

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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Therefore Be Patient

David A. Cox

"Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" – (James 5:7-8)

James reminds the Christians he is writing to be patient. How much we need to be reminded of this in our day. We live in a day of an impatient culture where speed is king. We find ourselves in a hurry when there is no reason for it. Just notice the people around you and observe. People get extremely upset because they missed a revolution in a revolving door. We have become an uptight generation where nothing is done quick enough. Our society has programmed us to hate waiting on anything, and the fact is that we are going to spend a lot of time just flat-out waiting. Sometimes, we need to learn to "wait." In James 5:7-11, we are instructed to be patient when:

1. **Circumstances are Uncontrollable.** In James 5:7, we read, "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until he receives the early and latter rain." James illustrates the farmer who works and waits for the harvest. Many things in farming are beyond the farmer or husbandman's control. As the farmer is patient while waiting for the harvest, we must learn to be patient while awaiting the reward. Many things in life are beyond our control; we must learn to be patient.
2. **People are Unchangeable.** In James 5:10, we read, "My brethren, take the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience." James reminds us of the prophet of old who prophesied to the children of Israel, trying to persuade them to be faithful to God and to turn back to Him. They are an example of how we must be patient when trying to do right, and others around us seem not to care. We must be patient even when we work diligently to

- persuade people to do right, and they will not change.
3. **Problems are Unexplainable.** In James 5:11, we read, “Indeed, we count them blessed who endure. Ye have heard of the perseverance of Job and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.” Job was extremely wealthy but lost everything, even his family, except for his wife. Job did not know why all of the terrible things were happening to him. He could not explain the reasons for his loss. He received no real encouragement from his friends, and even his wife urged him to curse God and die. These unexplainable events in Job’s life are a classic example of the lesson of when we need to be patient. For Job, there was no explanation. For 37 chapters in Job, God was silent. When God is silent, I must be patient. I must not speak for God when He has not spoken; I must trust in God that He will do good for me (Romans 8:28).

Patience can be hard and challenging at times, but let us strive for a more profound faith. Let us find patience when circumstances are uncontrollable, people are unchangeable, and problems are unexplainable. Patience and waiting are a part of faith. Trust in God, recognizing that God is for us and is working.



Man and Woman — That’s It!

Mike Davis

While I can speak only for myself, I’m not backward about saying I’m literally sick about this “gender choice” false doctrine that permeates the news! It doesn’t matter to me in the least what gender a man or woman might want to be: the Bible tells us that isn’t their choice! It doesn’t matter a hoot to me how some think “same-sex marriage” is a marriage and legal. The Bible says, it is neither a marriage (Matthew 19: 4 – 6; Romans 1:21 – 32). At the very first, “God created man in His [God’s] own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.” Genesis 1:27) It doesn’t matter what any state, federal government, or even Disney World might want, God settled that issue

at the beginning and no man on earth can change it!

Bruce “Caitlyn” Jenner acclaimed, an admitted “transgender,” said in a recent interview that “while one can undergo the surgery for appearance or pleasure, the fact remains no one can change their biological gender!” At least he admits it! Biblically, there is never a case where a child was granted the “option” of changing gender or deciding which he/she would desire. That choice is God’s choice alone! Messing with God’s design is humiliating to both God and man! Further, every scripture relating to this subject shows that such change or practice of homosexuality is sin!

The range of how far humans will go to imbibe homosexuality seems to have no limits. Sex- change surgeries undoubtedly favor the impure mind: a mind that is discontent to be what God formed in the womb. “But God made me this way and it’s the wrong body” is a lie and nothing but a lie! It claims **GOD** made a mistake and that simply cannot be true, especially in this realm. A boy that is “really a girl” or vice versa, indicates God lied. How does that agree with Titus 1:2 and Hebrews 6:18? No, what God made in the womb is a child – a boy or a girl that through righteous instruction in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4) learns to love God and proves that love by obedience!

I muse on why the world seems so obsessed with the homosexual agenda and promotes favoritism toward their evil. But then, I must realize sin increases as long as man condones it, “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.” (2 Timothy 3:13). What a wonderful world this is when assembled with souls who love God enough to obey Him! That’s why we Christians need to stand strong for the **Truth** and not fear opposing that which is sinful! In that reality, we must muse!

~via *It Is Written*; Kerrville, Texas.



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Anita Wheeler	Dan Lovell
Lisa Wulfekuhl	Sherry Davis
Don Bates	Harvey Nixon
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	

Updates:

Harvey Nixon had back surgery on Wednesday and will be under restrictions for the next few weeks... *Anita Wheeler* is at home after spending a few days in the hospital after suffering a stroke. She is doing well... *Sherry Davis* is at home and is doing well in her recovery and rehabilitation and will return to the doctor in two weeks... *Lisa Wulfekuhl* had the drain tubes and stitches removed following her surgery last Friday... *Sharon Nave* received a good report from her breast cancer doctor. She will go in 3 months to have ultrasound and MRI done... *Dan Lovell's* results from the biopsy he had done last week indicated he had most likely squamous cell carcinoma. They will need to get a larger biopsy to stage the cancer. The cancer is very treatable with radiation and chemotherapy... 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 Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

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
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.

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 able.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The outline for the VBS studies is uploaded in the **Shared Files** area, "*VBS -2024*". We will be meeting this afternoon at 4:00 to start the plans for putting the material together for this year.

TWELFTH ANNUAL SINGING: This past Friday night was our Twelfth Annual Singing. The singings in the past, as well as this annual singing was a very uplifting evening as we raised our voices to God in song, hymns, and spiritual songs. We had 426 at the sing this year. Our Annual Singing next year will be February 28, 2025. If you would like a recording of the singing please fill out a Member's Card and tell how many copies you would like to have.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: This Wednesday, February 28th, the Ladies will gather for a pot-luck lunch at the *Deer Trail Clubhouse* to honor the ladies with February birthdays. If you have any questions, see *Ida Nell Griffin* or *Judy Vaughn*.

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

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: We rejoice that *David & Janice Adams* have expressed their desire to be a part of the Market Street church. The Adams have been with us for a while and we look forward to them joining us in our work here. Let us all extend a warm welcome to David & Janice.

RESTORED: We rejoiced Wednesday evening as *Mitzi Parker* came forward to express her desire to return to the faithful service to the Lord. We appreciate Mitzi and the good heart she displayed in seeing her failures in serving the Lord and returning to Him. May we all encourage Mitzi as she has and will encourage us in our walk with the Lord.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Adams: Nathaniel, Laura, Declan, Jack & Macy* have been in Gulf Shores this past week.

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 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.

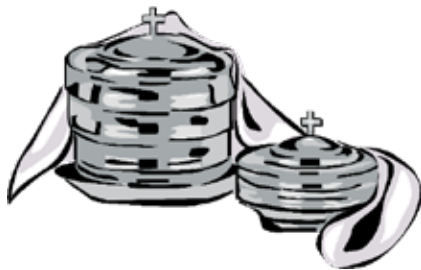
MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Market Street's dates that you will want to mark on your calendars:

- 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 *Jackson Drive church* is engaged a gospel meeting this week. The meeting will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in the meeting is *Leon Mauldin*. . . . The *Mt Zion church* is beginning a gospel meeting today. The meeting will continue through Wednesday evening. The speakers in the meeting will be: *Sunday – Mitchell Dalrymple; Monday – Kyle Ellison; Tuesday – Kasey Harbin; Wednesday – Trenton Barksdale.*

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Feb. 18th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	120
	Morning Worship	151
	Evening Worship	106
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	100



Communion Preparation for February

- Communion Bread — Kerry Cox
- Communion Cups — Joel Hamm

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 25th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Jerry Baker
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Terry Andrews
Serving	Matthew Vaughn..... Heath Dollar
.....	Luke Vaughn
.....	Larry Snell
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Jerry Baker
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Christian Userly
Other Assignments for the week of February 25 th :	
Usher	Stephen Lynn/Hayden Pierce
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, February 28th:

Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Bible Reading.....	Heath Dollar
.....	(Acts 24:10-21)
Prayer.....	Albert Haraway
Invitation.....	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Charles Parks

Sunday, March 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Albert Haraway
Assisting	Harold Ash
Serving	Marvin Putman
.....	Ronnie Locke
.....	Nathaniel Adams.....
.....	Harold Davis
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Prayer.....	Bob Broadus
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Albert Haraway
Closing Prayer	Keith Hinkle
Other Assignments for the week of March 3 rd :	
Usher	Sam Gregory/Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl