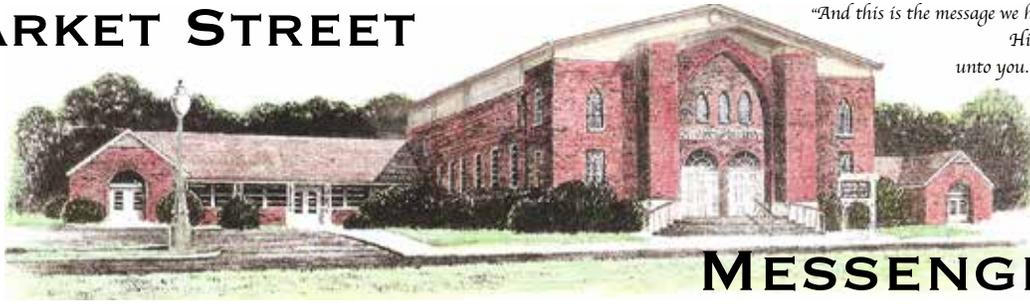


MARKET STREET



“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..... 6:30 p.m.

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“Her Children Rise Up and Call Her Blessed”

David A. Cox

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her” — (Proverbs 31:28).

There is no doubt that, at times, mothers feel they are far from being “excellent.” God made mothers and gave them to us so we could have life. Interestingly, God, the giver of life, chose to give us life through our mothers. However, we do not need to degrade mothers as “birthing persons,” as our woke society sees them. A mother is far more and has much greater value. For this reason, Solomon tells us that her children “call her blessed,” and her husband “praises her.” It is not a matter of giving birth, as wonderful as that can be, but Solomon provides insight into what makes one a worthy mother.

The Instruction To Her Children.

Solomon says that King Lemuel’s mother “taught him” (Proverbs 31:1). The background of this text speaking of the virtues of the worthy woman begins with her instructions to her son. The instructions we see are as follows:

- The warning to Lemuel to give himself away to women or the way of the world (Proverbs 31:2-3).
- The admonition to not give himself to drinking intoxicating drinks (Proverbs 31:4).
- She reminds her son to use his life to stand up for those who have no voice, to plead for the poor, and to make righteous judgments (Proverbs 31:8-9).

There is much patience and consistency as we consider the instruction to children. Mothers are critical teachers to their children.

Work Diligently for the Household

The woman described by Solomon is a diligent worker, as described in verses 13-26. She is not lazy. She is industrious in her life, as she works and brings food to the household. She rises early to provide for the home. The old saying, a woman’s work is never done,” seems to be the attitude of this worthy mother. She works for the benefit of her family. If the

need is food, clothing, or a listening ear, she is ready to serve those of her household or even others with needs. Seeing a mother who cares so much for her family is a blessing. It is no wonder why “her children rise up and call her blessed.” No wonder her husband “praises her.”

We live in a society today that is working overtime to destroy the image of motherhood. Let us resolve that we will not be a party to it. We need to remember to honor our mothers with the honor they deserve. That is what God expects, and it is what mothers’ deserve.



Bear One Another’s Burdens

Lawrence Kelley

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” — (Galatians 6:1-2, ESV).

In a fallen world, sin is a hard reality of life. Christians, of all people, should not be caught off guard when others become entangled in sin. Instead, God teaches us how to respond, and urges us to watch our own hearts as we reach out to restore our struggling brother to help him carry his load.

The Situation is described in verse one, “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin.” This happens when someone’s sin becomes known to you: a friend spent the weekend with a woman not his wife, a young man is hanging out and getting drunk on weekends, a damaging lie has been traced to its source. Here is the basic image: Satan has laid a trap, a brother has stepped in it and is caught. Now, you come upon the scene. What are you to do?

The Task is found in verses one and two. You are to “restore him” and “help him carry his burden.” The word restore means to set in joint, like a doctor sets a fracture or slips a joint back into its socket. We are not told to stand there and say, “How could you be so stupid?”, or “Get out of it your self.” We are to help him get out

of the trap and we are to tend to his wounds. This may take on many forms and will often involve confronting them about their error, praying for them to overcome it, provide ongoing encouragement and accountability. This means we must be willing to get involved in the situation, which explains why this task is so seldom done. We don’t want the trouble. But where would you and I be if Jesus had taken this attitude toward us in our sin?

The Qualification. Not everyone is suited to the task of restoring the fallen. This is why verse one adds the qualifying phrase, “You who are spiritual.” This means, only those who are living under the influence and control of God’s Spirit are in a position to help others. In particular, we should be characterized by the fruit of the Spirit found back in Galatians 5:22-23 where Paul wrote, “The fruit of Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control.” The people most eager to correct others are often least qualified. We must do this to help the fallen, and not out of anger or to give ourselves a sense of moral superiority over those we are helping.

The Warning is also found in verse one. “Watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.” Make sure you know how to swim before going in to rescue someone about to drown. A lot of people have gone in after a brother in sin only to end up joining them at the bottom of the pool. Above all, we need to watch our attitude as we help the fallen. Arrogance and pride are always ready to creep into our hearts as we stoop to help “those foolish saps who were led astray.”

The Motive is in verse two, “In this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” The expression, law of Christ is the commandment to love each other as Christ loves us. We find this in John 13:34,35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” Christ is a burden lifter. It is important that we be like Him in this regard and not be like those to whom Jesus said, “woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.” I have seen countless situations where people, already laboring under the burden of sin, have had religious friends come to them and the only thing they have to offer is another weight, another burden, another rock to put in the backpack. This can’t be right. May we follow the example of Jesus

and be His hands and feet and back. May we lift and carry the burdens of the weak and fallen and so fulfill the law of Christ.

~via *Lost River church of Christ*; Bowling Green, Kentucky.



June 26-29, 2023

Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
514 WEST MARKET STREET
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News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Paul Adcock	Mary Stroud
Jeanette Weir	Jennifer Threet
Steve Stringer	Pat Nixon
James Adams	Dan Lovell
Helen Blankenship	Shirley Miller
Betty Lovell	Doris Lovell
John Harbin	Glenda Key
John Lovell	Richard Wulfekuhl

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Harvey Nixon	Sharon Nave
Priscilla Tucker	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Nikki Ogles	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Wynell Romine	Anthony Sutton
Jerry Lawrence	Henry Fusch

Liz Fusch Kimberly Pressnell

Tim McGuire

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Dwayne Allfrey, rm. 102	Mildred Lambert, rm. 15
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Auteen Campbell, rm. 96	

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Ann Bush, rm. 75	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Goldton at Athens
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Irene Inman; at home
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee
Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Frank Melton; Madison Hospital, rm. 506
Wynell Romine; North Ala. Medical Ctr. – Florence
Ruby Jones; U. of Cincinnati Hosp. – Cincinnati, Ohio

Updates:

Paul Adcock will be going to the doctor for his prostate cancer to discuss treatment... *Mary Stroud* has been battling a sinus infection the last couple of weeks... *Rita Smith's* cataract surgery this past Tuesday went well on her right eye... *Frank Melton* was admitted to the Madison Hospital on Tuesday with pneumonia and is not doing well... *Jeanette Weir* continues her recovery at home. She is scheduled for a follow-up appointment at Kirklin Clinic in Birmingham on Tuesday... *Joyce McGlocklin's sister, Wynell Romine*, is in the North Alabama Medical Center with pneumonia... *Brenda Jones' mother-in-law, Ruby Jones*, has been moved to a step-down unit at University of Cincinnati Hospital in Cincinnati... Remember our expecting mother, *Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: We extend our deepest sympathy to *Betty Pepper & Margaret Vaughn* in the passing of their brother, *Bill Lewis*. Bill passed away about noon last Sunday in Huntsville. The visitation was on Saturday afternoon at Limestone Chapel. There was a graveside service following the visitation in the Roselawn Cemetery. Keep *Betty, Margaret and all the family* in your prayers at this time.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Remember the Children's Bible Drill this afternoon at 4:45 before our evening service. I hope all our children can come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made? We continue to make and update photos of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

HONORING GRADUATES: Congratulations to our two graduating seniors this year: *Ragan Hamm* and *Haven Townsend*. Ragan is graduating from *Athens Bible School* and Haven is graduating from *Athens High School*. Ragan's graduation party will be held on Sunday, May 28th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at *Lake Ida*. Haven's graduation party will be held at *Deer Trail Club House* on Sunday, May 21st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend both parties and help these young ladies celebrate this special time. Both of these young ladies have graduation invitations on the bulletin board in the front foyer.

COMMUNION BREAD: The Communion Bread sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the ladies who would like to make the communion bread for the worship services. The bulletin board is at the northwest entrance from the rear parking lot. The recipe for the bread is below:

- 2 cups Plain Flour
 - 1 teaspoon Salt
 - 2/3 cup Shortening
(minus two tablespoons)
 - 1/3 c Water
- Cook at 275° for 30 minutes

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class will meet on Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. They are studying "*The Parables of Jesus*."

OUT OF TOWN: *The Werkas: Bob and Gina* are in Orange Beach this week... *The Snells: Larry and Louise* will be in Memphis this week.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of May 7th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	144
	Morning Worship	162
	Evening Worship	117
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	80

Remember Our Study Periods

- Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.
- Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 14th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle	
Song Leader	Hunter Cox	
Prayer.....	Marty Adams	
Preaching.....	David Cox	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding.....	Larry Snell	
Assisting	Stephen Lynn	
Serving	Roger Hammonds	Heath Dollar
.....	Charles Vaughn	Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer	Christian Usery	

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Snell
Closing Prayer	Hayden Pierce
Other Assignments for the week of May 14 th :	
Usher	Larry Mitchell/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, May 17th:

Song Leader	Griffin Holt
Bible Reading	Heath Dollar
.....	(Acts 9:32-43)
Prayer.....	Jared Smith
Invitation.....	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Marcus Morris

Sunday, May 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn	
Song Leader	Tommy Burns	
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith	
Preaching.....	David Cox	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding.....	Hunter Cox	
Assisting	Albert Haraway	
Serving	Griffin Holt.....	Landon Adams
.....	Danny Johnson.....	Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer	Hayden Pierce	

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Stephen Lynn
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed
Other Assignments for the week of May 21 st :	
Usher	Danny Holt/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl