

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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Let Us Abound In Thanksgiving

David A. Cox

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High" — (Psalm 92:1-2).

When reading the Psalms casually, one notices how often the writers speak of "giving thanks to the Lord." Why is giving thanks to God so important? Because thankful people are content with how God has dealt with them and put their trust in Him. Contentment and trust help us remain unwavering in the trials and tribulations that come to us in life. Let us consider ways to help us be thankful to God.

Cultivate Hearts of Thankfulness.

Cultivating our hearts to be thankful is necessary if we will be grateful. To cultivate hearts of thankfulness means that we must take the attention off of ourselves and focus on what God has done for us. The daily provisions we receive come to us from the bountiful hand of God. Remember, the food in the refrigerator and the pantry is a blessing we have from God. Remember our relationships with others, family, members within the congregation, and friends. Thank God for these relationships, and do not take them for granted. Remember the spiritual blessings we have in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), such as mercy, forgiveness of sin, the avenue of prayer, etc. Be thankful for the days we enjoy and for the freedoms we have in our land. Take time to focus on the things to be grateful for and cultivate an attitude of thankfulness.

Rejoice in the Lord

Joy and thankfulness go hand in hand. One's life must be a life of joy and rejoicing if it is to be a thankful life. Joy is the deep-seated contentment and peace that comes from knowing God's love and grace, and thankfulness is the outward expression of that joy. Often, we only think of joy when things are going well. The scriptures give us a picture of a child of God's life of joy regardless of the circumstances that we find ourselves in. The steadfast love and the mighty doings of God should cause us to be joyful, even in difficult times. The Hebrew writer speaks of

Jesus going through the trials on to the cross “for the joy that was set before Him” (Hebrews 12:2). Indeed, times can be difficult. Still, rejoicing in the Lord should keep our attitudes expressing thanksgiving and praise to God.

Share the Lord with Others

The Psalmist said, “Give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!” (Psalm 105:1). Giving thanks to the Lord involves seeing all the things God has done and is doing for us. We will see the big things, see the numerous little things, and share them with others. In telling these deeds to others, they will see God’s great love for His people. They can see how joy and thanksgiving can drastically change their perspective. Let others know the joy of living a life with God, and the joy that comes from sharing these blessings with a loving community.

Let’s remember to “give thanks to the Lord!” He is so good and has blessed us in so many ways. Do not forget to see all these blessings. Let our lives radiate the heart of thankfulness to all those around us to know that they may give glory to God. And in times of doubt or difficulty, let us remember God’s goodness, for it is a source of reassurance and security in our faith.



We Will Tell The Coming Generation

Jason Hardin

Psalm 78 extends an invitation:

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. (78:1-4)

What sort of glorious deeds and wonders? The Psalm continues:

- God unleashed plagues on the enslavers of his

people—rivers to blood, swarms of flies and frogs, locusts, hail, and more (42-51)

- He guided Israel through the wilderness like a flock (52)
- He divided the Red Sea so they could pass through it (13)
- He gave them a law to live by (5)
- He led them with a cloud by day and a fiery light by night (14)
- He made water to flow from rocks in the wilderness (15)
- He rained manna from heaven for them to eat (23-24)
- He restrained his anger often towards them (38)
- He brought them to his promised land, driving out the nations before them and settling the tribes in their tents (54-55)
- He eventually chose a king after his own heart for them (70-72)

An impressive list, but why did these “glorious deeds of the LORD” need to be remembered and shared with each new generation? Why pay attention to the past? Psalm 78 offers two answers:

1. Despite everything the children of Israel saw and heard, “they refused to walk according to his law” (78:10). “They forgot his works and the wonders that he had shown them” (78:11). “They did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power” (78:22). “Their heart was not steadfast toward him; they were not faithful to his covenant” (78:37).
2. Each generation bears the responsibility of learning from the mistakes of those who have come before and passing the lessons of history on to the next generation. And so today—in songs and sermons, communion and classes—we will remember and celebrate and teach. Why? “That the next generation might know, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.”

The goal is bigger than knowing history. The goal is to know and hope in the God of glorious deeds.

~via *Charlestown Rd. church of Christ*; New Albany, Indiana

**Remember Our Bible Study
Wednesday Evening at 6:30.**

We Must Obey God

Mike Webb

In Acts 5 the apostles were arrested for teaching the gospel. As they were taken before the Sanhedrin, they were threatened and strictly charged not to teach any more in the name of Jesus (Acts 5:28). The response by Peter and the rest of the apostles was, "We must obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29).

Sometimes God's way conflicts with the way of man. Paul said, "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). It is obvious from Paul's question that God's way and man's way are different. This agrees with what Isaiah said in Isaiah 55:8-9. He wrote, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." When this conflict arises, why is pleasing God more important than pleasing men?

We should obey God rather than man because God will be our judge. Paul speaks of a day when "God will judge the secrets of man by Jesus Christ" (Romans 2:16). The Bible says, "We must all stand before the judgment seat of God" (Romans 14:10). Man will not judge me in the end but God will.

We should obey God rather than man because God can destroy the soul not just the body. Jesus said, "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). Man can take away our physical life, but he can't do anything to effect where we spend eternity (Romans 8:31-39). God can take away our physical life, but more important he can destroy our soul.

We should obey God rather than man because obeying God has great reward. The Hebrew writer said, "Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him (Hebrews 5:8-9)." Obedience will result in a home in heaven.

~via *Northside Bulletin*; Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Remember Our Service Today at 5:00.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Betty Pepper	Paul Adcock
Dale Adcock	Larry Tucker
Theresa Tucker	Gina Werka
Penny Bates	Judy Brown
James Adams	Jennifer Threet
Pat Nixon	Carolyn Bates
Sandy Hime	

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

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

James Henry Tucker; Chattanooga Hospital

Updates:

Dale Adcock was diagnosed with Cervical Dystonia. It involves the nerves and muscles around the shoulders and neck. She is scheduled to get a shot December 23rd and will repeat it every three months ... **Jo Nell Campbell** spent a few days in the hospital this week and was released and went to Restore Rehab on Friday... **Paul Adcock** got an injection in his back on Wednesday... **Sue Thomas** is scheduled to have her surgery on her right leg on Monday ... **Jerry Baker** had an arteriogram done on Tuesday and they determined to treat him with medication... **Doris McGuire's son, Tim McGuire**, will see the doctor to get set up for radiation treatments on his esophagus... **Mary Stroud** cut her hand on Wednesday evening requiring her to go to the hospital to receive stitches ... **Kathleen Wales** has moved to the Limestone Health Facility.

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

JoNell Campbell, rm. 118	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 2
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Brenda Wilson, rm. 38
Connie Brock, rm. 62	

Limestone Health Facility:

Phillip Vaughn, rm. 103	Kathleen Wales, rm. 75B
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

LADIES' LUNCHEON: The Ladies' Luncheon at the *Deer Trail Clubhouse* will be this Wednesday, December 11th. Come as early as 10:30 am. and bring your favorite finger foods. All the ladies are welcome.

CARD WRITING: There is a card writing group that meets regularly to write and mail cards to people for appreciation and encouragement. The group will meet next Monday, December 2nd, at 10:30 a.m. If you want to participate, join them next Monday morning.

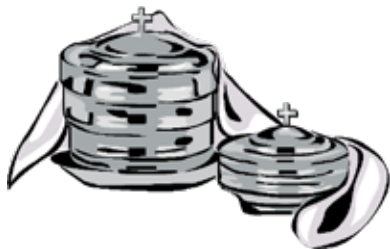
TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the West Auditorium. All ladies who can come are invited to participate in this class.

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 Nov. 17th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	126
	Morning Worship	162
	Evening Worship	128
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	106



Communion Preparation for December

Communion Bread — Lisa Wulfekuhl
Communion Cups — Larry Mitchell

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 24th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Jerry Baker
Assisting.....	Hunter Cox
Serving	Matthew Vaughn.....Landon Adams
.....	Charles Vaughn
.....	Luke Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Christian Usery

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Jerry Baker
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell
Other Assignments for the week of November 24 th :	
Usher	Joel Hamm/Matthew Usery
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, November 27th:

Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Bible Reading.....	Danny Johnson
.....	(Hosea 11:1-12)
Prayer.....	Larry Snell
Invitation.....	Nathaniel Adams
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Sunday, December 1st:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Stephen Lynn
Assisting.....	Marcus Morris
Serving	Harold Davis
.....	Marvin Putman
.....	Sam Gregory
.....	Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Stephen Lynn
Closing Prayer	Clayton Hamm
Other Assignments for the week of December 1 st :	
Usher	Larry Mitchell/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl