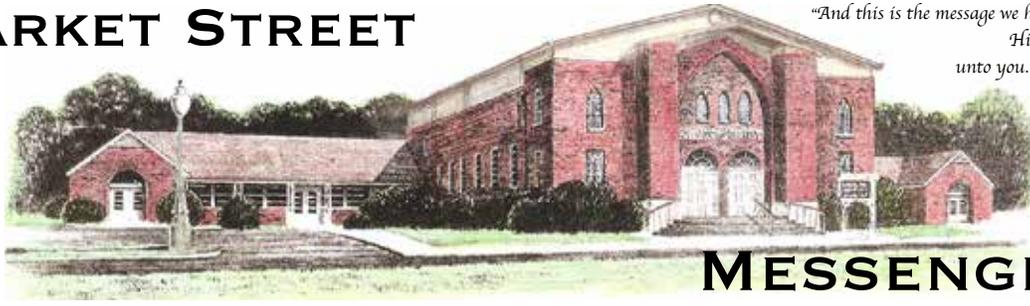


# MARKET STREET



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

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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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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## *Loving to Hate*

**Larry Jones**

Someone has said, “If you love the flowers, you have to hate the weeds.”

And just as we must give all effort to love God, the truth, and others more, we could all use a little more hate too. “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil” (Proverbs 8:13)

Four times in the 119th Psalm, the writer speaks of hating evil: “Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way...I hate vain thoughts, but I love your law...All your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way...I hate and abhor lying, but I love your law” (verse 104, 113, 128, 163).

Hate is a strong word. It suggests neither indifference nor simple dislike. When we consider the high cost of sin – “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23), we ought to hate evil in every way it can appear: “Abstain from every form of evil” (2 Thessalonians 5:22).

You cannot successfully dabble in a little bit of evil and not be affected by it. No wonder the apostle Paul instructs us to “Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good” (Romans 12:9).

The apostle John’s instruction does not allow for an indifference toward evil: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is in not in Him” (1 John 2:15).

Because we hate the evil way, we will heed the instruction of wisdom and not go near: “Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away and pass on” (Proverbs 4:14-15).

We hate immorality because we know that “to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness” (Romans 6:16).

We hate error and false teaching because it damns the souls of both the teacher and those who follow: “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways” (2 Peter 2:1-2).

The Lord praised the church in Ephesus for hating what He hates: “But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate” (Revelation 2:6). And He denounced the church in Pergamos for not hating what He hates: “Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate” (Revelation 2:15).

We need to be sure we get on the Lord’s side by not only loving what He loves but by hating what He hates. “You who love the Lord, hate evil!” (Psalm 97:10).

~via *Think On These Things*; Moscow, Idaho.



## *The Church in Action*

**Bubba Garner**

When David was younger, he had a joke book he kept in the van. When we would be riding somewhere, he’d pick it up and start reading it out loud. One of the jokes asked, “What is the sharpest tool in the Bible?” The answer? “The axe of the apostles.”

Have you ever thought about how much we learn about the church from the Acts of the Apostles? This is the record of the disciples carrying out the Great Commission, taking the gospel into the uttermost parts of the world. Along the way, they preach and baptize and establish churches in the cities. We read how they “appointed elders for them in every church” (Acts 14:23) and that “on the first day of the week, the disciples gathered together to break bread” (Acts 20:7).

But this same book also reveals a people whose work in the kingdom was not restricted to the days where they came together to worship. In other words, the church

in Acts was a church in action. And it remains a model for every church of every generation. Like the church we read about in Acts, we must be a church in action.

The church in action practices daily discipleship. “And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people” (Acts 2:46-47). After 3,000 were baptized on the day of Pentecost, they continued “day by day.” “Day by day” they were encouraged. “Day by day” they practiced their discipleship.

Action leads to repetition. As a preacher, I hear the comments all the time that “preachers only work one or two days a week.” But for some Christians, that appears to be the case. Jesus demands that every disciple “deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me” (Luke 9:23). That takes more than Sunday and Wednesday religion.

The church in action gives their all to every member. “For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales and lay them at the apostles’ feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need” (Acts 4:34-35). Notice the words “all” and “any.” They did not do so for “some” and a “few.” There were no distinctions. If they were part of the family and needed something, they were taken care of.

Every member ought to be worthy of whatever you have to give. We would do that for Jesus. Let us practice that same level of service to our brothers and sisters, “even the least of them” (Matthew 25:40). When you do that, you give to Him who gave us all.

The church in action surrounds in times of distress. The people of God are not immune to tragedy or heartbreak. But we are armed with one another to hold together. When Dorcas died, Peter found all the widows weeping, “showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them” (Acts 9:39). While the world retreats, the church in action surrounds.

How could we ever make it through some difficulty without the help of one another? We are charged to “rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15). That means we see what needs there are and try to fulfill them to the best of our

ability. We have the arm of the Lord. And we have the embrace of His people to surround us.

The church in action prays and stays together. In Acts 12, Herod “had James the brother of John put to death with a sword” (12:2). While James was not the first martyr for the cause, he was the first of the apostles to be killed. And he was a close friend of Jesus. That could have easily caused the early disciples to abandon the cause altogether. Instead, when they heard that Peter, too, had been imprisoned, “prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God” (12:5). The word “fervent” can also be translated “continuous” or “earnest.” They continued to rely upon Him who had overcome death. In earnest.

What will be our next response to tribulation? If the “fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (Jam. 5:16), can you imagine what the prayers of people who pray together can do? No matter the difficulty, we must show our dependence on our Father who hears and cares for us. Such will give us the strength we need to stay and fight together.

What was the result of the church in action? “The word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied” (12:24). When we follow this same pattern, growth is the inevitable reaction.

~via *Southside church of Christ*; Pasadena, Texas.

## News & Notes...

### THE SICK:

Shirley Miller	Kevyn Currier
Duane Thomas	Marci Bassett
Doris Fisher	Nikki Ogles
Ruby Dean Ezell	James Adams
Betty Pepper	JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell	Rhonda Holt
Diane Kilpatrick	

### 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

Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Phillip Harwell	Cornelia Pepper
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Barry DeFoor
Al Pollard	Matt Bassford
Jeannie Felker	Sadricia Wilson

### Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Eleese Barksdale, rm. 23B
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Connie Brock, rm. 62	Janice Moody, rm. 93

### Limestone Health Facility:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38	Bobby Ogles, rm. 13
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	Ann Bush, rm. 75

### 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

### In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

*Bobby McGuire*; Athens-Limestone Hospital  
*Sadricia Wilson*; Seattle, Washington

### Updates:

*Dwaine Allfrey* spent a couple of days in the hospital last week. He had some tests done on Monday and went back to the doctor on Thursday ... *Peggy Pepper* is seeing a doctor about her back... *Nikki Ogles* has been unable to be out this week due to a flair up of asthma... *Kolton Hardison* had surgery for tubes and adenoids on Friday... *Kevyn Currier* has been diagnosed with the virus ... *Marci Bassett* spent a couple of days this past week in the hospital. She is now back at the Manor... *Shirley Miller* has been diagnosed with the virus this weeks... *Jewel Dean Kennemer's granddaughter, Leigh Ellen Elliott*, has been diagnosed with cancer and will be beginning treatments ... Remember our expecting mother, *Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

**DONNA WRIGHT (1942- 2022):** We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of *Donna Wright*. Donna passed away this past Monday evening after having fought a long battle with cancer in the last couple of

years. Donna has been a member of the Market Street church. She expressed to me many times how she desperately missed assembling with her church family. Donna truly loved the Lord, His people, and her family. Indeed there was a great blessing for us who have seen an excellent example of a life well-lived.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Cornelia Pepper* in the passing of her sister *Cletis Brooks*. She passed away last Thursday and her funeral was Tuesday at Spry Funeral Home. She was laid to rest in the Elk River Memorial Gardens. May the Lord bless Cornelia and all the family at this time... We want to express our deepest sympathy to *James Adams* and *all the family* in the passing of James' brother-in-law, *Gilbert Hardy*. Gilbert passed away Friday and the arrangements are incomplete at this time.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Bakers: Wanda, Cecily & Audrey* have been at Orange Beach this week on vacation... *The Ashes: Harold and Barb* have been Orange Beach too.

**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.

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet Monday morning to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them in the morning at 10:30.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS:** The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the "*The Christian in a Secular Age.*"

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of January 30<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	104
	Morning Worship .....	133
	Evening Worship .....	104
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	55

## *Tenth Annual Singing*

**February 25, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Wiley Deason & Johnny Felker**



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### **Men Privileged To Serve:**

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

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting .....	Jerry Baker
Serving .....	Harold Davis ..... Matthew Vaughn
.....	Luke Vaughn ..... Griffin Holt
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Coblentz

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Jerry Baker
Closing Prayer .....	Frank Melton
Other Assignments for the week of February 6 <sup>th</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

**Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader .....	Clayton Hamm
Bible Reading.....	Dan Reed
.....	(John 8:31-47)
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
INVITATION .....	Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Keenon Currier

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:**

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harold Ash
Assisting .....	Marcus Morris
Serving .....	Charles Vaughn ..... Matthew Usery
.....	Sam Gregory ..... Luke Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Hayden Pierce

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Harold Ash
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams
Other Assignments for the week of February 13 <sup>th</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt