

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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Planning To Grow

Harold Hancock

God's word encourages and even demands that we grow spiritually: *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints..."* (Ephesians 4:11-12). *"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"* (1 Peter 2:1,2). *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..."* (2 Peter 3:18). Determine to grow spiritually this coming year.

Some Christians never grow spiritually because they have no plan for growth. Others lack patience - they are not committed to growth and/or fail to work their plan for growth. Make sure that you plan for growth this coming year and work your plan. In the interest of growth, consider these suggestions:

1) **Choose a Bible subject or Bible character that interests you or that you think would be especially helpful to you and make an in-depth study of this subject or character.** I personally have chosen Abraham. I have printed out and placed in a loose-leaf notebook the Bible chapters that pertain to Abraham's life (Genesis 11:26 - 25:11) along with other Bible references to Abraham. This gives me the Bible text and allows me to make extensive notes. I intend to read, reread, and study these passages of scripture until I become very familiar with them and glean as much information about Abraham as I can. I have also begun to collect books and articles about Abraham. I want to know more about him.

Now, spend some time reflecting on the matter (but not so much time that you lose your enthusiasm for the idea) and select a study for yourself. To help you work your plan, tell others of your choice, and if you need it, get help getting started or seek help throughout your study. If possible, set a regular time each day or week to pursue your study. (Don't get discouraged if you have to readjust your schedule or have to miss the study at times. Just stay committed.) Use "spare" moments

for your study. You'll be surprised at how much you can read or learn in your "spare" time. Perhaps, you could find others interested in the same subject or who have a similar goal; meet with them periodically to share helpful sources, discuss each other's findings, or challenge each other's thinking with questions. You will grow in knowledge if you have a plan for growth and work your plan.

2) **The second thing I suggest to help you grow this coming year is to choose an area of "Christian living" in which you are weak or can improve and work to become stronger or better.** Perhaps, you can attend Bible study or worship services more or encourage your family to. Many need to establish better habits of prayer. Perhaps, there is a relationship that must be improved in order that your spiritual relationship with God can improve (Matthew 5:23; 1 Peter 2:7). Perhaps, you could spend more time assisting others with their needs, maybe just visiting them or encouraging them. Call or visit newcomers or those who regularly miss our assemblies. Prepare yourself to teach a Bible class - we need more good Bible teachers for all ages. Make it your aim to "bring someone to the Lord" this coming year. There are many ways we can improve ourselves in the Lord. Choose some and start working to be better.

These suggestions are aimed at encouraging you to grow spiritually. You may or may not choose them; you may have some ideas of your own. Growth, however, is not optional. God is displeased with us when we fail to grow (Hebrews 5:12-14). Therefore, plan to grow and grow.

-via *College View Columns*, Florence, Alabama.

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN - 770AM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00

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Growing Together...

Getting Involved

Paul White

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

This passage certainly speaks to the business of mutual edification and spiritual devotion. It addresses our need for regular appointed times wherein we may give and receive encouragement, and whereby we may give to God the devotion of our hearts. But in spite of such admonitions, and even though God speaks so clearly of the importance of such family togetherness, we continue to have some who neglect their duties before God and their brethren. I'm afraid some of my brethren just aren't taking seriously those "*one another*" commands found in scripture. Notice a few:

"be devoted to one another" (Romans 12:10).

"give preference to one another" (Romans 12:10).

"be likeminded toward one another" (Romans 15:5).

"Greet one another" (Romans 16:16).

"Have the same care for one another" (1 Cor.12:25).

"Through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13)

"Bear with one another" (Ephesians 4:2).

"Be kind to one another" (Ephesians 4:32).

"Forgive one another" (Ephesians 4:32).

"Submit to one another" (Ephesians 5:21).

"Love one another" (1 Peter 1:22).

"Comfort one another" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

"Exhort one another" (Hebrews 3:13).

"Pray for one another" (James 5:16).

"Have compassion for one another" (1 Peter 3:8).

"Be hospitable toward one another" (1 Peter 4:9).

How can we say we are committed to Christ, while showing little if any regard for His church and those "one another" responsibilities found in His word? How can we grow together in Christ while ignoring the teachings of Christ? It just won't happen folks. We're not going to grow together until we get involved. And getting involved implies getting busy in the business of serving God and serving our brethren.

Notice our beginning text again of Hebrews 10:24-

25. The Hebrew writer is surely exhorting us as “brethren” to get involved in things pertaining to God; in those things that help encourage and not discourage. But what should we be doing in this church?

We should consider our brethren. “Let us consider one another.” Please be advised, we must do more than casually think of one another; we must seriously contemplate one another’s needs. And please tell me how we can be aware of the needs of folks we never see? How can we attend to the needs of our brethren when we travel all the time, work all the time, or play all the time? We can’t meet “pressing needs” (Titus 3:14) as long as we stay too busy or remain indifferent to those needs. Perhaps it’s high time we implemented the passage of (Phillipians 2:4) that says, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” That’s pretty plain language folks, and we best be about the business of applying it.

We should stir each other up spiritually. “Let us consider one another, in order to stir up love and good works.” The emphasis here is not on what we get from our assemblies, but what we give. We are admonished in verse 25 to “exhort” each other. Just how does it encourage other brethren when some choose to skip Bible classes on Sunday morning or Wednesday night? Don’t be deceived... You can’t divorce interest from attendance. People who are really interested will attend! Can’t we see when we willingly absent ourselves from regular worship assemblies we fail to contribute; we discourage? How can we motivate others to love more fervently and serve more faithfully if we criticize and complain? Who is encouraged by the brother or sister who habitually shows up late for Bible class or worship? I’m afraid many of my brethren want the benefits of belonging without the burden of service. They want to be considered a “member in good standing” while seldom “striving together” with their brethren (Phillipians 1:27) or supporting the work. Each must contribute in some way. The whole body, says the apostle Paul, is to be “fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part” (Ephesians 4:16). Every member is to exert himself; every part of the body is to contribute in some way. And while we all must work, our contribution is toward advancing the cause of Christ and strengthening the body spiritually.

Can’t we see our duty before God and our re-

sponsibilities toward our brethren? I’m convinced we can; we just need to recommit ourselves to those “one another” commands that are for our good, the growth of the body, and to the praise and glory of our God. Let’s grow together! Let’s get involved!

-via *Cedar Park Bulletin*; Cedar Park, Texas.

Gospel Meeting

April 18-22, 2010

Buc Chumbley, Speaking

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

At Home:

Lola Colwell	Harold Hays
Sue Warren	Glen Isbell
Martin Casteel	Rachel Grubbs
Bernice Thomas	David Gardner
Gladys Johnson	Polly Davis
Irene Mitchell	Katherine Stoffregen
Bobbie Adcock	Elmer Mitchell
Bayless Romine	Henrietta Word
Molly Weeks	Jeff Waddell
Wayne Garner	Thomas Lovell
Marie Welden	Mark Hargrove

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Robert Tinnon, rm.100	Mary Smith, rm. 85
Irene Daniel, rm. 67	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

Mary Coggins, at home

Majorie Lambert

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 4 will meet. If this is your group, remember to meet tonight following our evening service.

SONG SERVICE: This evening at 5:00 will be the time that we regularly devote to song and prayer. I hope that everyone will make their plans to be present at our song service this evening as we lift our voices in songs of praise to God.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Eastside church* in Athens is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Tuesday. *Dennis Allan* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Northside church* in Lexington is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday evening. *Justin Roberson* will be the speaker in this meeting.

JESUS' TREVINO WITH US: It was good to have *Jesus' Trevino* and his wife, *Susana*, with us this past Wednesday evening. It was good to hear brother Trevino report of the work that he is doing in Lake Jackson, Texas and other places as well. May the Lord bless him and the work he is doing.

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 January 17th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 116

Morning Worship 158

Evening Worship..... 121

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 92

Remember Our Service This Evening 5:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, January 24th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Rusty Brand
Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer Tyler Cox
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding Stuart Wilson
Assisting Marty Adams
Serving Landon Adams..... Frank Noblitt
..... Cory Nelson..... Gilbert Hardy
Closing Prayer Marion Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements Rusty Brand
Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer Joel Hamm
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Stuart Wilson
Closing Prayer Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 24th:

Usher Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System Tim Craig

Wednesday, January 27th:

Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Bible Reading..... (Proverbs 29:1-14)
..... Kenneth Smith
Prayer Bonnie Sutton
Invitation Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Sunday, January 31st:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Jack Cannon
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Stuart Wilson
Assisting Marty Adams
Serving Landon Adams..... Frank Noblitt
..... Cory Nelson..... Gilbert Hardy
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Bonnie Sutton
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Marty Adams
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 31st:

Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Marty Adams