

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.

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Bible Classes..... 6:30 p.m.

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The Power of God

David A. Cox

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." — (Romans 1:16).

It is often stated that "God is powerful." This statement may be repeated so often that it loses its meaning. Power is often seen as relentless, even brutal, or much like the power of the superheroes of our day. However, the power of God has far more facets and can be seen in several ways. Let us consider some aspects of the power of God.

God is the Almighty. In Genesis 17:1, the Lord God appeared to Abram and declared to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless." The Lord God tells Abram that He is "Almighty God." Abram was 90 years old when the Lord appeared to him. God is informing Abram that through his faithfulness in serving Him, He will make a covenant with Abram and his descendants. As a ninety-year-old, Abram does not think about his strength or lack of strength to be what the Lord God has chosen him to be; it is Abram's strong faith in the power of God. It is a fact that God often chooses the weak things to glorify Himself. Paul writes, "But God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty" (1 Corinthians 1:27). Therefore, we need to see the power of the Almighty God and do what He has asked us to do. Do not think, "I'm too weak," or "I'm old, tired, and don't have the competence." Just do what God has asked and do it to the very best of your ability. Remember, we serve the Almighty God.

God is Powerful Through His Word. God, speaking through Isaiah, said, "So shall My word that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). When God speaks, it is not just making noise, it is for a purpose. In Genesis 1, we see God speak, and the world and everything were created by His power. Every word that God speaks has a purpose. As people, we often speak words that have no real purpose, but we must not think that God is just talking to be heard;

His word is truth, and we must live by it (John 17:17). The Hebrew writer reminds us that God's word is alive and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). We must meditate on God's word, and let it find a home in our hearts and change our lives.

God is Powerful and Able To Save. Paul told the Romans that the gospel is the power of God for salvation. Throughout scripture, we see time and again where God saved His people. One example is in the book of Exodus when we see the children of Israel in Egypt serving in bondage to Pharaoh. God, speaking through Moses, tells Pharaoh, "let My people go!" Pharaoh resisted and would not allow it until after Egypt had suffered through ten plagues. After the tenth plague, Pharaoh lets the children of Israel go but changes his mind and goes to bring them back. Israel's deliverance was secured at the Red Sea through the power of God. Today, people find themselves in bondage to sin. The only way to find deliverance is through the power of God in the gospel of Christ. Jesus claimed to be the only way to the Father (John 14:6). Jesus taught the truth of the gospel.

- *"For if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins"* (John 8:24)
- *"I tell you, no; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish"* (Luke 13:3)
- *"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 1:32).
- *"He who believes and is baptized will be saved"* (Mark 16:16).

Yes, God is the Almighty God. May we see the power of God in His word, truly know the power of God in our lives, and become instruments for Him. Have you put your trust in the power of God?

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.



**MARKET STREET
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Be In These Things

Mike Noble

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men..." (Colossians 3:23).

Let me tell you about a man named Vincent. Vincent works for United Airlines, and was the steward on a flight I took recently from Louisville to Chicago. I have never seen an airline attendant throw himself into his work like this man did.

When Vincent wasn't giving information to us passengers over the PA system, he was serving us. He warmly greeted each of us personally as we walked onto the plane. He helped those who were struggling stowing away their luggage. When the plane was delayed from taking off for a few minutes, Vincent put us at ease by not only telling us why, but by also adding a little comic relief to his remarks.

After serving all 50 of us a beverage, Vincent came back by and asked if we needed a refill. He kept us updated on our flight. In fact, because we were late in taking off, he came through the cabin toward the end of the flight, paper printout in hand, informing each passenger where his/her gate would be for their connecting flight. (A helpful piece of information when one is in a hurry at O'hare International Airport.)

He constantly kept us at ease with his comedy. One of the last things he told us, as we descended from the clouds, was of the spotless record of the pilot. "However," he cautioned, "I did overhear the pilot making a bet with the co-pilot as to whether he could land this thing with his eyes closed." We all roared.

By the time we landed, one felt as if he had known Vincent for quite some time. As we disembarked, he looked each of us squarely in the eye and warmly thanked us for flying United. Well--- of course. What else would you expect from this man? Folks, this attendant was consumed with his job.

As I later pondered the example of this man... (during the next flight, when we were served by a stewardess who was, comparatively, bored with her job)... I couldn't help but think about MY own example as a disciple of the Lord's.

Do people see ME as one who has thrown himself

into the work of Jesus? After telling a young evangelist to “be an example to the believers” and to “give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine” (1 Timothy 4:15), Paul told him to “meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them,” or literally, “be in these things” (Vincent Word Studies). Timothy was to be wholly engrossed in his work. Am I?

Are YOU? The Scriptures speak of those who were “full of good works;” of others who “devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints” (Acts 9:36; 1 Corinthians 16:15). Are we not charged with doing the same? (Romans 12:13; 2 Corinthians 8:5)

Our Lord from the very beginning indicated that the citizens in His kingdom would go the “second mile” toward those who spitefully treat them (Matthew 5:41-42). What, then, must we conclude should be our attitude toward every other facet of our kingdom life? Jesus didn’t leave us to wonder: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me” (Luke 9:23).

When people look at me and you, do they see people who are merely ‘putting time in,’ who are doing what they think is just enough to ‘get by’? Or do they see those who are absorbed in and consumed with Jesus? Give it some thought.

~via *Central Shelby church of Christ*; Shelbyville, Kentucky.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Laura Adams | Ruby Dean Ezell |
| Dale Adcock | Sherry Davis |
| Sherry Hasting | Harvey Nixon |
| Gina Werka | Shelby Kirkland |
| Pat Nixon | Shirley Miller |
| James Adams | Wayne Faulk |
| Carl Witty | |

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

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| Danny Johnson | Doris Lovell |
| Priscilla Tucker | Peggy Pepper |
| Vicki Stringer | Anita Wheeler |
| Wynell Romine | Judy Vaughn |
| Jeanette Weir | Lloyd Adams |

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| Charles Burns | Larsen Plyler |
| Cindy Walker | Al Pollard |
| Anthony Sutton | Jerry Lawrence |
| Henry Fusch | Liz Fusch |
| Tim McGuire | Monica Nelson |
| Mary Cox | |

Updates:

Dale Adcock is scheduled to have a follow-up after her shoulder surgery on Monday... **Theresa Tucker** had hernia surgery on Monday in Madison and is at home doing well... **Sherry Davis** was released from her doctor this week... **Gina Werka** is continuing to recover from her sinus surgery she had a couple of weeks ago... **Dan Lovell** will see a surgeon on Thursday about his cancer surgery... **Mary Cox, Jackie Cox's daughter-in-law and mysister-in-law**, has been put in hospice care this week... 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.

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*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The outline for the VBS studies is uploaded in the **Shared Files** area, "**VBS -2024**". We met last week and scheduled the lessons to be used in the VBS.

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 Monday morning at 10:30. If you want to participate, join them in the morning.

RESTORED: We rejoiced Sunday morning as **Deborah Slaton** came forward confessing unfaithfulness in her life and stating her desire to return to faithful service to the Lord. May we all encourage Deborah as she has and will encourage us. May we also strive and encourage one another to serve the Lord with all we have the ability to do.

OUT OF TOWN: **Isabella Perry, Jaclyn & Sandra Hardison** are in North Carolina ... **The Ashes: Harold & Barb** are in Destin, Florida with friends... **The Coblentz: Tommy & Marcella** have been in Chattanooga, Tennessee visiting Marcella's sister.

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 do 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.

SINGING: The **South Cullman church** in Cullman will have their Annual Singing on Friday night, March 15th at 7:00p.m. The songleaders will be *Tim Stevens & Jim Deason*.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Mar. 3rd:*

Sunday: Bible Classes 116
 Morning Worship 141
 Evening Worship 101
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 100

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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Larry Tucker
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Snell
 Assisting Jerry Baker
 Serving Sam Gregory Landon Adams
 Marvin Putman Danny Johnson
 Closing Prayer Frank Melton

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Larry Tucker
 Song Leader Bob Broadus
 Prayer..... Harold Ash
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Larry Snell
 Closing Prayer Joel Hamm
 Other Assignments for the week of March 10th:
 Usher Hayden Pierce/Russ Wulfekuhl
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

Wednesday, March 13th:

Song Leader Larry Holt
 Bible Reading..... Danny Johnson
 (Acts 25:1-12)
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Invitation..... Larry Snell
 Closing Prayer Charles Parks

Sunday, March 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Dan Reed
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Tucker
 Assisting Marcus Morris
 Serving Landon Adams Heath Dollar
 Harold Davis Roger Hammonds
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Larry Tucker
 Closing Prayer Marcus Morris
 Other Assignments for the week of March 17th:
 Usher Marvin Putman/Tommy Coblentz
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt