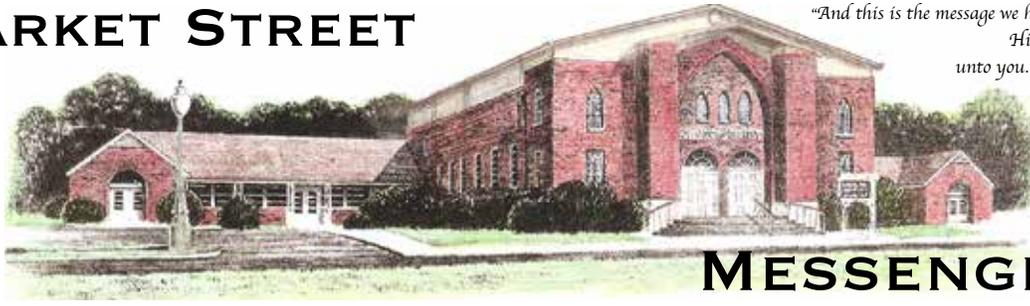


# MARKET STREET



*“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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## *Blessings in Christ*

**David A. Cox**

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” — (Ephesians 1:3).*

Paul states that all spiritual blessings are in Christ. Some might ask, “What are these spiritual blessings?” Let us understand that this does not refer to material blessings. The spiritual blessings have to do with the things that pertain to the inner man. In thinking about the blessings from God, we tend to focus on the material blessings. God is the giver of physical blessings, but these blessings have nothing to do with one’s spiritual standing with God. Many today preach a gospel of health and wealth. Jesus speaking of physical blessings, says that the Father, the giver of our blessings, says, “makes the sun to rise upon the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matthew 5:45). James reminds those he is writing about God, who is the giver of “every good and perfect gift” we enjoy in life (James 1:17). Let us understand that God providentially cares for His children, but this does not mean that they will have the best things of this life (Matthew 6:19-34; Philippians 4:19). Instead, we will have what we need. Let us not get wrapped up in the physical blessings and fail to see our spiritual blessings in Christ.

### Spiritual Blessings for those who are in Christ.

- A New creature - (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- No condemnation in walking in the Spirit - (Romans 8:1).
- Redemption - (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13,14).
- Forgiveness of sins - (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 1:14).
- Eternal Life - (1 John 5:11).
- Salvation - (2 Timothy 2:10).
- Resurrected to be with Christ - (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- Prayers are heard by the Father - (John 15:7; 9:31; 1 Peter 3:12).
- All of God’s promises - (2 Corinthians 1:20).

With these blessings before us, it is evident that if we are to be saved

and enjoy a home in heaven with God, we must be in Christ. We must understand what the scriptures teach us about how we get into Christ. Paul says to the Galatians, “For we are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:26,27). We are in Christ when we are baptized into Christ.

Let us all resolve within ourselves to do what the Bible tells us to do so we may enjoy all the blessings of being in Christ.

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## ***“Your Prayer Has Been Heard”***

**Jason Hardin**

Luke 1 tells us about a man named Zechariah, who was a priest. He had a wife named Elizabeth. They were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child. Elizabeth was barren. Both Zechariah and Elizabeth were “advanced in years” (Luke 1:5-7).

Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard...” (Luke 1:8-13).

“Your prayer has been heard.” This was Gabriel’s assurance to Zechariah. Gabriel was an angel. “I stand in the presence of God,” he claimed, “and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news” (Luke 1:19).

Can you imagine how many prayers Zechariah and Elizabeth had offered to God, individually and as a couple? They were righteous people. They sought to walk blamelessly in accordance with God’s command-

ments and statutes. “But they had no child.” Now they were old. How many prayers had they offered over the years concerning Elizabeth’s barrenness?

And how, over those many years, had their conception of God been pushed and pulled and tugged all over the spectrum of faith? We’re praying and praying and praying...but where is God? Does he hear? Does he care? Is he able? Is he good?

Luke 1 documents the divine promise of a child to this old couple. In that respect, Zechariah and Elizabeth enjoy a happy ending. But I would encourage you to realize that regardless of what Luke 1:14 and beyond says, the truth contained in Luke 1:13 is profound and significant.

“Your prayer has been heard.”

“He who is mighty” hears the prayers of the righteous. He whose name is “holy” (Luke 1:49) knows the footsteps of those who walk in harmony with his commandments and statutes.

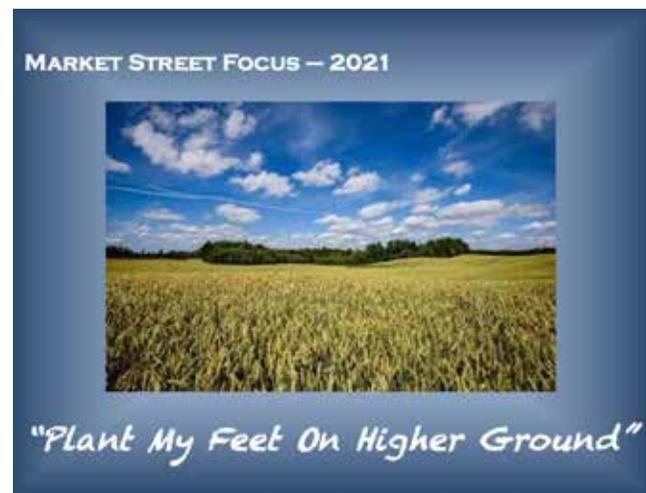
Your prayers are heard.

Perhaps he answers them in the way you’ve been hoping for years and years. It may be that his answer is “No,” or “Not right now,” or “Not like that.” Either way, herein lies an opportunity to sing with Mary, whose own encounter with the angel Gabriel leads her heart to exclaim, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Luke 1:46-47).

Why? Because your prayers are heard.

Let’s pray with confident faith in “the One who is mighty” today.

~via *Laurel Canyon church of Christ*; Columbus, Ohio.



## *The Noble Jonathan*

**Kenny L. Chumbley**

There are about nineteen men in the Bible named Jonathan, of which Jonathan, the son of Saul, king of Israel, was the greatest.

**Great in faith**, 1 Samuel 14:1–15. He was a brave warrior, skilled in the art of combat, but his greatest strength was his faith. While his father played it safe and refused to engage the Philistines, Jonathan determined, with the help of the God, to strike a blow against the unbelievers. The deed was more than brave, it was audacious—not the audacity of recklessness, but the boldness of faith. A foe many thought too big to beat, reeled and fell back before two men—Jonathan and his armor-bearer—who believed in God.

**Great in wisdom**, 1 Samuel 14:24–45. For some stupid reason, Saul had ordered, under pain of death, that his army abstain from food in order to press the attack—a decision that led to decreasing returns. Ignorant of his father's decree, and knowing the importance of maintaining his strength, Jonathan ate some honey. When Saul decided his son must be killed for breaking his harmful decree, the army intervened. "As the Lord liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground."

**Great in love**, 1 Samuel 17:55–18:15. "The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David." Knit, here, means bound to, tied to. Friends, said Aristotle, are of one soul. Part of David was part of Jonathan, and vice versa. The loving friendship Jonathan had for David has served as a model of friendship ever since.

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

## *News & Notes*

### THE SICK:

Betty Pepper	Landon Adams
Albert Haraway	Brenda Haraway
Jerry Baker	Wanda Baker
Jay Baker	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	Matt Bassford

### *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	Shelia Barrett, rm.

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59	Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38
Frances Bowers, rm. 67	Ann Bush, rm. 75
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	Bobby Ogles, rm.

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

Bobbie Adcock, at home  
Nell Barksdale, at home  
Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor  
Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge  
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Barbara Carter, Traditions  
Unaking 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:*

*Nell Barksdale* is at home after spending a few days in the hospital. She received the infusion and was able to go home... *Gayle Ball* fell and broke her shoulder and spent sometime in the hospital last week... *Minnie Carter* fell this past Tuesday and is doing better... *Anita Wheeler* came home from the hospital last Sunday afternoon and is doing therapy at home ... *Marci Bassett* has been sick but is doing better now ... *Don Bates* is scheduled to have gall bladder surgery on Tuesday ... *Tommy & Marcella Coblentz* are doing better now following their case of the virus ... *Barbara Carter* is doing better now following her bout with the virus ... *Mike Ogles* received word this past Thursday that his

chemo treatments were not being effective in treating his cancer. He is scheduled to begin CAR-T treatments in Nashville. He will be going to the doctor there on Monday ... **Priscilla Tucker** received news this past week that her cancer is stage-4. Keep her in your prayers ... **Kerry Cox's mother, Fredia Lowman**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer ... **Matt Bassford**, who preaches for the Jackson Heights church in Columbia, Tennessee, has received some good news concerning his ALS... Remember our expecting mothers **Heather Cox, Casey Curry**, and **Lynsey Adams**, in your prayers.

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet Monday morning at 10:30, to write and mail out cards. If you would like to be a part of this, please join them tomorrow morning.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS:** The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class is meeting each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. The class is studying the "*Authority of the Scriptures*." The class meets in the West Auditorium.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Eastside church* in Scottsboro is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in the meeting will be *Joshua Webber*... The *Vinemont church* in Vinemont is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in the meeting will be *John Pollard from Belize*... The *Gooch Lane church* in Madison is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in the meeting will be *Rick Lanning*... The *Piney Grove church* south of Tusculumbia is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in the meeting will be *Stacy Crim*.

**JOY WARNER – (1931 – 2021):** We are saddened to note the passing of brother *Joy Warner* last week. Brother Warner was truly a humble, gentle and committed servant of the Lord. He was always faithful in his presence at worship services and Bible Classes. In the past year, his health had declined to the point that he was unable to be at services and he was truly missed. We will remember him and his wife, *Loretta*, who preceded him in passing about 2 months ago. May the Lord bless the family of brother Warner at this time.

**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.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Ashes: Harold & Barb* have been in Indiana this week... *The Stiles: Chuck & Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... *Opal Conn* is in Vicksburg.

## Men Privileged To Serve:

**Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon  
 Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
 Prayer..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Joel Hamm  
 Assisting ..... Larry Holt  
 Serving ..... Matthew Usery..... Clayton Hamm  
 ..... Landon Adams..... Marty R. Adams  
 Closing Prayer ..... Frank Melton

### Evening Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon  
 Song Leader ..... Stephen Lynn  
 Prayer..... Tony Thomas  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Joel Hamm  
 Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for the week of August 1<sup>st</sup>:

Ushers..... Marvin Putman/Heath Dollar  
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams

**Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader ..... Bob Broadus  
 Bible Reading ..... Danny Johnson  
 ..... (John 1:29-42)  
 Prayer..... Harold Ash  
 Invitation ..... Joel Hamm  
 Closing Prayer ..... Danny Holt

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris  
 Song Leader ..... Larry Holt  
 Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Keith Hinkle  
 Assisting ..... Stephen Lynn  
 Serving ..... Charles Vaughn ..... Matthew Usery  
 ..... Kenneth Adams... Matthew Vaughn  
 Closing Prayer ..... Dan Reed

### Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Keith Hinkle  
 Closing Prayer ..... Joel Hamm

Other Assignments for the week of August 8<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Russ Wulfekuhl/Keenon Currier  
 Work Sound System..... Marty R. Adams