

MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

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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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David A. Cox, Editor

Not Ignorance, But Understanding God's Will

David A. Cox

"Therefore, do not be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" — (Ephesians 5:17).

Speaking of His people, the children of Israel, God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). The lack of knowledge is not something God was pleased with in the Old Testament, and God is not pleased with ignorance today. Speaking to those at Mars Hill, Paul said, "and these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men to repent" (Acts 17:30). Paul, writing to the Ephesians, tells them that they were to understand the will of the Lord. Again, Peter writes, "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Knowledge of the Lord's will is something all should eagerly try to acquire. There are several times in the New Testament where Christians are warned not to be ignorant of the following:

1. **Satan's devices.** Paul wrote, "lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11). God's word warns us and gives us the knowledge to fight against Satan's attacks.
2. **Hope in Christ.** To the Thessalonians, Paul wrote, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Paul goes on to speak of the second coming of Christ and that all who are in Him will be raised to forever be with the Lord.
3. **God's plan for the future.** Peter wrote, "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 3:8). Peter is answering the scoffers of his day who were mocking the second coming of Christ, and he tells the Christians not to be ignorant.
4. **The righteousness of God.** Paul, writing about Israel, said, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:3). The ignorance of Israel had led them to do "what was right in their own eyes" and had no concern

for the righteousness of God.

Each individual needs to take time daily to read and study the word of God. It is a must for each one to make the time to meditate upon the teaching of the Lord and apply it to their life. Applying God's word is impossible until we know God's will, but merely knowing it will not change us either. We must grow! One thing is sure: if we do not spend the time to develop and grow in our faith, then we will be in the same condition as Israel of old.

Therefore, let us determine to take time to be involved in Bible studies at public assemblies and personal private studies. In studying the word of God, we will learn what the "acceptable and perfect will of God" is. We will be able to make the will of God a part of our lives so that we will please the Lord.



Don't Just Go "Back To Normal"

Roger Shouse

"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." — (Psalm 118:24)

The new year has begun. Holidays are over and we are soon back to work and back to school again. Back to our routines. Back to normal. And that's just the problem. We tend to settle back into the norm and what happens is that we change calendars, we become a year older and not much else changes. Everything pretty much stays the same. There is a comfort to that, but it's good to be challenged and moved to a better us. This is why folks make resolutions. They don't want the same as before. They are looking for something better, something different. Most of us know that resolutions are generally scrapped by February.

Our verse today reminds us that each day is a blessing from the Lord. The Lord's patience allows us yet one more day. Some day we won't have any more. As this new year begins, fresh and bright, we know that there will be babies born. Some will be getting married this year. Some will graduate. Some will be off to college for the first time. Some will be finishing school. We also

know that this new year will bring some tears. There will be some funerals. There always are. There will be some heartache. That happens each year. The calendars change, but do we?

Here are just a few suggestions to make the year better for you:

Worship better. For some, it may be simply getting to the church house on a regular basis. That's a habit you can get into. Some of us have that down, but we still may not be worshipping God with excellence. Better singing. Better application. Better connecting. Better fellowship. Move from just going to church services to actually worshipping God. That's a great start. That's one that will affect you weekly.

Try to memorize one verse of the Bible each week. Write out the verse you want to know on a 3 x 5 card and carry it with you everywhere. Put that verse on your phone. Read it. Repeat it. Over and over and over. One verse—each week. By the end of the year, you will know 52 verses by heart. That's amazing! That will help you. Try it.

Read some quality books. Of course, the Bible is on the top of the list. But make a list. I have. I know what I'm going to read in January and February. Stick to it and finish those books. Books that will help you. Books that will build faith. Books that are encouraging. Some of us aren't much into reading. There are two things to say about that. First, there are audio books that you can download. Second, turn the TV off, and read one chapter a day. You'll finish that book off in no time.

Pray more and pray deeper. Think about how the Lord has blessed you. Look at what you have. Not your stuff, but your family, your friends, your church. Thank the Lord more. Pray about other people more. More prayer is good for us. It reminds us that we need Him. It reminds us that we can't do it on our own. It reminds us that He cares for us.

Simple things. Good things. Things that will develop spiritual habits. Things that can lead us to be a better us. Give it a try. Don't quit after just a week. Stay with it. Put some effort into it. A better you takes time.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Rejoice!

~via *Charlestown Road Bulletin*; New Albany, Indiana.

**Remember Our Monthly
Song Service This Evening at 5:00.**



Communion Preparation for February

Communion Bread — Heather Cox
Communion Cups — Larry Mitchell

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Penny Bates	Dan Lovell
Jennifer Threet	James Adams
Shelby Kirkland	Sharon Nave
Pat Nixon	Shirley Miller
Wayne Faulk	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Danny Johnson	Doris Lovell
Priscilla Tucker	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Nikki Ogles	Wynell Romine
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Lloyd Adams	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Al Pollard
Anthony Sutton	Jerry Lawrence
Henry Fusch	Liz Fusch
Tim McGuire	Monica Nelson
Mary Cox	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Linda Meeker; Crestwood Hospital; Huntsville

Updates:

Sherry Davis is scheduled for open heart surgery on Thursday, February 1st at Huntsville Hospital...*Penny Bates* had her surgery at Vanderbilt on Wednesday, and was sent home on Thursday. The surgery went well and they sent the issue off to be tested ...*Larry Tucker* was able to be back with us and was able to teach the class Wednesday night... *Jennifer Threet* is scheduled

to go see her back doctor on Tuesday...*Dan Lovell* is scheduled to go see his back doctor on February 6th. He is scheduled to have his colonoscopy on February 15th... *Harold Davis' sister, Linda Meeker*, suffered a major heart attack Friday night and is in Crestwood Hospital

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Brenda Wilson, rm. 38
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 2 Janice Moody, rm. 99
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 Connie Brock, rm. 62

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a 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
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Irene Inman; at home
Lona Jackson; Vitality Living, Huntsville
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee
Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

OUT OF TOWN: *Joe Hinkle* is in Port St. Lucie, Florida....*Steve Bradley* is in Texas.

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

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet Monday morning at 10:30. If you want to be a part of this group, meet with them in the morning.

CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET: From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice activated, so this will require you to say something and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delay in the start up of the message.

THE FLOWER FUND: There is a flower fund maintained by the members of the Market Street church for the sending of flowers and plants to families during periods of bereavement. If you would like to participate in this work, please contribute your money to *Ida Nell Griffin*, who looks after this fund.

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.

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

BRIDAL TEA: The ladies have planned a Bridal Tea for *Macy Dobbs*, the bride elect of, *Hayden Pierce* on February 11th at the *Deer Trail Clubhouse* from 1:30 to 3:30. *Macy and Hayden* will be getting married on March 29th. They are registered at:

Target, Amazon, & SheaLeigh's

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The VBS outline for the studies are uploaded in the **Shared Files** area, "*VBS -2024*". This will be a starting place for the material we will putting together this year. Please look at this before our next VBS meeting.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made lately? We have several that need to be updated. If you have not had your picture made or had it done lately please plan to to it soon.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Market Street's dates that you will want to mark on your calendars:

February 23 12th Annual Singing
 April 14-17 Gospel Meeting with *Mike Richardson*
 June 24-27 Vacation Bible School
 Sept. 8-11 Gospel Meeting with *Roger Hillis*

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of January 14th:

Sunday: Bible Classes 133
 Morning Worship 163
 Evening Worship 109

Twelfth Annual Singing

February 23, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Steve Klein



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, January 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Hunter Cox
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Keith Hinkle
 Assisting Jerry Baker
 Serving Sam Gregory Luke Vaughn
 Charles Vaughn Danny Johnson
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Preaching..... Song Service
 Lord's Supper Keith Hinkle
 Closing Prayer Harold Ash
 Other Assignments for the week of January 28th:
 Usher Hayden Pierce/Roger Hammonds
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

Wednesday, January 31st:

Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Bible Reading..... Bob Broadus
 (Acts 22:30-23:10)
 Prayer..... Clayton Hamm
 Invitation..... Charles Parks
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Sunday, February 4th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Larry Snell
 Preaching..... Clayton Hamm
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Joel Hamm
 Assisting Larry Mitchell
 Serving Sam Gregory Roger Hammonds
 Harold Davis Ronnie Locke
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Marty Adams
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
 Closing Prayer Jerry Baker
 Other Assignments for the week of February 4th:
 Usher Marvin Putman/Landon Adams
 Work Sound System..... Russ Wulfekuhll