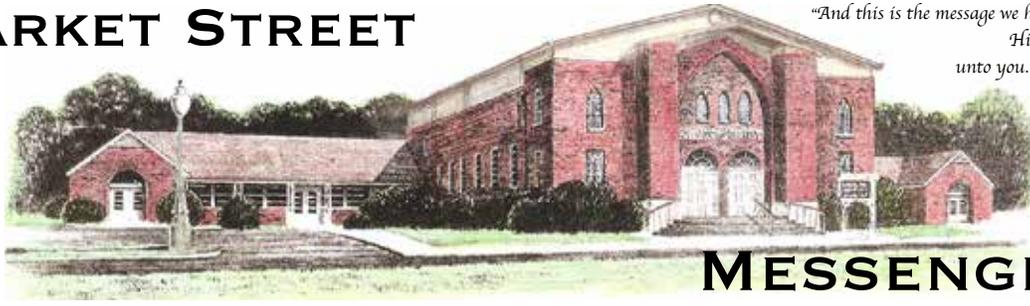


MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
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Love The Lord With All

David A. Cox

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30).

Jesus clearly declares that we are to love God. Most people would claim to love the Lord and could recite reasons perhaps for their expressed love. The love that Jesus tells us that we are to have is not a casual love but love that commands all we have to give. We must know that loving the Lord is good and right. It is not just an option. It is a command. However, when one claims to love the Lord, what is meant? What is involved? What is expected?

What is Meant?

To many, love means to have an affection for, to admire, etc. The command to love the Lord "with all thy heart" does not convey just respect, affection, or goodwill toward another. Jesus means by this that man is to love God with the total man (the heart, soul, mind, strength). It is a love that is the very best one has with the highest faculties of man's ability. A man whose affections and desires to love with his all will be fixed on God and his will. This kind of love will cause one to have greater loyalty to God over anything else. God is pleased when His wholehearted love toward man is returned in full.

What is Involved?

Obviously, Jesus speaks of love involved in loving this way as more than just a mere warmth of gratitude. In 1 John 3, as John is writing about the need to love the brethren, the point is made that if you say you love your brother but do not give him the things he needs, it is not love. John then says, "My little children, let us not love in word, or in tongue, but in deed, and in truth" (1 John 3:18). John points out that our love for our brethren ought to be shown and be evident. The same is just as accurate with our love for God. Many will say that they love God, but what is shown in their life? Are they really doing the things God wants them to do to please Him? Remember, God will only reward those who diligently

seek to please Him (Hebrews 11:6).

What Is Expected?

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus mentions a group of people who, without doubt, would have said they loved the Lord in their lives. “Not everyone who says to Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness’” (Matthew 7:21-23). Notice this group had worked and done many things in the name of the Lord. Indeed, this group of people claimed that they loved the Lord. But Jesus made it clear that regardless of how much they may have done or how much they may have claimed to love the Lord, it was not pleasing to God because they had not done what the Lord desired. In John 14, Jesus told His disciples, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Here is the expectation of the love the Lord desires; it is being faithful to Him and doing what He has told us to do in His word.

Let us learn that we must genuinely love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, and mind. May we remember that this involves more than a good feeling and outwardly saying, “I love the Lord.” Let us confess our love for Him daily in the lives we live and in the things we do, faithfully and diligently doing the will of God in all things.



Methods of the Messiah

Matthew Allen

If you were planning on creating a world changing religious/spiritual movement, how would you go about it? You would seek out the wisest people and have the largest planning session you could. You would look to begin in the nation’s capital or in a large influential city filled with cultural diversity and resources. You would look for ways to win over influential people ... people who are movers and shakers. You would spend time

involving the religious elite. You would probably work to address the culture in a relevant and popular way... and address felt needs at the broadest level. In today’s tech savvy world, you would look for cutting edge experts who know what it takes to impact people through the media, news outlets, using the most wide-ranging appeal possible. It would have to be cool, hip, and resonate with people...and presented as the popular thing. Everyone is doing this.

And yet, Jesus did the exact opposite during His earthly ministry. He came to Israel ... the small, weak, embattled, and hated nation located far away from the primary cultural and influential population centers of Athens, Alexandria, or Rome. Not only that, but Jesus spent the first 30 years of his life in the tiny village of Nazareth ... in the cultural backwaters of Galilee. He regularly challenged the religious establishment... so much that they quickly became His enemies and eventually wind up killing him. Instead of courting those of influence within the local community, he spent time with the poor and the outcast. His success defies human logic and planning. To say it goes against the grain would be an understatement. And yet, the results of what Jesus accomplished cannot be argued. He is the most influential historical figure who ever lived.

What is the methodology behind Jesus’ ministry?
Jesus:

- Had a clearly defined mission.
- Embraced the work around him.
- Had a highly focused message.
- Intentionally developed new leaders.
- Included people from all backgrounds into his fellowship.

~via *Cornerstone Church of Christ*, Centerville, Ohio.



Speak the Truth

Scott Beyer

“These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates.” — (Zechariah 8:16)

Only speak truth – what a novel idea. Seems like everyone is comfortable with lies nowadays. People lie to get ahead, to look better, to stay out of trouble, to make friends... we even lie to be “polite”.

The problem with dishonesty is telling lies becomes a habit that is hard to break. This is true for individuals, and it is true for societies (which are just large groups of individuals). The more we become comfortable with lies, the less important truth becomes and the harder it is to differentiate between facts and fiction.

It’s hard to live in a world where you don’t know who to trust. It’s like being in a storm without an anchor to hold you. There’s no peace without truth.

Of course, the opposite is also true. Know truth, and it brings peace with it. Jesus says, “know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” When we embrace honesty, we don’t have to worry about what we are going to say because we just say what is true (not to mention you don’t have to be anxious about keeping your story straight!).

Honesty frees us from hiding our vulnerability, and it also anchors us in reality. The truth sets you free from playing the politically correct game, too. If it is good – say so. If it is evil – say that, too. Pretty simple, right?

Speaking truth will also keep you from saying foolish, hurtful things in anger or denying our Lord in moments of fear. Truth becomes a buffer of protection against the momentary impulses of emotion. Train your brain to speak truth, and the habit will override the emotion reflexively.

The truth is so uncommon that it becomes a powerful beacon of light to influence in a sea of milk-toast speech. Speak the truth to your neighbor – it’s the loving thing to do.

~via *The Eastland Bulletin*; Louisville, Kentucky.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Betty Pepper	Peggy Mitchell
Ruby Dean Ezell	Alan Thornton
Gayle Ball	Margaret Carter
Shirley Miller	JoAnn Gilbert

Doris Lovell	Justice Gentry
Diane Kilpatrick	Janice Cagle

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Mike Ogles	Donna Wright
Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
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	

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. 13

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
 Irene Inman; at home
 Stan Stanford; at home
 Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison
 William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
 Alan Thornton; Limestone Lodge
 Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Mike Ogles; Sara Cannon – Nashville, Tennessee
Unaking Currier; Decatur General – Decatur

Updates:

Mike Ogles is taking his chemo treatments in Nashville ...*Harvey Nixon* has been able to be back following his bout with kidney stones...*Tommy Burns* began his chemo treatment this past week...*Peggy Mitchell* got the third in the series of shots in her knees this past Friday. She is scheduled to see a rheumatologist on Tuesday...*Ruby Dean Ezell* is scheduled to see a doctor for her back on October 28th...*Judy Vaughn’s* surgery scheduled

for this past week was postponed until November 8th... **Betty Lovell** has been having knee problems the last few weeks...**Priscilla Tucker** continues to be treated for her cancer ...**Ewell Smith, Rita Smith's husband**, has resumed his chemo treatments...Remember our expecting mothers **Casey Curry, Lynsey Adams**, and **Laura Adams** in your prayers.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, October 11th at 10:30, to write and mail out cards. If you want to do this, please join them next Monday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class is meeting each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the "*Authority of the Scriptures*." The class meets in the West Auditorium.

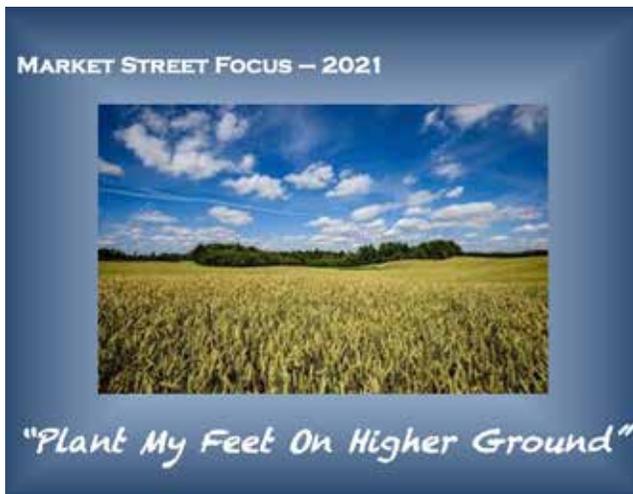
BRIDAL TEA: The ladies have planned a Bridal Tea for **Elizabeth Usery** this afternoon at the Deer Trail Clubhouse from 2:00 to 3:30. **Elizabeth** and **Garrett Mixon** will be getting married in November. Elizabeth and Garrett are registered at: theknot.com/us/garrett-mixon-and-elizabeth-usery-nov-2021

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 Adcocks: Paul and Dale** are out of town on vacation this week... **Joe Hinkle** is in Florida visiting with family there... **Tena Wells** is back home after being in Florida for the passing of her niece.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of September 26th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	105
	Morning Worship	135
	Evening Worship	106
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	91



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblenz
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Holt
 Assisting Stephen Lynn
 Serving Danny Johnson.. Roger Hammonds
Heath Dollar Sam Gregory
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblenz
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Bob Broadus
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Larry Holt
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for the week of October 3rd:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Russ Wulfekuhl
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

Wednesday, October 6th:

Song Leader Griffin Holt
 Bible Reading Danny Johnson
(John 4:1-26)
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Invitation Frank Melton
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Sunday, October 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Harvey Nixon
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Marcus Morris
 Assisting Jerry Baker
 Serving Griffin Holt Danny Johnson
 Sam Gregory Marvin Putman
 Closing Prayer David Barnett

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Harold Ash
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Marcus Morris
 Closing Prayer Stephen Lynn

Other Assignments for the week of October 10th:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Tommy Coblenz
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams