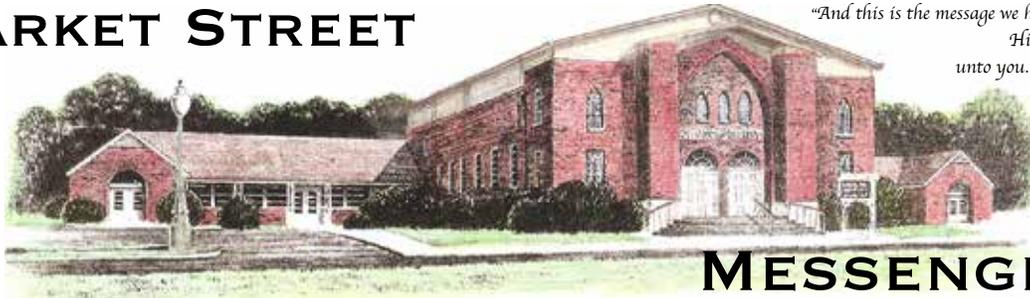


# MARKET STREET



*"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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## *The New and Better Covenant*

**David A. Cox**

*"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises." – (Hebrews 8:6)*

The Hebrew writer is affirming the fact that there is a "new and better covenant." Earlier in this letter, the writer reminds and teaches that Christ is our great High Priest. Following this instruction, the writer mentions the more remarkable or "more excellent" ministry of Christ. Let us consider a few things in the new and better covenant.

### What Is A Covenant?

A covenant might simply be thought of as an agreement or a contract between two parties. Under a covenant, each party has certain obligations or responsibilities. Agreements such as this are made between two individuals, two countries, or between God and people. In the making of contracts between men concerning physical things, there is often a give and take attitude as the terms are negotiated. But the covenant or agreement between man and God is not the case. God sets the terms, and He expects us to submit to them.

### The Old Covenant

God never intended the old covenant to be the final covenant between Him and His people. Paul, speaking of the old covenant, says that the "law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (Galatians 3:24). What the law did was to bring "the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20) to us and to show us our need for forgiveness. People simply did not live up to the standards required under the law of Moses. Sacrifices were made for sin, but the sacrifices of bulls and goats could not remove sin (Hebrews 10:4). Rather, the sins were just rolled forward till an acceptable sacrifice for sin was offered (1 John 2:2; Romans 3:25-26).

The Hebrew writer quotes Jeremiah saying, "Behold, the days coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah" (Hebrews 8:8; cf. Jeremiah 31:31-34). We see then from the beginning, God knew the old law would not remove sin

but was a “shadow of the good things to come” (Hebrews 10:1-2) and that it would be replaced. To that end, God made provisions for the coming of Christ hundreds of years before Christ came.

### The New and Better Covenant

The Hebrew writer refers to the new covenant as “a better covenant,” which was established on better promises” (Hebrew 8:6). Why is this a better covenant? Because under the old law, there was no real forgiveness of sins, just the rolling of sins forward to be dealt with again later (Hebrews 10:3). But with Christ as our High Priest, we have the sacrifice offered for our sins that takes them away. We have access to God through Christ at all times for all needs (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:16). As we fail, we can confess our sins, and God will forgive us (1 John 1:9). How much greater is this new covenant?

The new covenant is superior to the old in that the “better promises” are not temporary but permanent (Hebrews 10:16-17). The land that God promised and gave to the children of Israel was a great and precious blessing to them, but it was temporary. They lost it. But the promises of the spiritual blessings given to the faithful people of God are not temporary (Ephesians 1:3): a new body and a permanent home, a place without all the sorrows and struggles of life. This place is eternal for the people of God.

May we ever be mindful and thankful that we can live under this new and better covenant. May we accept the covenant of God, submit to it, and never turn aside from it.



## Setting Our Kids Up for Success

P.J. Fox

*“David said, ‘My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the Lord shall be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all lands. Therefore now I will make preparation for it.’ So David made ample preparations before his death.”*—(1 Chronicles 22:5)

Many parents would love to leave their children

with all they need to be successful in life. Some ensure that they have really large life insurance policies, so that when they die their children will have more than enough with regards to finances. Others make serious effort to leave some kind of legacy that would benefit their children, maybe they build a business, which they intend for their kids to run once the parents die. Or perhaps they build the family name, so that the kids would have a certain social standing and notoriety that will bring some benefit to them.

While it is a good idea to set our children up for success in this life, it is success in the next life that is far more important. The brevity of this life compared to the eternal nature of the next, makes it a completely foolish endeavor to invest all our efforts and resources in success in this life on earth.

David made ample preparations for the building of the Temple, collecting en masse large amounts of timber, bronze, silver, gold, stone etc. Now I realize that these things are physical, and that at the surface it seems like David is doing what I called “a completely foolish endeavor,” just a moment ago. But understand, the difference is that David was fulfilling the will of God, he was helping his son Solomon build God’s Temple, so really David was helping Solomon invest in the spiritual, in obedience to God’s will, and faithfulness to God’s word.

We see this emphasized a few verses later...

*“Now, my son, the Lord be with you that you may be successful, and build the house of the Lord your God just as He has spoken concerning you. ‘Only the Lord give you discretion and understanding, and give you charge over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the Lord your God. ‘Then you will prosper, if you are careful to observe the statutes and the ordinances which the Lord commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed’”* (1 Chronicles 22:11–13).

It is then very evident that the best thing we could ever do for our children, is to nourish them to maturity in the Word of God, giving them everything they need to be successful in the kingdom of God. It matters not whether they have a large trust fund, nor does it matter whether they’re in the upper echelon of society. What matters is that they have been trained to be effective for God, and that ample preparations have been made, so they can fulfill the will of God.

This is what we need to leave our children, ...the

legacy that is most essential.

~via *Clearwater Bulletin*; Clearwater, Florida.



## *What Should We Do with the Gospel*

**Kenny L. Chumbley**

Paul included four prayers in his letters to the Thesalonians, two to the Colossians, two to the Ephesians, and one to the Philippians, found in 1:3–11, in which is taught several things Christians should do with the gospel.

**Fellowship in it** – (v. 5). The gospel/good news is summed up in the one-sentence sermon Paul preached to the Philippian jailer: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:30). Those who truly believe the gospel will spread it, personally and by financially supporting gospel preaching (4:15–16).

**Defend it** – (v. 7). Christians speak up when their faith is challenged. We don’t expect people to believe our religious claims just because we say so, thus, we are prepared to show them so. We will not be silent before the fake news the world tells about Jesus Christ.

**Further it** – (v. 12). Apostleship brought Paul a lot of trouble (2 Corinthians 11:23–28), yet, his trouble served to advance the gospel. The word translated furtherance or progress was used to describe the army corps of engineers, who went before the army to cut a path through undergrowth or forest in order that the army might continue its march. This thought of using trouble to further the gospel connects with v 6: God will complete the good work God has begun; the evil of bad men and the weakness of good men will not keep Him from finishing what He has started in us.

**Live it** – (v. 27). Conduct translates the Gr. word for politics, and it involves the idea of how citizens—in this case, of heaven—ought to live. Only is an important modifier: this one thing and this only! Nothing must distract Christians from Christ-like living.

~via *Gibson City Bulletin*; Gibson City, Illinois.

# News & Notes...

### **THE SICK:**

Jennifer Threet	Barbara Ash
Betty Lovell	Pat Nixon
Shirley Miller	JoAnn Gilbert
Jimmy Johnson	Doris Lovell
Justice Gentry	Diane Kilpatrick
Janice Cagle	

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

Mike Ogles	Donna Wright
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Lloyd Adams	Phillip Harwell
Cornelia Pepper	Carrie Warner
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Barry DeFoor	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	

### ***Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:***

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Elease Barksdale, rm. 23B
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Connie Brock, rm. 62	

### ***Limestone Health Facility:***

Opal Conn, rm. 102	Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Joy Warner, rm. 14	Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38
Frances Bowers, rm. 67	Ann Bush, rm. 75
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	

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

Bobbie Adcock, at home  
Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor  
Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge  
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter’s in Huntsville  
Barbara Carter, Traditions  
Una King Currier, Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur  
Irene Inman, at home  
Bobby Ogles, Merrill Gardens, Madison  
Stan Stanford, at home  
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison  
Alan Thornton, Limestone Lodge  
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

### ***Updates:***

**Opal Conn** fell and broke her hip last Monday. She had surgery on Wednesday and is now at Limestone Health for rehab... **Jennifer Threet** has been at home recover-

ing from her shoulder surgery and going to therapy... **Margaret Carter** has been sick with bronchitis... **Tony Thomas** had a CT scan done on Tuesday and received good news... **Pat Nixon** continues to deal with blood pressure problems. She is to go to the doctor in June... **Lona Jackson** is dealing with blood pressure problems... **Frank Melton** is scheduled to have eye surgery on June 8th in Birmingham ... **Peggy Pepper** is continuing to wear a brace ... **Anna Price** has moved to Encompass for rehabilitation... Remember our expecting mothers **Heather Cox** and **Casey Curry** in your prayers.

**LORETTA FAYE WARNER (1939 — 2021):** It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of sister Loretta Warner this past Tuesday evening. Loretta has been sick for some time and has not been able to be at services. Loretta and her husband, Joy, joined the work at Market Street in December of 2015. The last few years Loretta's health did not allow her to be able to come to worship. Loretta was a very kind, and gracious lady, an encouragement to those around her. There was a graveside service on Saturday at the Rose-lawn Cemetery in Athens. May the Lord bless all the family at this time.

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, June 7th, at 10:30, to write and mail out cards. If you would like to be a part of this, please come next Monday morning. The group meets in the west auditorium.

**PICTURES MADE:** Pictures are continuing to be made after services. If you need to get your picture made go to room 22 in the east wing.

**HYDERABAD, INDIA:** This past Friday it was my privilege to speak again, via Zoom, to the **Ballanager church** in Hyderabad, Telagana India. My sermon was translated by **Yera Surender**. The preacher for the church there is **Johnson Babu**. Brother Babu and Surender wanted me to convey their greetings to all of you.

**OUT OF TOWN: The Hammonds:** Roger & Wendy are at the Gulf this week on vacation... **The Parks:** Charles, Meredith, Aharon, Harper & Carson are in South Carolina this week visiting family... **The Coxes:** Hunter & Heather are at the Gulf this week on vacation... **The Stiles:** Chuck & Benita are in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	117
	Morning Worship .....	151
	Evening Worship .....	113
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	91

## Men Privileged To Serve:

**Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Terry Andrews
Assisting .....	Harvey Nixon
Serving .....	Heath Dollar .....
	Russ Wulfekuhl
	Roger Hammonds ..
	Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer .....	Larry Mitchell

### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Preaching.....	Kenneth Adams – Clayton Hamm
Lord's Supper .....	Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer .....	Clayton Hamm

Other Assignments for the week of May 30<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers.....	Danny Holt/Marcus Morris
Work Sound System.....	Marty R. Adams

**Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading .....	Jerry McGlocklin
	(1 John 4:12-21)
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Invitation.....	Frank Melton
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams

**Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting .....	Harvey Nixon
Serving .....	Christian Usery ...
	Matthew Vaughn
	Marvin Putman .....
	Landon Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Dan Reed

### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer .....	Marty R. Adams

Other Assignments for the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers.....	Russ Wulfekuhl/Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams