

MARKET STREET



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

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The Danger of Presuming

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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

We need to be careful about making presumptions. Sometime back, I was listening to a radio program and a man talking about something written in a book. In commenting on the article, he said, “I presume that you will find in the book...” When I heard that statement, I thought, how many people do precisely that when it comes to the Bible, God’s Word? They presume the Bible teaches something that, in fact, it does not teach. The Bible teaches against doing it.

In Numbers 14, the children of Israel sent spies to spy out the land. Ten of the twelve spies brought back an evil report, and the children of Israel would not go into the land as the Lord had told them to. Because of their unbelief, the Lord said to them that all who were 20 years old and older (excluding Joshua and Caleb) would not be able to go up and possess the land of promise. After hearing this, the children of Israel arose to go up and possess the land, but Moses warned them that God was not with them and they would be defeated. In Numbers 14:44-45, we read, “But they presumed to go up to the mountaintop. Nevertheless, neither the ark of the covenant of the Lord nor Moses departed from the camp. Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in that mountain came down and attacked them and drove them back as far as Hormah” (Numbers 14:44-45). No doubt, the Lord was not pleased with their presumption. When Moses addressed the children of Israel after their wandering in the wilderness for forty years, he told of the Lord raising up a prophet from among them. “But the prophet, who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die” (Deuteronomy 18:20). These two passages should give us an understanding of God’s displeasure when men presume things that are not so.

Do you presume what the Bible teaches?

- Some presume that the Bible teaches salvation at the point of faith. The Bible teaches we are saved by faith, but only when that faith is prompted to act according to the will of God (Acts 2:36-38). Faith is

necessary, but obedience is also required for there to be the forgiveness of sins and to be justified before God (James 2:24).

- Some presume to worship God in ways that He has not prescribed. Many use musical instruments in worship as they sing in worship to God, but the New Testament (which we now live under, Colossians 2:14) nowhere mentions the use of musical instruments in worship to God. Singing is the only type of music mentioned in worship to God (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12).
- Some presume that it is not necessary to take the Lord's Supper each and every first day of the week. They assume that it will be more special and significant if it is observed less often. Looking into the Scriptures, we learn the first-century church took the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). Each week has a first day, so we must conclude from the scriptures that it includes every week.

Perhaps you presume that these are minor details and God will not be bothered by them. However, we do not need to be guilty of presuming as the examples we have noticed.

In 2 Corinthians 13:5, we read, "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith." Paul commended the Bereans because "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). These passages impress us with the importance of doing the things God has commanded us to do.

Do you presume what God wants you to do? Or, are you examining your lives with the scriptures, ensuring that you are acceptable to God? Do not be like those Christ mentioned in Matthew who presume to be doing the Father's will but were actually workers of lawlessness (Matthew 7:23).

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

on WVNN 770AM – 92.5 FM

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

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No Man Left Behind

Don Truex

Desmond Doss was determined to serve his country during WWII. His conscience, however, would not allow him to carry a weapon. The Army did all it could to get him to quit. He endured cruelties that would have caused a lesser man to walk away, but he remained steadfast. Assigned to the medical unit of the 77th Infantry Division, Private Doss was sent to the front lines of the war in Okinawa. He was surrounded by atrocities on a daily basis. He would not carry a gun but he lived by the creed of the Armed Services, "No man left behind". He is credited with rescuing over 75 men on the field of a single battle. Mr. Doss is the only conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor in WWII.

"No man left behind." Quite simply, our servicemen will not leave a fallen comrade in the hands of the enemy on the field of battle. And neither should we.

In Ephesians 6, Paul argues that we too, are engaged in warfare. We may not see flag-covered coffins or have funerals for those who die spiritually, but there are casualties none-the-less. The battle takes place in our hearts. The loss of life is not just physical, but a soul ... a soul lost for eternity.

What a difference it would make if we would determine that "No one will be left behind." It would cause elders to shepherd differently, preachers to preach differently, Christians to look at others differently.

The fact is, there are people who are discouraged who need to be encouraged, lonely who need company, weak who need to be strengthened, and wayward who need to be corrected. And too, there are those who are doing well who need to be appreciated, sacrificial who need to be esteemed.

"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest," said Jesus. Do you pray for the church of which you are a member when outside the assembly? Do you pray for members who are young and particularly vulnerable? People who are in a distressing family relationship? People who are older and struggling with the debilitation of age? People who have left the Lord and placed their soul in eternal jeopardy?

And then, after we say "Amen", we need to do what we can. Maybe that means befriending a young person

who needs encouragement, or an older person who needs company. Maybe it means taking the risk to go behind enemy lines to try to rescue a Christian who has been felled by enemy fire. Paul was right, "We who are strong have an obligation to bear the weaknesses of those without strength..."

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Ruby Dean Ezell	Margaret Carter
Shirley Miller	JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell	Justice Gentry
Diane Kilpatrick	Janice Cagle

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

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	Ellease 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:

Vicki Stringer; Decatur General-West, Decatur

Updates:

Harold Ash had surgery on Tuesday and received a good report from the testing they did on the tissue samples ... *Harvey Nixon* had surgery on Thursday to remove a large kidney stone... *Peggy Mitchell* was able to be with us Wednesday night at our Bible study... *Bonnie Sutton* received some injections on Monday to help the pain in his leg... *Shirley Miller* was able to have her feeding tube removed ... *Ruby Dean Ezell* is continuing to wait for her scheduled doctor's appointment for her back on October 28th... *Judy Vaughn* is scheduled for surgery on November 5th... *Frank Melton* was sick and not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Tommy Burns* had his second chemo treatment this past Thursday... *Priscilla Tucker* continues to be treated for her cancer ... *Ewell Smith, Rita Smith's husband*, is continuing his chemo treatments after his fall last week and his hospitalization... Remember our expecting mothers *Casey Curry, Lynsey Adams*, and *Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Bonnie Morris* in the passing of her brother-in-law, *Harry Holmes*. He passed away this past Tuesday. The visitation and funeral will be Friday, October 22nd, 2:00 p.m., at the Roselawn Funeral Home in Decatur. May the Lord bless this family at this time.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, October 25th, at 10:30, to write and mail out cards. Please join them next Monday.

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.

MICHAEL R. (MIKE) OGLES (1963 — 2021): It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of brother **Mike Ogles**. Mike passed away Thursday night. Mike had fought a hard battle with lymphoma since being diagnosed in May. Mike was a very humble and tender-hearted man. Mike loved the Lord and he loved the people of God. He was indeed a great encouragement to the work here at Market Street. We extend our deepest sympathy to *Nikki, Drew, Will and their families*. May the Lord bless them at this time. There will be a visitation on Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 at Limestone Chapel. Mike's funeral will be on Wednesday morning at 11:00 at Limestone Chapel. He will be laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery in a private burial.

GOSPEL MEETING: The **Hickory Heights church** in Lewisburg, Tennessee is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Thursday. *Dan King* will be the speaker in this meeting.

BABY SHOWER: The ladies have planned a Baby Shower for **Lynsey Adams** on November 7th at the Deer Trail Clubhouse from 2:00 to 3:30. Landon and Lynsey's baby, Jessie Marie, is registered at:

Amazon — Target — Posh Mommy

OUT OF TOWN: **The Hinkles:** *Keith & Angie* are on vacation this week in the Blue Ridge mountains... **The Coblentz:** *Tommy & Marcella* have been on vacation in Arkansas this past week... **The Broadus:** *Bob & Phyllis* are on vacation to New Mexico... **The Tuckers:** *Larry & Theresa* have been on vacation in Arizona this past week... **Dale Adcock** is in Texas visiting with family... **Joe Hinkle** has been in Florida visiting with family there.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for week of October 10th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	102
	Morning Worship	122
	Evening Worship	98
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	78



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 17th:

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 17th:

Ushers.....	Russ Wulfekuhl/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Marty Adams

Wednesday, October 20th:

Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Bible Reading	Albert Haraway
.....	(John 4:43-54)
Prayer.....	Jerry Baker
Invitation	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Clayton Hamm

Sunday, October 24th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harold Ash
Assisting	Larry Tucker
Serving	Matthew Usery Charles Vaughn
.....	Matthew Vaughn... Christian Usery
Closing Prayer	Keith Hinkle

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Harold Ash
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Other Assignments for the week of October 24th:

Ushers.....	Tommy Coblentz/Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams