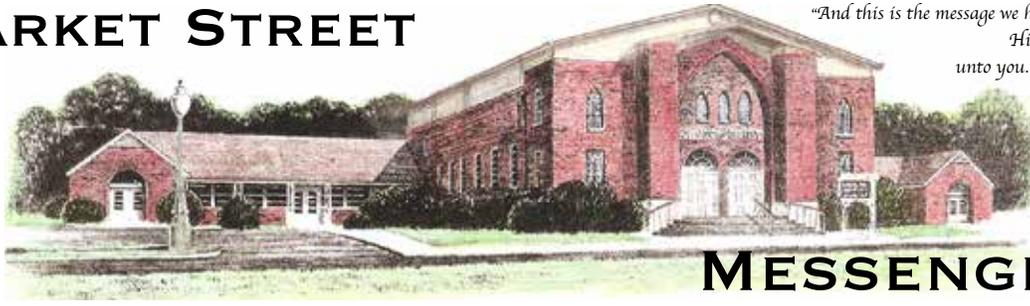


# MARKET STREET



*"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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#### Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

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## *What About Abortion?*

**David A. Cox**

*"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well" — (Psalm 139:13-14).*

On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court handed down its decision on Roe vs. Wade that legalized abortion in all 50 states. From that date in 1973 to 2018, we are told that 61.8 million babies lost their lives because of another's choice. The politically correct idea is a woman's right to choose to have an abortion since it is her body. The proponents of abortion claim that the woman is not carrying a baby but an embryo and fetus. Is that what the Bible teaches? No, it is not. Let us consider what the Bible teaches.

### The Matter of Choice

What about the thought that "A woman has the right to choose what she does with her body." Far too, many people seem to have fallen for this line of thought. First, understand that all, men and women, have the freedom to choose. God has given men and women the ability to make decisions about what he is going to do. We see an example of this in Genesis 2:16-17, "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'" Here, God placed man in the garden and told him to eat of every tree, but one, the tree of the knowledge, but told him not to eat and the consequences of doing so. As we come to Genesis 3, the woman had been created and told the serpent that which the Lord had commanded, but she made the choice to eat of the forbidden fruit. So it is today, God has set forth His principles concerning man taking the life of another (Genesis 9:6; Leviticus 24:17; 1 John 3:15). A man/woman has the choice to do what he/she will do, either right or wrong. So then, a woman can choose to have an abortion, but what is she choosing? She is choosing to murder the child or baby that is within her body.

### The Bible Teaching About the Unborn

What does the Bible say about the unborn, are they embryo/fetus or

babies/life. According to the word of God, the unborn are babies. Notice in Luke 1:41, "And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the *babe* leaped in her womb..." Then when the shepherds came to see Christ after His birth. Luke 2:16 says, "And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the *Babe* lying in a manger." Yes, by the inspiration of God, the word "babe" is used to describe both Christ after His birth (while in the manger) and the unborn child within Elisabeth. Almost everyone would agree that it is wrong to murder a living being. Still, many believe that a child is not a living being until after birth, but this is just simply not so!

When one considers this politically correct idea, it is clear that it is correct according to God's Word. It does not matter how politically correct something may be; it does not make it right in God's sight. God has revealed His will to us (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:13). Therefore, we do not need to be blind followers of the political thinkers of today. Let us study the word of God and know what God has revealed to us to ensure we are biblically correct and pleasing in God's sight.



## *The Challenge of the Gospel*

**Richie Jenkins**

Have you ever had one of your children come to you and cry because he/she recognized something was different about him/her? Christians are different. We are exhorted to be different (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). In the midst of an ungodly, crooked, perverse society we are exhorted to stand for what is right. Jesus tells us His disciples are the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:16-ff). It is a real challenge to be different from the world especially when the pleasure of sin and the influence of our peers are so powerful. It seems easier to go along with the crowd. However, we do our children no favor by allowing them to compromise when they are challenged for the gospel's sake. We must teach them to stand for what is right even when it costs them. We must show them it is possible to be right in a sin sickened world.

**It is challenging to be a believer in an unbelieving world.** The challenge is not simply to be religious. Many folks are religious, but do not know the truth about Jesus Christ. Yes, there are religious people who believe things about Him but they are not willing to believe that He is the Christ and allow Him to make the difference in their lives. As long as they believe He lives, or that He is a good man, or good teacher, that is fine with them. But believing Him to be the son of God imposes obligation on all of us. The obligation is to obey Him.

**We are also challenged by the gospel to do what the Lord says** (Matthew 7:21-24). Jesus never promised that everyone who acted religious would enter the kingdom of heaven. The philosophy of the world is do something religiously whether God approves or not. Just do something! Our real challenge is to do what the Lord said. Think about it: we could save every person on the face of the earth if we were permitted to let everybody be saved in his or her own way. But, lost people will not be saved like that. People will only be saved by doing what the Lord says. The real question in judgment is not what will we say but what will God say (Matthew 7:21).

**Furthermore, Christians are challenged to live securely in an insecure world.** Fears, anxiety, and stress are all about us. These affect us all. Most anxiety is not caused over fear of not having enough to eat but fear of not being able to keep up with someone else. Today an adjusted person is one who can balance his pep pills with his tranquilizers in order to take his weekly trip to the psychiatrist. Why, in the land of plenty are so many people living insecurely? The answer is, because we trust in false standards. We all need to be reminded that security does not rest in things (Luke 12:13-15). Life is not what we can gather around ourselves. People live and die with dread who are surrounded with wealth and things. They never learn to really enjoy what they have. Our challenge is to put our trust in God, not things. As Christians we do not know what the future holds, but we do know Who holds the future. We do not have all the answers, but we do know Who does. Security is an attitude of heart. It is not what happens to us that makes a difference; it is our attitude toward what happens to us that matters. No one can take from us our right to choose our attitude toward our circumstance in life. As Christians we face a great challenge given to us by God. He challenges us to "come out from among them, be ye separate, and touch not what is unclean and

I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters.”That is our challenge. We must show the world what kind of people we are by accepting the challenge. We will only purify the world by accepting God’s challenge.

~via *Think On These Things*; Texarkana, Arkansas.



## *The Object of God’s Love*

**Antoine N. Holloway**

What does God want with man?

- Does God desire our riches? No! Our riches already belong to Him (Psalms 24:1).
- Does God desire the world we live in? No! He made it. He is the Creator of this entire universe (Genesis 1-2).
- Does God desire our power? No, for He Himself is our power and our strength (2 Samuel 22:32-33).

If not any of these things, then what is the object of God’s love? Listen to your Bible! In John 3:16, the Bible reads, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” The object of God’s love is not what we possess, but rather it is us. God wants us, for we are the object of His love. So, why are we the object of His love? What does God want with us?

**God Wants Us That He Might Bring Us To Christ.**

The Law was given for this purpose (Galatians 3:24). We must consider the need for salvation.

- Romans 3:23 teaches we have all sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.
- Romans 3:10 teaches none of us are righteous.
- Isaiah 53:6 teaches we are like sheep gone astray; we have turned to our own way and not God’s way.

However, isn’t it good to know that salvation has been provided by God for us?

- He sent Jesus to die for us (Romans 5:8).
- He saves by His grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9).

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- He also healed us spiritually by the stripes of our Lord (1 Peter 2:24).

**God Wants Us That He Might Lead Us In A Gloriously Happy Life (John 10:10).** God wants us to have a full and complete life. God wants to prepare us for the life to come.

As we view our purpose in this vast and infinite universe, we must consider 5 things:

1. God wants us.
2. Our greatest need on this time-side of life is salvation.
3. Salvation is complete only in Christ Jesus.
4. We are all invited to receive Him by humble obedience to the gospel.
5. If we will simply submit to His will, then we can live a happy, victorious life in Him...Beginning Now!

~via *Northside Exhorter*; Tucson, Arizona.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Dale Adcock	Brenda Eden
Larry Tucker	JoAnn Gilbert
Bobbie Adcock	Doris Lovell
Ann Bush	Larry Morris
Judy Whitt	Kelli Gordon
Jerry Hinkle	Roger Jackson
Jessie Lovell	

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

Donna Wright	Loretta Warner
Vicki Stringer	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Janice Cagle
Cornelia Pepper	Ella Melvin
Wayne Wooldridge	Carrie Warner
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Lloyd Adams
Gene Carpenter	

***In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:***

Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

***Athens Health & Rehabilitation:***

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Elase Barksdale, rm. 22A  
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77 Connie Brock, rm. 62  
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 Christine Hudson, rm. 77  
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

***Limestone Health Facility:***

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59 Alice Roberson, rm. 49  
Deanie Britton, rm.

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

Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor  
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor  
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Barbara Carter, Traditions  
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison  
Irene Inman, at home  
Stan Stanford, at home  
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison  
Alan Thornton, Limestone Lodge  
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

***Updates:***

**Dale Adcock** had surgery on Wednesday in Huntsville. She is to return to the doctor on Tuesday... **Sue Taylor** had surgery on Friday in Athens... **Larry Tucker** has two herniated disc in his neck that will require surgery. The surgery is scheduled for October 28th at Athens-Limestone Hospital... **Dan Reed** is scheduled for outpatient surgery on October 28th... **Brenda Eden** She will be in a boot for two more weeks and then a walking boot for three weeks... **Nancy Abernathy's nephew's wife, Kelli Gordon**, began a series of chemo treatments this past Tuesday.

**SERVICE CHANGES:** The Bible classes on Sunday, the Sunday and Wednesday evening services are suspended through the month of October.

**PARKING LOT:** The work on the parking lot began this past week. Please bear with us as the work is being done.

**OUTOFTOWN: The Ashes:** Harold and Barbara are at the Gulf on vacation... **The Stiles:** Chuck and Benita are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... **Christian Usery** continues in Montgomery working.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of October 11<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday: Bible Classes .....  
Morning Worship..... 105  
Evening Worship.....  
Wednesday: Bible Classes.....

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

***Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:***

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Tommy Coblentz  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton  
Preaching..... Nathaniel Adams  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Larry Holt  
Assisting ..... Keith Hinkle  
Serving ..... Marvin Putman ... Nathaniel Adams  
..... Landon Adams.. Roger Hammonds  
Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....  
Song Leader .....  
Prayer.....  
Preaching.....  
Lord's Supper .....  
Closing Prayer .....

Other Assignments for the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Heath Dollar  
Work Sound System..... Marty Adams

***Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>:***

Song Leader .....  
Bible Reading .....  
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Prayer.....  
Invitation.....  
Closing Prayer .....

***Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>:***

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Larry Holt  
Prayer..... Hunter Cox  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Marty Adams  
Assisting ..... Terry Andrews  
Serving ..... Clayton Hamm .... Kenneth Adams  
..... Matthew Usery.. Roger Hammonds  
Closing Prayer ..... Larry Tucker

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....  
Song Leader .....  
Prayer.....  
Preaching.....  
Lord's Supper .....  
Closing Prayer .....

Other Assignments for the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Marvin Putman/Keenon Currier  
Work Sound System..... Marty Adams