Does it matter whether I believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and Savior of the world? Yes, it matters (John 8:24).

Does it matter whether I am truly sorry for my sins – whether I am determined to leave my sinful life in the past? Yes, it matters (Luke 13:3).

Does it matter whether I have been baptized – immersed in water for the forgiveness of my sins and added to the body of Christ? Yes, it matters (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:4, 1 Corinthians 12:13).

Does it matter whether I join with a faithful group of Christians – and whether I meet with them on a regular basis? Yes, it matters (Acts 9:26, Hebrews 10:25).

Does it matter whether the church I am part of follows the pattern of work, worship, and organization revealed in the Bible? Yes, it matters (2 Timothy 1:13, 1

Corinthians 9:14, 16:1-2, John 4:24, Colossians 3:16, Philippians 1:1, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, etc.).

One may think 'Does it matter?' is directed to each of us – but that's not entirely true. In fact, these things do not matter to most people. But they matter to God – and so they should matter to you!

~via *Downtown Gospel Beacon*; Rogers, Arkansas.

## News & Notes...

### THE SICK:

Penny Bates	Dan Lovell
Jennifer Threet	Claudia Bates
James Adams	Shelby Kirkland
Pat Nixon	Shirley Miller
Wayne Faulk	

### Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Danny Johnson	Doris Lovell
Priscilla Tucker	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Wynell Romine	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Lloyd Adams
Charles Burns	Larsen Plyler
Cindy Walker	Al Pollard
Anthony Sutton	Jerry Lawrence
Henry Fusch	Liz Fusch
Tim McGuire	Monica Nelson
Mary Cox	

### In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

*Sherry Davis*; Huntsville Hospital, rm 653

### Updates:

*Sherry Davis* had open heart surgery on Wednesday at Huntsville Hospital and it went well. She will be in the hospital a few more days... *Claudia Bates* had in office surgery on Friday for a deviated septum ... *Jennifer Threet* will be doing therapy to help the issues with her back pain ... *Irene Inman* is at home and is not doing well at all... *Dan Lovell* is scheduled to have a colonoscopy on Thursday of this week... *Louise Snell's grandson, Luke*

*Davis*, had surgery on his back in Denver, Colorado this past Wednesday. He came home from Denver yesterday. Remember to keep all of our sick in your prayers.

### Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15    Brenda Wilson, rm. 38  
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 2    Janice Moody, rm. 99  
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7    Connie Brock, rm. 62

### Limestone Health Facility:

Ann Bush, rm. 75

### Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home  
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Barbara Carter; Limestone Lodge  
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville  
Irene Inman; at home  
Lona Jackson; Vitality Living, Huntsville  
Marion Mitchell; Decatur Health & Rehab  
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee  
Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens  
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison  
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS:** The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the West Auditorium. All ladies who are able to come are invited to be a part of this class.

**COMMUNION BREAD:** The Communion Bread sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the ladies who would like to make the communion bread for the worship services.

**NURSING HOME SINGING:** Remember the singing on Tuesday evening at the *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care* at 5:30 p.m. Please join us to sing, if you are are able.

**DISHES ARE IN THE LIBRARY:** There are dishes in the library from the food taken to the *Nave Family* last week. If you took a dish, please check for them in the library.

**BRIDAL TEA:** The ladies have planned a Bridal Tea for *Macy Dobbs*, the bride elect of *Hayden Pierce* this afternoon at the Deer Trail Clubhouse from 1:30 to 3:30. *Macy and Hayden* will be getting married in March. They are are registered at:

Target, Amazon, and SheaLeigh's

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** The outline for the VBS studies are uploaded in the **Shared Files** area, "*VBS -2024*". This will be a starting place for the material we will putting together this year. Please look at this before our next VBS meeting. We will plan to meet on

Sunday afternoon, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** We rejoice that *Rebecca Reeder* has expressed her desire to be a part of the Market Street church. We look forward to Rebecca joining us in our work here and to have her daughter, *Abigail*, with us too. Let us all extend to them a warm welcome to the Rebecca and Abigail.

**CARD WRITING:** There is a card writing group that meets regularly to write and mail cards to people for appreciation and encouragement. The group will meet on Monday morning at 10:30. If you want to participate, join them in the morning.

**PICTURES:** Have you had your picture made lately? We have several that need to be updated. If you have not had your picture made or had it done lately, please plan to to it soon.

**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.

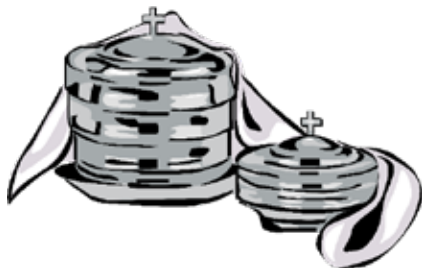
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Market Street's dates that you will want to mark on your calendars:

- February 23 12th Annual Singing
- April 14-17 Gospel Meeting with *Mike Richardson*
- June 24-27 Vacation Bible School
- Sept. 8-11 Gospel Meeting with *Roger Hillis*

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The *Parkway church*, west of Trinity, is beginning a gospel meeting today. The meeting will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in the meeting is *Tadd Corder*.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for the week of Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	136
	Morning Worship .....	171
	Evening Worship .....	101
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	96



### Communion Preparation for February

- Communion Bread — Heather Cox
- Communion Cups — Larry Mitchell

### Men Privileged To Serve:

*Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Snell
Assisting .....	Jerry Baker
Serving .....	Heath Dollar ..... Matthew Usery
.....	Matthew Vaughn... Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smih
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds
Other Assignments for the week of February 11 <sup>th</sup> :	
Usher .....	Sam Gregory/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

*Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:*

Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Bible Reading.....	Danny Johnson
.....	(Acts 23:23-35)
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Invitation.....	Larry Snell
Closing Prayer .....	Harvey Nixon

*Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting .....	Keith Hinkle
Serving .....	Sam Gregory ..... Clayton Hamm
.....	Charles Parks..... Christian Usery
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Frank Melton
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer .....	Hayden Pierce
Other Assignments for the week of February 18 <sup>th</sup> :	
Usher .....	Larry Mitchell/Matthew Usery
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt