

# MARKET STREET



*"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)*

# MESSENGER

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## *Be Careful As You Travel*

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*"And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning herein fear" (1 Peter 1:17)*

It's been raining a lot in Barbados making my frequent travel on the road one of caution. The road conditions have worsened making travel difficult and in some areas there are breakaways.

Peter reminds us (Christians) we are on a spiritual journey. He urges the believers as we sojourn we should do so in awesome respect of God. The usage of the word sojourning highlights we are just temporarily residing here in this world and there is a journey we are taking for a permanent residence.

Peter further emphasized the point "we are just pilgrims passing through" (1 Peter 2:11).

It is our Almighty Father who has created us and has placed us on a spiritual journey with a road map to heaven. As one songwriter puts it, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through." The faithful Christian's spiritual home and final residency is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). However, as we travel, we must be careful to observe the path we take and the conditions of the path if we are to make it to heaven.

The Devil is raining down fiery darts at the faithful believers, making the journey more challenging. These darts affect our visibility, hampering the amount of light we normally see. We begin to see the gloom and darkness of this troubled world and not the light and hope of God. This is why it is important for us as Christians to be properly equipped and ready for the road conditions that may be ahead of us (Ephesians 6:16).

### **Questions To Ask Ourselves As We Are Making The Journey:**

1. **Is the path we're on broad?**

*"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you will try to enter and will not be able to" (Luke 13:24).*

### **Schedule of Services**

#### **Sunday**

Bible Classes ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 4:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

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### **MARKET STREET MESSENGER**

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

The broad path requires no denying of self, commitment or faith in contrast to the narrow path, which Christians are called to take (Luke 9:23). It's easy and is concerned only about satisfying what self-thinks is right.

We must remember we are guided by a higher authority, and it's His way that will lead to life everlasting (John 14:6). Traveling the broad path is life in the fast lane! Pushing yourselves to the edge in the pursuit of financial gain to the neglecting of God. It can be considered the risky life, having no boundaries, pleasure-seeking, and self-gratification.

**2. Is the path busy with traffic?**

“Enter through the narrow gate: For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it” (Matthew 7:13).

The narrow way will require some bending, shifting and not many are willing to make this sacrifice. So the traffic on the broad path to destruction will be filled with many. Be careful of the lifestyle of those who want to drink up, party and satisfy the desires of the flesh. The common mantra today of the world is: “we have one life to live let's live it any way we feel.” Be careful of following the crowd as it chases after physical gratification, greed and extravagant lifestyles (1 John 2:16).

**3. Is the path paved with only good intentions?**

“If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them” (James 4:17).

Are you finding yourself with desires to do the right thing, promises of one day I will? Wishful thinking alone will not get us to heaven but the actual decisions we make day by day. While God desires of us, a heart of good intentions should be based on what God wants for our lives. Jesus said our love for him is manifested in our willingness to obey his instructions (John 14:15).

**4. Do I need to stop?**

“This is what the Lord says; Stand at the cross-roads and look. Ask which paths are the old, reliable paths. Ask which way leads to blessing. Live that way, and find a resting place for yourselves” (Jeremiah 6:16).

We may have been traveling down a path for

very long, but it is never too late to stop and make a U-turn if needed. Let us pause today and check our spiritual compass and see if we are on the right path. Do our actions and attitudes demonstrate we are traveling in the direction God wants us? Have we skidded off the path in the midst of raining darts?

Are we choosing to let fear or pleasure-seeking allow us to stay with the crowd and not with the minority of Jesus? The Lord wants us all to come to repentance and choose the correct path to heaven (1 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 7:10).

-via *Hindsbury Rd. Newsletter*; Bridgetown, Barbados West Indies



## *Understanding Our Words*

**Lenny Chapman**

This past week the local media has been debating the true meaning of a hero. The debate was initiated because a teenage boy (too young to have a driver's license) took his parent's car and went joyriding late one night with some friends. They were involved in an accident killing two of the teens and leaving the other two fighting for their lives. Friends of the deceased have made shirts that pronounced them as heroes. This certainly stimulated a lot of controversy over the issue. Throughout the day callers phoned local radio stations debating this topic, and gave their own interpretations and examples of a hero. After listening to the debate, it became clear to me that sometimes people speak not really understanding the meaning or application of the words they use.

I cannot think of a more important time to be at our optimal attention to this than during our worship to God. It is during this time that we should be giving God our complete and undivided attention. For those leading prayers, the words should not be rehearsed to the point that there is no longer any real meaning behind them, “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking” (Mat. 6:7). Our prayers to

God should be heartfelt and have meaning for which the prayer is being offered. For instance, prayers during the observance of the Lord's Supper should be specific to the remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ. "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). Those who lead prayers for the whole congregation must understand that it is a great responsibility. If one takes this responsibility too lightly, he can, and will hinder the worship of his fellow Christians.

Another area where one should be focused and mindful of words would be while glorifying and worshipping God in song. This area of our worship can easily become mundane as sometimes the same familiar songs are sung repetitively throughout the years. The words can become repetitive and the meanings non-existent. One cannot let this happen, as singing is an important part of our worship to God. Examples are clearly given throughout the New Testament scriptures, showing singing as an integral part of the worship in the first century church. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20). "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16). As the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth he mentioned the importance of understanding what is put forth to God in song, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (1 Corinthians 14:15).

It is very important that one's worship to God is both fulfilling to the individual and accepted by God. What one gets out of the worship service depends on what he puts into it! If we just show up and go through the motions, then the worship will be empty, and unacceptable by God. On the other hand, if one is excited, awake, and part of the worship, his worship will be moving, fulfilling, and more importantly accepted by God. In certain situations in our lives, such as a job interview or meeting someone of great importance, we are very careful of the words we use. We think before we speak so not to say something wrong. Does God not deserve the best we have to offer? Let our prayers be thoughtful

and our songs heartfelt.

-via *Happy Hill Church Bulletin*; South Chesterfield Virginia.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Opal Conn	Beverly Sutton
Bonnie Sutton	Dana & Lucian Baker
Doris Lovell	Reba Byram
Irene Inman	Robert & Mot Beasley
Shelby Kirkland	Jeanette Weir
Gilbert Hardy	Ann Bush
Shaun Carruth	Shayna Tollison

### *Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:*

Mot Dollar	Gayle Ball
Ella Melvin	Janice Cagle
Eli Williams	Donald Cole
Gene Carpenter	Betty Hamm
Linda Ordonez	Charles Burns
Annalynn Tegg	Al Pollard
Matt Poff	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Ben Hinkle
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier

### *In The Hospital:*

*Ray Kennedy*; UAB Hospital, Birmingham

### *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:*

Nelva Reed, rm. 111	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Judith Groce, rm. 45	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Terry Camp, rm. 91	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Mable Crafts, rm. 98	Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Faye Allen, rm. 75	

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Mildred Landers, rm. 103  
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

### *Limestone Lodge:*

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

### *Limestone Manor:*

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

### *Shut-In or Away From Home:*

Hazel Brooks, at home  
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Wynell Casteel, at home

Marjorie Dunnivant, in Huntsville in assisted living  
 Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle  
 Essie Hardison, at home  
 Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**ANNUAL SINGING:** Our *Fifth Annual Singing* is rapidly coming. I know that the singing will be truly edifying and uplifting evening. I hope that everyone will mark *February 26th* on your calendars. Remember to tell others to come and join us. If you are on Facebook, please share the event and send invitations to you friends to join us.

**SPEAKING THIS AFTERNOON:** This afternoon at 4:00 *Chuck Richardson* of Corinth, Mississippi will be with us to preach. Brother Richardson works with the Meeks Street church in Corinth. Chuck has also been involved in the last 2-3 years in the work in Barbados. I appreciate him being able to come and I know that you will enjoying hearing and meeting him.

**OUT OF TOWN: *The Bradleys:*** *Steve and Marilyn* are in Texas... *Harvey Nixon* is in Ohio and Michigan with his work... *The Mitchells: Larry and Peggy* have been out of town this week.

**NURSING HOME SINGING:** Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday afternoon at 5:30.

**WORK GROUPS:** **Work Group one** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of Jan. 24th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 137  
 Morning Worship ..... 176  
 Evening Worship..... 136

**Wednesday:**  
 Bible Classes..... 120

## *Fifth Annual Singing*

February 26, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Steve Klein



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## **Men Privileged To Serve:**

### *Sunday, January 31st:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
 Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
 Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Larry Mitchell  
 Assisting ..... Joel Hamm  
 Serving ..... Jason Conn..... James Johnson  
 ..... Tommy Burns ..... Tony Thomas  
 Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ogles

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
 Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
 Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Preaching ..... Chuck Richardson  
 Lord's Supper ..... Larry Mitchell  
 Closing Prayer ..... Russell Melvin

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 31st:

Usher ..... Keenon Currier  
 Work Sound System ..... Nathaniel Adams

### *Wednesday, February 3rd:*

Song Leader ..... Jerry McGlcklin  
 Bible Reading..... (2 Corinthians 2:1-11)  
 ..... Seth Todd  
 Prayer ..... Jason Conn  
 Invitation ..... Russell Melvin  
 Closing Prayer ..... Seth Todd

### *Sunday, February 7th:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Steve Usery  
 Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
 Prayer ..... Marcus Morris  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Norman Brown  
 Assisting ..... Marty Adams  
 Serving ..... Landon Adams ..... Marvin Putman  
 ..... Danny Johnson ..... Heath Dollar  
 Closing Prayer ..... Joy Warner

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Steve Usery  
 Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
 Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Norman Brown  
 Closing Prayer ..... Joel Hamm

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 7th:

Usher ..... Keith Hinkle  
 Work Sound System ..... Terry Andrews