

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..... 6:30 p.m.

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Abortion and the Scriptures

David A. Cox

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." — (Jeremiah 1:5)

Jeremiah, the prophet, says the Lord said, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." God describes Jeremiah as he would describe someone living at any age. Why would this even be something to consider as anything other than life?

Taking A Life Is Murder

In our nation, the politically correct idea is that a woman ought to have a right to choose to have an abortion since it is her body. The proponents of abortion claim that the woman is not carrying a baby but an embryo and fetus. The idea is never discussed that what the choice involves is the taking the life of another. The fact is some people give no thought to abortion being the taking of the life of another. The scriptures are clear on what God thinks about murder: "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man" (Genesis 9:6). In the Ten Commandments, God gave to the children of Israel the seventh command which was, "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13). It is time for people to come to recognize the sanctity of life.

The Matter of Choice

What about the thought, "A woman has the right to choose what she does with her body." Far too many people seem to have fallen for this line of thought. First, understand that all men and women have the freedom to choose. God has given men and women the ability to make decisions about what they are going to do. We see an example of this in Genesis 2:16-17, "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'" Here, God placed man in the garden and told him to eat of every tree but one, the tree of knowledge, but told him not to eat and the consequences. As we come to Genesis 3, the serpent approaches the

woman, who says to her, “Has God indeed said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” She knows what God has said and can make her choice to do what she wants to do, and Adams makes his choice to eat the forbidden fruit. The problem was their choice did not align with what God’s choice was for them to make.

The Bible Teaching About the Unborn

What does the Bible say about the unborn? Are they embryos/fetus or babies/life? According to the word of God, the unborn are babies. In Luke 1:41, “And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb...” Then, when the shepherds came to see Christ after His birth, Luke 2:16 says, “And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.” Yes, by the inspiration of God, the word “babe” is used to describe both Christ after His birth (while in the manger) and the unborn child within Elisabeth. Almost everyone would agree that it is wrong to murder a living being. Still, many believe that a child is not a living being until after birth, but this is just simply not so!

When you look at the scriptures and consider abortion, the unborn being life is clear, showing how God feels about abortion. Of course, other incidents in the scriptures show God’s displeasure for the wickedness of those who sacrificed their children (Psalm 106:37-40; 1 Kings 21:6, 16). May we stand for the innocent and stand for what is right. May we never give a moment of acceptance to the slaughter of life that God declares is such as the kingdom of heaven.



Let The Lower Lights Be Burning

Greg Chandler

God has made it clear not only that He wants us to pray, but also to trust that our prayers can have great impact. To this end, the apostle Paul admonished Christians to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and the writer James stated, “The prayer of a righteous

person has great power as it is working” (5:16b ESV). A life devoted to prayer with a faith that trusts these prayers are heard by the Lord should build confidence in His children!

As the apostle Peter was about to undergo a time of testing, the Lord Jesus made a powerful statement to him: “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers” (Luke 22:31-32). In this, the Lord sets an important example of praying for the strength of another. Preceding his statement about the prayers of the righteous, James echoed this point when he wrote, “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed” (5:16a). What a blessing we have in prayer!

This congregation is richly blessed to have so many lower lights who are devoted to prayer. In a church the size of ours, there is a constant need for these godly brothers and sisters. Rarely does a week pass when members or their family or friends are not touched by some manner of difficulty or challenge. Health ailments, travel assignments, and family struggles are only a few of the challenges that often call for prayers. What a comfort to know that these lower lights stand (or maybe kneel!) ready to take petitions to the throne room of Heaven.

Speaking personally, I can assure you there is great encouragement given when someone says, “I have prayed for you and your work for the Lord.” It has also been of great encouragement when tragedy struck my family in this past year to know that so many brothers and sisters have taken requests for my family’s well-being to God. Others in this congregation have also attested to the strength they gained when similar or worse events visited their homes. Pray often and let others know you are praying for them!

May all the faithful lower lights who devote themselves to prayer for the well-being of others keep up this good work. Powerful things happen when humble saints pray!

~via Eastside church of Christ; Bowling Green Kentucky.

Communion Preparation for November

Communion Bread — Kerry Cox
Communion Cups — Marcus Morris

Shame On Herodias' Daughter

Russ Bowman

Matthew 14:6-7 says, "But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask."

John the Baptist was killed due in great part to Herod's lust. And Herod's lust was enflamed in great part by the dancing of the daughter of Herodias. It's difficult to see this story otherwise.

Yet more and more I see followers of Jesus involved in such activities, or allowing — and even encouraging or facilitating — such in their children. The physical body is attractive to the opposite sex. Movement in the physical body can and often does enhance said attraction. There is absolutely no denying such. And you would think in a culture that's so obsessed with nudity and sex that Christians would be especially conscious of any appearance or behavior that encourages lasciviousness.

But it's commonplace to see young men and women who profess godliness wearing very revealing clothing; i.e. short shorts and skirts; cropped tops; low cut blouses; clingy, sheer, or tight shirts, dresses, and athletic gear. And wearing such shamelessly — almost defiantly — with the idea that anyone who might object is an archaic prude. Then taking their flaunted sexuality to the dance floor so that they might display themselves in the most sensual of ways. It happens regularly. It happens extensively. And we're often scared to address it because of the brazen ridicule that's directed at anyone who would decry such carnality.

I'm saying it. Think what you will. Shame on Herodias' daughter. Shame on Herod. Shame on us. Holiness demands more than such animal behavior.

~via *Cy-Fair New & Notes*; Cypress, Texas.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Deborah Slaton	Sheila Holt
Wanda Baker	Jo Nell Campbell
James Adams	Penny Bates
Jennifer Threet	Judy Brown

Pat Nixon	Carolyn Bates
Sandy Hime	Trudy Romine

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Danny Johnson	Doris Lovell
Dan Lovell	Priscilla Tucker
Ronnie Locke	Judy Vaughn
Peggy Pepper	Phillip Vaughn
Vicki Stringer	Jeanette Weir
Anita Wheeler	Charles Burns
Larsen Plyler	Cindy Walker
Al Pollard	Jerry Lawrence
Tim McGuire	Monica Nelson
Connie Solomon	Nicole Lewter

Updates:

Nancy Hardison received word last week from her liver scan that cancer had progressed to the point that they believe the best thing would be to put Nancy on the transplant list. Please keep Nancy and all the family in your prayers ... **Sheila Holt** went to the doctor on Friday and they determined that she needs to see the doctor at Vanderbilt. So plans are being made for her to see them in a couple of months. ... **Sue Thomas** is having blood flow issues in both legs and it will require four surgeries. The first surgery is scheduled November 16th ... **Peggy Pepper** is at Restore Rehab following her surgery ... **Judy Brown** has completed five weeks of her rehabilitation ... **Vicki Stringer** will see an infectious disease doctor.

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Peggy Pepper, rm.	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Brenda Wilson, rm. 38
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 2	

Limestone Health Facility:

Wanda Taylor, rm. 40A	Allan Springer, rm. 86
Ann Bush, rm. 75	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Limestone Lodge
Lona Jackson; Vitality Living, Huntsville
Marion Mitchell; Decatur Health & Rehab
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee
Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

OUT OF TOWN: The Coblenz's: *Tommy & Marcella* are in Auburn this weekend and headed home today... **Landon Adams** will be working an outage in Wattsbar,

Tennessee... *The Userys: Christian & Hannah* are home after their trip to Croatia.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the West Auditorium. All ladies who can come are invited to participate in this class.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing on Tuesday evening at the *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care* at 5:30 p.m. Please come to sing, if you are able.

CARDWRITING: There is a card writing group that meets regularly to write and mail cards to people for appreciation and encouragement. The group will meet Monday morning at 10:30. If you want to participate, join them in the morning.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: *The Helton Drive church* in Florence is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday. The speaker will be *Steve Klein*... *The Highway 157 church* in Cullman is beginning a gospel meeting today and it continues through Wednesday evening.. The speaker will be *Lowell Sallee*.

PICTURES: If you have not had your picture taken recently, we would like to have it updated. We want to ensure that everyone is included in our church's pictorial directory which is very helpful for new people that join us. Please plan to do it soon. Your updated picture will be a valuable addition to our church records.

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.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Oct. 27^h:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	136
	Morning Worship	163
	Evening Worship	116
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	112



MARKET STREET FOCUS – 2024
Making Disciples...

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Larry Mitchell
Serving	Landon Adams..... Harold Locke
.....	Roger Hammonds..... Ronnie Davis
Closing Prayer	Carl Witty

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Frank Melton
Other Assignments for the week of November 3 rd :	
Usher	Sam Gregory/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, November 6th:

Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading.....	Dan Reed
.....	(Hosea 9:1-17)
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Invitation	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Jerry Baker

Sunday, November 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Albert Haraway
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Terry Andrews
Serving	Ronnie Locke..... Matthew Vaughn
.....	Matthew Usery..... Harold Davis
Closing Prayer	Charles Parks

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Prayer.....	Carl Witty
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Albert Haraway
Closing Prayer	Tommy Burns
Other Assignments for the week of November 10 th :	
Usher	Sam Gregory/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl