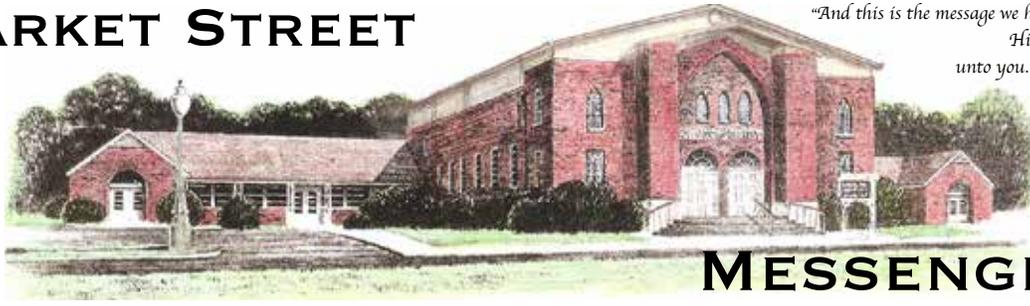


# MARKET STREET



*"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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## *We Walk By Faith*

David A. Cox

*"For we walk by faith, and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).*

Paul describes the Christian's life as a walk by faith. Faith is a necessary ingredient for anyone who wants to please God (Hebrews 11:6), and the Christian should desire to do that in his life. Let us consider what Paul is saying and make sure we are walking by faith.

### What is Walking By Faith?

What does Paul mean when he says, "We walk by faith?" First, Paul does not mean that one should simply be sincere and believe what he is doing is right. Sincerity is essential in all that we do, but more is involved in walking by faith than just doing what one believes is right. In Romans 10:17, we learn that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Then to walk by faith is to walk by the word of God, not by what man might believe or think. The psalmist speaking of the word says it is "a lamp unto my feet and a light to my pathway" (Psalm 119:105). The word of God is what is to guide us, directing our steps so that we might understand what the will of the Lord is. And then, as we live according to God's will, we will walk by faith. Paul stressing the importance of faith in our walk as Christians says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23). All we do in service to God must be by faith.

### Faith Must Be Active; Alive

Knowing the will of God is not enough if we are going to walk by faith. Our faith must be active and obedient if we walk "by faith and not by sight." In the sermon on the mount, Jesus mentions those who are sincere and know the Lord's will but have failed to do the will of God. In Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus said, "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 will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

# *Don't Be Devoured*

**Ryan Goodwin**

*“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8).*

To be accepted, Jesus shows man must not just say I believe, but do the Father's will. We must obey what God has given to us through the word of God. Paul writes, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

In James 2, James says that a living and acceptable faith will be active and working. James writes, “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead” (James 2:14-17). Faith that is living and acceptable acts upon the faith one has, not just saying “I believe.” James stated that even the devils had faith and tremble (James 2:19), but obviously, they were not walking by faith as God desires. Instead, if one is going to walk by faith, then he will do what God desires.

Our love for God brings about the activation of faith. Paul told the Galatians, “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love” (Galatians 5:6). As we by faith learn the love that God had for us (John 3:16; Romans 5:8), this should move us by faith to want to please Him and do His will.

## **Do We Walk By Faith?**

Do we have the confidence that Paul expressed in the Corinthians because of our walk by faith? In seeking to serve God, are our practices according to the faith of God? Do we practice what we receive through His word? Or do we do things according to the teachings of men? Have you submitted to the Lord's will to become a child of His? We must look to God's word and examine the scriptures to be assured that we are walking by faith. Many err thinking they have eternal life but have failed to walk according to the faith that comes from God's word.

## **Remember Our Bible Study Periods**

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

You are a targeted man or woman. You have a bullseye on your back. In the same way that assassins target important people, Satan has his eye on pillars in the church. He understands well the following truth: “Strike down the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered” (Matthew 26:31). Do not let the fact that your faith makes you a “marked man” inhibit your work and zeal. Simply use that danger to “keep yourself on your toes” spiritually. Always be ready to defend the faith, to fight off a temptation, or to throw water on any doubts taking a spark. The Bible confirms this idea, as we see that Satan repeatedly singles out and targets God's people:

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers” (Luke 22:31-34).

“There was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me” (2 Corinthians 12:7).

Much of the hardships we read about in the Bible have a very personal touch to them, as if Satan tailor-makes situations that hit each person in a soft spot. Judas, Nehemiah, Job, Adam and Eve, King Saul – all of them faced the devil with varying degrees of success or failure. But all of them were attacked in personal ways.

This makes it all the more imperative that we each have examined our own lives and made certain that we are wearing our armor. “Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11). Continuing, Paul explains that the armor of God is made up of real, practical habits and attitudes, not vague concepts. One who has his or her armor on:

Takes it as a whole, not in pieces;

Accepts and embraces absolute truth (6:14);

Wears righteousness with confidence, and never hides his moral objection to sin (6:14);

Knows that knowledge of the Gospel prepares us for spiritual combat (6:15)

Uses faith as a shield, not a crutch – there is a big difference between defending yourself with your faith and hiding behind it;

Leans heavily on prayer (6:18-19), fully assured that God hears our cries.

~via *East Shelby Church Bulletin*; Collierville, Tennessee.



## *Trashy Attitudes*

**Wilson Adams**

You may be right and I may be wrong. Attitude...  
We may both be wrong. Attitude...

Attitude is the difference-maker. We can be right yet always wrong if our attitude is wrong.

Think of the trash container beside your house filled with hot summer smells of spoiled food and leftovers. It's putrid. It smells. It stinks. There are a lot of putrid, smelly, stinky attitudes these days.

What if...someone disagrees with you? Okay, so what?

What if... someone says (or types) something unkind? Okay, so what?

What if...someone misinterprets, jumps to wrong conclusions, and "says all kinds of evil against you falsely?" Okay, so what?

Seriously — so what? This is exactly what "turning the other cheek" means. If someone slaps you on the cheek, it's not a deathblow. Shake it off (rub some dirt on it) and move on. Just because someone else has a stinky attitude doesn't mean you have to.

Not sure about you, but when I lift the trash lid to deposit more, I don't hang around. Some people are like that, but... their stink doesn't have to be yours.

Think about that... next time you take out the trash.

~via *Downtown Gospel Beacon*; Rogers, Arkansas.

# *News & Notes...*

### **THE SICK:**

Peggy Mitchell	Ruby Dean Ezell
Alan Thornton	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  
Unaking Currier; Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur  
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  
*Vicki Stringer*; Decatur General-West, Decatur

**Updates:**

**Mike Ogles** is making some progress with his cell treatments in Nashville...**Harold Ash** is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday at the Madison Hospital...**Peggy Mitchell** finished the series of shots in her knees last week and was able to see a rheumatologist on Tuesday to get some medication for her arthritis...**Alan Thornton** has been recovering from cataract surgery he had done last Thursday...**Shirley Miller** was able to have her feeding tube removed...**Ruby Dean Ezell** is scheduled to see a doctor for her back on October 28<sup>th</sup>...**Judy Vaughn** is scheduled for surgery on November 5<sup>th</sup>...**Unaking Currier** is back at Riverside in Decatur after her hospitalization last week...**Tommy Burns** continues his chemo treatment this past week...**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.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Sherry Davis** in the passing of her aunt, **Betty Faye Hochstetler**. She passed away last Friday. The memorial service for her will be on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m., at the Oneal church of Christ. May the Lord bless this family at this time.

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet tomorrow morning, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30, to write and mail out cards. Please join them in the 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.

**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 Coblentz's:** Tommy & Marcella have been on vacation in Kentucky this week... **The Broadus's:** Bob & Phyllis are on vacation to New Mexico... **The Holts:** Danny & Debra are on vacation in the mountains this week... **The Adcocks:** Paul and Dale have been out of town on vacation... **Joe Hinkle** is in Florida visiting with family there.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	114
	Morning Worship .....	141
	Evening Worship .....	98
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	85

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

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

*Evening Worship*

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

Other Assignments for the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>:  
Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Tommy Coblentz  
Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams

**Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading .....	Clayton Hamm
.....	(John 4:27-42)
Prayer.....	Albert Haraway
Invitation .....	David Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Danny Holt

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**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Joel Hamm
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Terry Andrews
Assisting .....	Hunter Cox
Serving .....	Roger Hammonds .....
.....	Heath Dollar
.....	Landon Adams..... Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams

Other Assignments for the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>:  
Ushers..... Russ Wulfekuhl/Danny Johnson  
Work Sound System..... Marty Adams