

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 7:00 p.m.

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"Go Into The World"

David Holder

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations" (Mark 16:16).

So Jesus commissioned His disciples following His resurrection. He sent His men into the world to preach good news to everyone. By application, we are to take the good news of our Savior into the world. If we don't, who will? God is counting on us in both public and private settings to look for them who are looking for Him.

We can thank God for many efforts around the world to lead people to Christ. These words constitute more encouragement to remember our responsibility with enthusiasm and determination. We must open our eyes, hearts, hands, and mouths to go into the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We Must Go Into The World With Our Eyes Opened: When Jesus sent out His hand-picked representatives, He wanted them to go with opened eyes (Matthew 10:16). He knew they would be as sheep in the midst of wolves and would need to be both shrewd and innocent. We must take the gospel to a world that does not know Jesus (John 1:10) and does not want light (John 3:10,20). We work in enemy territory and must have our eyes opened.

The god of this world is hard at work among millions who have yielded to Him (Ephesians 2:2). Who wants to hear that we are not at liberty to choose our own way in life, much less our own way to heaven? Who wants to hear about personal responsibility and accountability? Who wants their morals challenged or their style cramped?

As we go into the world, we must pray earnestly for the Lord to protect us (Matthew 6:13; John 17:14, 15). We are to be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13-16). We must penetrate society with the gospel of Christ and form a counter-culture of spiritual values and standards. And in the process, we must have our eyes open and our heads on straight. "Be careful how you walk" (Ephesians 5:15-17).

We Must Go Into The World With Our Hearts

Opened: It is easy in a society permeated by sin either to acquiesce to its pressures or to grow cynical and skeptical about it. We may need to take a step back to see the larger picture. Our world is subjected to futility. Creation is suffering and groaning (Romans 8:18-23). People live fragmented lives, scattered and shattered by sin, whether they know it or not. Sin is taking its awful toil and sinners are its victims. This is not in any way to excuse sin, but it is to explain the debt it racks up and the penalty it demands.

The world is violent and vulgar. And there is more at work than we can see. Paul said “our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of the wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:10). But God so loved the world (John 3:16), and we must, too. Jesus sighed over the effects of sin (Mark 7:34) and mourned over the sight of Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37-39).

People in the world are made in the image of God, and the gospel is for them. We must at times get involved in the world’s hurt and dirt so we may save some (1 Corinthians 9:19-22). When we go into the world with the gospel, we must open our eyes and be on guard and open our hearts with love and compassion.

We Must Go Into The World With Our Hands

Opened: Many of us have the opportunity and obligations to open our hands generously that more and more people might hear the gospel of Christ. Both individually and collectively, we must financially support the preaching. “The Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:9).

Taking the gospel into the world requires manpower and money. All Christians cannot go to distant places to preach. But some can, and we should send them, support them, and encourage them. In Corinth, Paul joined with Aquila and Priscilla in tent-making to support himself while preaching, given the circumstances, Paul was careful and judicious in receiving support from the Corinthians themselves (see 1 Corinthians 9:3-14). But then Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, and “Paul began devoting himself completely to the work” (Acts 18:1-5). The implication is that Silas and Timothy brought resources to Paul, enabling him to focus entirely on preaching the gospel.

Doors stand open with opportunities on many fronts for people to take the gospel to the world. We must trust God’s given principle: “Give, and it will be given to you; good measure; pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measure to you in return” (Luke 6:38).

We Must Go Into The World With Our Mouths

Opened: Finally, this is what it takes--you and I telling people about Jesus. It may be an invitation to our services. It may be a suggestion to have a Bible study or to set up a Bible study with someone else teaching. It may be inviting children to Vacation Bible School or bring children to the classes. Who knows what God may do through your invitation or words of encouragement.

Paul’s “I am” statements tell it all--(Romans 1:14-16). I am under obligation--a debt to people who are lost to tell them about being saved. I am eager--an enthusiasm about salvation in Jesus Christ. I am not ashamed--faith and boldness about the power of God unto salvation. We are won to win, taught to teach, saved to save. Everyone will not listen. Some will reject the gospel. But Jesus calls us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and the only way we’ll ever do this is to open our mouths to tell someone about the Savior.

-via *The Needmore Bulletin*; Haleyville, Alabama.



Simple Stuff

Dee Bowman

Originally the words “simple” and “sincere” meant essentially the same thing. In fact, the word “simple” is defined by word experts as meaning without duplicity; free from dissimulation or guile; innocent or harmless. The word sincere means all of those things, too. In both words, the concept is something true, devoid of pretense, not falsified or perverted in any way (see the Oxford English Dictionary).

Christianity is about the simple, sincere things of

life. It is not a complicated maze of instructions and liturgies, one where a multitude of days and feasts are to be observed. Paul says we have been delivered from all that (Galatians 5:1). Nor is this Christian life one where there is no discipline, one where a subjective ethic becomes the rule of faith and practice in one's life (Acts 23:1-5). It is rather a submission of one's will to the will of Jesus with all that entails.

Christianity is not measured by great deeds, but by the multitude of small things done. There is little flamboyance in it, nor is there much need for any. Rather, it's the sincere desire of a person to do his best at whatever is his situation or assignment. It's rather simple, actually. It's just knowing where you are going and doing the best you can to make it there.

Whatever happened to simplicity? Whatever happened, for instance, for doing small acts of kindness just for the thrill of doing them, and just because it's right? Whatever happened to doing them when nobody is looking or when you can by no means be profited from the action? There is considerable to be said for the simple life.

A simple attitude toward truth is a noble thing, even if nobody admires you or rewards you for it. What's wrong with looking for holiness and piety and truth and righteousness without making some big deal out of it? A right attitude toward truth is not complicated. It just means that you have subscribed to the Bible and that you have made a commitment to follow it regardless of where it leads or what the consequences are for having done so. It means you want to apply it to yourself even when it hurts and even when you know it may not be popular. But you don't have to make some big deal out of that: it just says you realize that "ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

A simple love is a noble thing and, in the final reality, is the divine mucilage that bonds everything good together. "And put on love, which is the bond of perfectness," the Apostle Paul said (Colossians 3:14). It's love that binds one to his brethren; it's love that binds the husband and wife; it's love that forms the bond with those who consider themselves your enemy; it's love that marks your growth as you make your way toward your reward; it's love that binds desire to expectation to form hope; it is love that makes kindness and patience work together. Read 1 Corinthians 13 where Paul personifies

love to show its various behaviors.

I once ran across a saying scribbled on a torn piece of paper which still bore the creases from having been folded up in some purse or billfold. It read, "The stature of a man is measured by his friendliness and courtesy for someone who can do absolutely nothing for him."

God isn't looking for flamboyant Christians, but for sincere ones—those who will love one another because they have been loved by God; those who will correct one another, but in the love of Christ; those who will suffer if need be in order to do the simple things that fit them for divine association.

So why, tell me, do we complicate matters. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." How hard is that?

-via *New Living*; Brownsburg, Indiana.

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN – 770AM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Lola Colwell; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 670

Mary Davis; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 471

Mark Hargrove; Huntsville Hospital, ICU

Irene Daniel; Athens-Limestone Hospital, rm. 219

Glen Keenon; Huntsville Hospital, ICU

At Home:

Mot Beasley

Molly Wilson

Bernice Thomas

Gladys Johnson

Polly Davis

Yvonne Sherbert

Bobbie Adcock

Bill Green

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| Elmer Mitchell | Bayless Romine |
| Henrietta Word | Molly Weeks |
| Kathy Kerstiens | Jeff Waddell |
| Wayne Garner | Tommy Gatlin |
| Thomas Lovell | Marie Welden |

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

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| Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118 | J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E |
| Katherine Stoffregen, rm. 98 | Mary Smith, rm. 85 |
| Lorene Bradford, rm.117 | Rosella Pugh, rm. 83 |

Limestone Manor:

Albert & Mary Norton, rm. 96

Limestone Lodge:

Ruth Owens, rm. 12W

Shut-In:

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.
 Reba Adams, at home
 Majorie Lambert, at daughter's home

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

- Brandi Lawrence; Afghanistan
- Joel Smith; Iraq
- Whitney Smith; Japan

WORK GROUPS: Tonight Work Group 2 will meet. If this is your group, remember to meet tonight following our evening service.

WEBSITE UPDATED: The Market Street church website has been update and can now be seen by going to the following address: MarketStreet-church.com The sermons and bulletins are being uploaded weekly. There will be other items added to the website on an on-going basis. Remember to visit the site and tell others about it.

NURSERIES AVAILABLE: There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing and the other in the east wing.

THE RECORD: Attendance— Week of December 6th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 121
 Morning Worship 146
 Evening Worship..... 108
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 88

Remember Our Service This Evening 5:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, December 13th:

Morning Worship

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| Announcements | Marty Adams |
| Song Leader | Tyler Cox |
| Prayer | Larry Mitchell |
| Preaching, | David Cox |
| Lord's Supper | |
| Presiding | Bonnie Sutton |
| Assisting | Dwaine Allfrey |
| Serving | Delmer Carter..... Wayne Vaughn |
| | Ronnie Locke..... Russ Wulfekuhl |
| Closing Prayer | Frank Noblitt |

Evening Worship

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| Announcements | Marty Adams |
| Song Leader | Tyler Cox |
| Prayer | Jerry McGlocklin |
| Preaching | Warren Glass |
| Lord's Supper | Bonnie Sutton |
| Closing Prayer | Marion Mitchell |

Other Assignments for Sunday December 13th:

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| Usher | Stuart Wilson |
| Work Sound System | Marty Adams |

Wednesday, December 16th:

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| Song Leader | Stuart Wilson |
| Bible Reading..... | (Proverbs 26:1-12) |
| | Danny Johnson |
| Prayer | Rusty Brand |
| Invitation | Marty Adams |
| Closing Prayer | Tyler Cox |

Sunday, December 20th:

Morning Worship

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| Announcements | Stuart Wilson |
| Song Leader | Frank Noblitt |
| Prayer | Marion Mitchell |
| Preaching, | David Cox |
| Lord's Supper | |
| Presiding | Bonnie Sutton |
| Assisting | Dwaine Allfrey |
| Serving | Delmer Carter..... Wayne Vaughn |
| | Ronnie Locke..... Russ Wulfekuhl |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry McGlocklin |

Evening Worship

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| Announcements | Stuart Wilson |
| Song Leader | Frank Noblitt |
| Prayer | Joel Hamm |
| Preaching | Stuart Wilson |
| Lord's Supper | Dwaine Allfrey |
| Closing Prayer | Lamdon Adams |

Other Assignments for Sunday December 20th:

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| Usher | David Terry |
| Work Sound System | Tim Craig |