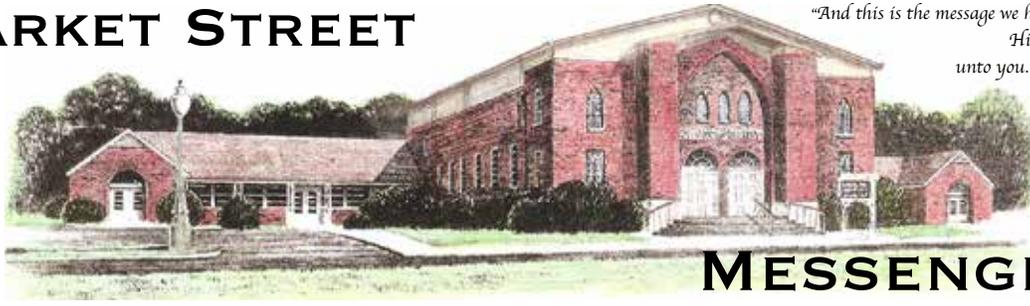


MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

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Be Thankful to Him!

David A. Cox

"Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name" (Psalm 100:3-4).

It is the time of year that we celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. It is a celebration that goes back to the earliest settlers in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The colonists had suffered many losses and were found to be in extreme difficulty. The time was described as "the settlers digging seven times as many graves as they built homes for the settlers." However, as terrible as this time was, the settlers chose not to focus on their setbacks but rather to express their thanksgiving to God. The Psalmist in Psalm 100 speaks to the reasons why we should be thankful to God.

God Is Our Creator and Sustainer

A thankful heart is about the perspective that each one has of himself. We need to remember that God is the Creator of everything, and without God, we do not exist. We could not even sustain ourselves. Paul at Mars Hill told them about God and said, "for in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 18:28). The physical blessings in life are numerous and more numerous than we can count, but God has also sustained us in our spiritual life. Without God, we are lost spiritually with no hope. So may our perspective on life be affected by remembering that the "Lord, He is God. It is He who has made us and not we ourselves."

We are His People.

Since God is our Creator and our Sustainer, it only seems logical that we are His people. We are His property. Therefore, we should be doing as He desires for us to do in our lives. Being the people of God, we should worship, extol all the praise, adoration, and thanksgiving to Him. The Psalmist refers to us as His people and His sheep. It is these two descriptions that show the closeness and endearing relationship God desires to have with us. This relationship is so important to God, and He

gave His only begotten Son to pay the penalty for our sins (John 3:16). May we come to know this relationship, and may it change our perspective to be an attitude of thanksgiving.

Come to Worship God.

The result of what Psalmist has reminded us is that we will come to worship God in the way He deserves to be worshipped. To praise Him with the life that we live. A life that blesses the name of the Lord and finds thanksgiving even when the storms of life come. May we come to develop this attitude of life.



I Fell On My Face

Nathan Combs

History is full of human rulers who sat in majestic palaces and demanded the respect of those who entered their presence. But regardless of their ornate apparel and commanding voices, those human rulers were simply men. While men might have quivered in their throne rooms, they did not dissolve into dust by gazing at the glory of kings.

Beholding the Almighty King of the universe is a different matter entirely. When Moses asked to see the face of God, he was told: “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live” (Exodus 33:20). The full glory of the King of Kings is such that mortal man is inherently unable to behold it without destruction. This point was so well understood that many in the Old Testament even feared to have conversations with angels (Genesis 32:20, Judges 6:22-23, 13:22). During the days of Moses, when God spoke to the people from Mount Sinai and revealed himself in a shrouded form of smoke and fire, the Israelites were amazed they lived to tell the tale: “Behold, the Lord our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live” (Deuteronomy 5:24).

God gave several of his prophets diluted visions of his grandeur before sending them to preach his messages. Ezekiel is a good example of both the awesome

glory of God and the proper human response. In Ezekiel chapter one, the prophet first saw a stormy wind coming from the north with flashes of fire and something like gleaming metal. Out of this ominous storm he saw four “living creatures” with wings and multiple faces. Beside the creatures was the appearance of wheels within wheels that were full of eyes. Above this remarkable picture was a throne, upon which God himself was seated in an appearance of fire, gleaming metal, and rainbow. All of this was described by Ezekiel as “the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord” (Ezekiel 1:28). As glorious as this vision was, it was still several steps removed from the truest form of God’s glory. But what was the prophet’s reaction? “And when I saw it, I fell on my face.”

Do you and I fall on our faces, too? Some people tremble with excitement and fear to shake the hand of a human celebrity, but they think of the God of the Bible with a yawn. Some people pour over magazines and internet articles to gain juicy details about Ben Affleck’s current relationship status, but they have not given attention to the messages of the Holy One. If we are living on his earth, we are standing in his throne room. Those who accept his son’s sacrifice on the cross are allowed to “behold the glory of the Lord” with “unveiled face,” as we are transformed to reflect His glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). Have you trembled before your King?

~via *Tyngsboro Bulletin*; Tyngsboro, Massachusetts



What Did It Take?

Steve Niemeier

When Joshua came up against the city of Jericho he faced a challenge many would step aside from facing. Joshua 6:1 states that Jericho was “securely shut up.” No one was able to go in or come out of Jericho because of the children of Israel.

The Lord tells Joshua in verse two that He had given Jericho into Joshua’s hand including the king and the mighty men of valor. Now with God all things are

possible and we know that so what was God going to do to deliver Jericho?

Not what we would have expected. His plan was for all the people to be involved. It took seven days to fulfill. Not a "shot was fired" and yet the wall around Jericho crumbled and fell flat.

The people while working together faced different duties to perform in God's plan. It took each one doing his or her work to accomplish the plan God had for the wall of Jericho to fall.

That is unity and that is what it took for success according to God's plan.

It still takes that today!

~via *The Greenwood Bulletin*; Greenwood, Indiana.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

on WVNN 770AM – 92.5 FM

8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.

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News & Notes...

THE SICK:

James Adams	Bonnie Sutton
Sherry Davis	Dan Reed
Betty Pepper	Nikki Ogles
Lona Jackson	Meredith Parks
Judy Vaughn	Vickie Brown
Helen Blankenship	Betty Pepper
Shirley Miller	JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell	Justice Gentry

Diane Kilpatrick Janice Cagle

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

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	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Barry DeFoor	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Jeannie Felker

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

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

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:

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

Updates:

James Adams is taking some medication and waiting to see a cardiologist ... *Nikki Ogles* had flare up of asthma this past week and has not been able to be out... *Ruby Dean Ezell* is doing well after her procedure on her Oesophagus and the injections in her back ... *Judy Vaughn's sister-in-law, Jeannie Felker*, is going to a doctor on November 29th in Pennsylvania at Shields & Shields Cancer Center to plan for surgery for growth in the eye... *Meredith Parks* continues her recovery at home from surgery... *Priscilla Tucker* is scheduled to have a PET scan on Monday ... *Helen Blankenship* is scheduled for heart tests on Monday, then Tuesday an appointment with the ear doctor and Wednesday follow-up for doctor's appointment with the heart doctor ... *Tommy*

Burns is being treated for his cancer. The doctors are managing his pain ... Remember our expecting mothers **Lynsey Adams**, and **Laura Adams**, in your prayers.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet in the Monday morning to write and mail out cards. Please join them in the morning.

SYMPATHY: TWe want to express our deepest sympathy to all of the family of **Gerry Sandusky**. Gerry passed away Friday night/Saturday morning in Indiana. May the Lord bless *Diane and all the family* at this time.

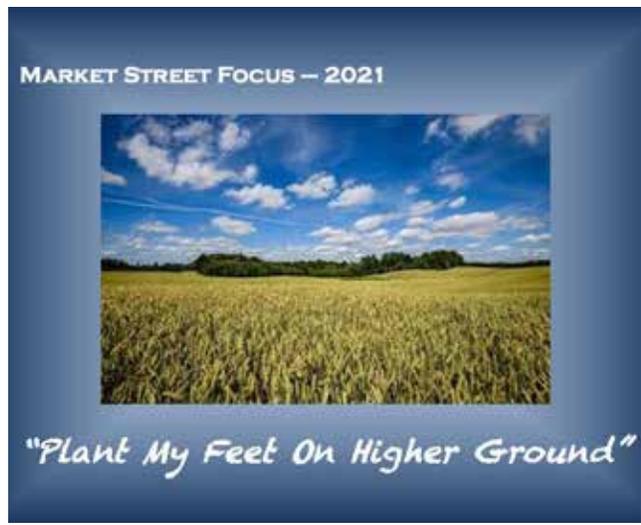
TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class is meeting each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the *"Authority of the Scriptures."* The class meets in the West Auditorium.

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.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: We want to extend a warm welcome to **Hayden Pierce** from church here at Market Street. Hayden has been visiting with us for awhile and has let it be known that he desires to be a part of the work here. We are glad to have Hayden here and look forward to working with him.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Ashes:* **Harold & Barb** are back home after being at the Gulf for a couple of weeks. ... **Leah Richardson** is in Lakeland, Florida with her family for Thanksgiving ... **Christian Usery** is in Nashville working.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for week of November 14th:*
 Sunday: Bible Classes 111
 Morning Worship 144
 Evening Worship 101
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 79



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Bob Broadus
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting Jerry Baker
 Serving Nathaniel Adams.... Matthew Usery
 Clayton Hamm Sam Gregory
 Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Stephen Lynn
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer David Barnett
 Other Assignments for the week of November 21st:
 Ushers..... Keenon Currier/Hunter Cox
 Work Sound System..... Marty R. Adams

Wednesday, November 24th:

Song Leader David Barnett
 Bible Reading Terry Andrews
 (John 6:15-21)
 Prayer..... Larry Holt
 Invitation Keenon Currier
 Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds

Sunday, November 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Larry Tucker
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Holt
 Assisting Marcus Morris
 Serving Griffin Holt Danny Johnson
 Heath Dollar Roger Hammonds
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Harvey Nixon
 Preaching..... Song Service
 Lord's Supper Larry Holt
 Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds
 Other Assignments for the week of November 28th:
 Ushers..... Marvin Putman/Danny Holt
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams