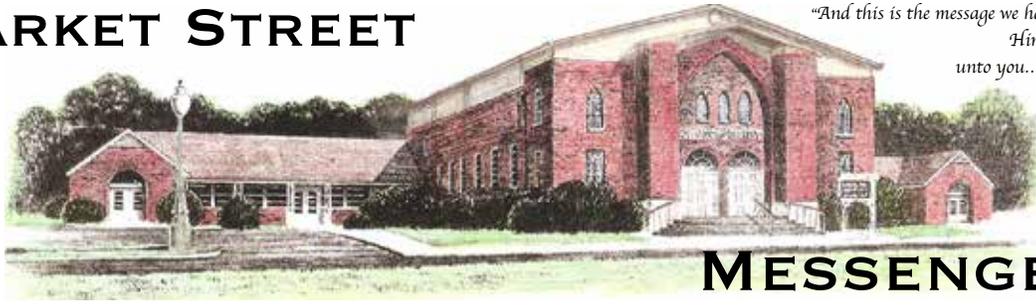


# MARKET STREET



*“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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## MARKET STREET FOCUS – 2024

### *Making Disciples...*

## *Go and Make Disciples*

**David A. Cox**

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” — (Matthew 28:19-20).*

The final word that Jesus tells His disciples is to go and make disciples. Why do you think Jesus is concerned about making disciples? It is because His mission was “to seek and save the lost” and to make disciples who followed His teachings and the example He showed in His life. We tend to think of discipleship as the process of teaching and learning the Scriptures. While that is true, Jesus’ statement in Matthew 28 involves evangelism (making new disciples) and instruction in discipleship or growing disciples.

#### **The Culture of Discipleship.**

Jesus said, “Go, therefore, and make disciples...” He expressed an attitude that is an ongoing process. It is not a go and check the boxes

and move on to something else. The life of a disciple is always looking to the standard of God's word and making the changes needed to be in keeping with the standard. Yes, new disciples are sought after and must be taught to accept the teachings of Christ. Still, it will follow as a lifelong attitude or the culture of the way disciples live.

### Focus on Making Disciples.

This year, we will focus on making disciples. In doing so, we look to cultivate the culture of discipleship in our lives. In this culture, we will always seek ways to bring others to know about Jesus and what He has done for them. We will be looking at our lives endeavoring to walk more like Jesus.

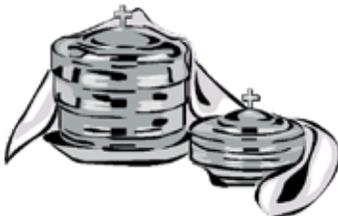
As we go through this year, let us develop the culture of discipleship and focus on making disciples for Jesus, ourselves, and others. In thinking about the theme of discipleship, may the song written by Thomas O. Chisholm be our prayer:

*O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer;  
This is my constant longing and prayer;  
Gladly, I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,  
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear,*

*O to be like Thee! full of compassion,  
Loving, forgiving, tender, and kind,  
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting,  
Seeking the wandering sinner to find.*

*O to be like Thee! Lowly in spirit,  
Holy and harmless, patient and brave;  
Meekly enduring cruel reproaches,  
Willing to suffer, others to save.*

*O to be like Thee! Lord, I am coming,  
Now to receive the anointing divine;  
All that I am and have I am bringing;  
Lord, from this moment, all shall be Thine.*



## Communion Preparation for January

Communion Bread — Lisa Wulfekuhl  
Communion Cups — Marcus Morris

## Looking Forward With Joy

Scott Hafer

Snow means different things to different people. For some, snow days are about shoveling driveways and tricky commutes. For others, snow means e-learning and Zoom classes. However, for another group, snow is all about wonder and winter activities. My three little girls definitely fall into the latter category; they love to play in God's winter wonderland, making snowmen, snow angels, and engaging in the occasional snowball fight. They also love to sled. Unfortunately, our property is about as flat as a pancake, which doesn't make for very good sledding. That usually means my girls will beg me to take them to a few places in town with good hills.

This all played out recently. The snow came, the girls were anxious to go sledding, and unfortunately, I was busy. But after some additional prompting, I committed. You should have seen the girls' reaction; they went from being anxious about possibly not getting to go to looking forward to the event (read jumping up and down) – and all because they believed I would make good on my word! When we reached the appointed time, we all piled into the van in our snow gear, and the girls had a blast.

I think there's a spiritual lesson here for us. In Scripture, God promises that Christians will join Him in heaven. 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 reads: "For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

The verb translated "destined" means, "to destine or appoint someone to or for something." Biblically, the word "destiny" is used regularly to describe God's determination of events. In other words, if God says it will happen - we should believe it! There is indeed wrath coming for all who are unbelieving and disobedient, but not for God's faithful. Paul goes out of his way to tell the Christians at Thessalonica (and therefore us) that God has **not** destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through Jesus.

Just like I made an appointment with my girls to

take them sledding, in Christ God has made us a divine appointment. If we are faithful to the end, God has destined us for salvation; it is His will and His desire. Therefore, we need to be encouraging each other with these words! Just like my girls looked forward to their appointment on the sledding hill, we should look forward to our eternal destination. In fact, my kids spent the next few days gleefully talking with each other about their upcoming appointment with "Dad", and as God's children, we should be doing the same. I hope you look forward with joy to being with our Father throughout eternity; I know I do!

~via *Woodland Hills church of Christ*; Marion, Indiana.

## News & Notes...

### THE SICK:

Jennifer Threet	Sue Thomas
James Adams	Joel & Sharma Hamm
Harvey Nixon	Ray & Martha Springer
Larry Holt	Don & Kay Bates
Larry Tucker	Jewel Dean Kennemer
Penny Bates	Margaret Carter
Shelby Kirkland	Pat Nixon
Shirley Miller	Wayne Faulk
Amy Gill	

### 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:

*Irene Inman*; Athens-Limestone Hospital, rm. 312

### Updates:

*Penny Bates* has her surgery scheduled at Vanderbilt on

January 24<sup>th</sup>... *Sherry Davis*' tests show that she has an 80% blockage and will require surgery. She is scheduled to go to the doctor on January 12<sup>th</sup>... *Don & Kay Bates* have been with cold and sinus for the last few weeks... *Harvey Nixon* has been dealing with congestion and coughing for the last several weeks... *Jewel Dean Kennemer* has been sick with the virus... *Rita Smith's son, Stephen Smith* is at Ewell & Rita's home as he recovers from his surgery last week... Remember our expectant mother, *Lynsey Adams*, in your prayers.

### 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
Betty Howard, rm. 109	

### Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	Ann Bush, rm. 75
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### 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  
 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:** *The Bradleys:* *Steve* continues in Texas, *Marilyn* returned this week... *Keenon Currier* left Wednesday for California and left there on Friday, going to San Angelo, Texas... *The Snells:* *Larry & Louise* are in Gulf Shores this week... *The Ashes:* *Harold & Barb* are in Orange Beach this week.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Keith Hinkle, Casey Curry, Joe Hinkle, and all the family* in the passing of Keith's father, Casey's grandfather, and Joe's brother, *Jerry Hinkle*. He passed away suddenly last Saturday night. The visitation and funeral were on Friday at Spry Funeral Home, and he was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery... Also, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Nancy Hardison, Isabella Perry, and all the family* in the passing of their aunt, *Mary Ellen Royster*. The funeral was on Wednesday morning at the Ardmore Funeral Home, and she was laid to rest in the Sandlin Cemetery.

**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 on Monday morning at 10:30. If you want to be a part of this group, meet with them in the morning.

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

**SINGING:** The *Helton Drive church* in Florence will have their annual singing, Friday night, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Next Sunday afternoon at 4:15, we will be meeting with everyone interested in the VBS this summer. This will be for teachers and anyone who is interested in helping in other ways.

**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 NEW YEAR:** Today marks the first Lord's Day of 2024. There have been many blessings afforded us over the past year. Among these blessings is the privilege of sharing the relationship of brothers and sisters in Christ with one another. As children of God and members of the family of God, we have not only shared sorrows and trials but also experienced joys of one another. There is not a day that goes by that I do not take time to reflect on what a blessing it is for the Cox family to be a part of the church at Market Street. May the Lord bless you all.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	132
	Morning Worship .....	155
	Evening Worship .....	135
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	100



**Remember Our Bible Study Periods**

- Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.
- Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

*Come Join Us As We Study Together*

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Harvey Nixon  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Larry Tucker  
 Assisting ..... Terry Andrews  
 Serving .....Harold Davis ..... Ronnie Locke  
 .....Christian Usery ...Matthew Vaughn  
 Closing Prayer ..... Hayden Pierce

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Albert Haraway  
 Prayer..... Jerry Baker  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Larry Tucker  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns  
 Other Assignments for the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>:  
 Usher .....Larry Mitchell /Tommy Coblentz  
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
 Bible Reading..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
 ..... (Acts 22:1-21)  
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith  
 Invitation..... Joel Hamm  
 Closing Prayer ..... Charles Parks

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
 Song Leader ..... Albert Haraway  
 Prayer..... Harold Ash  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Assisting ..... Larry Snell  
 Serving .....Matthew Usery..... Heath Dollar  
 .....Charles Parks..... Charles Vaughn  
 Closing Prayer ..... Frank Melton

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
 Song Leader ..... Albert Haraway  
 Prayer..... Jerry Baker  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns  
 Other Assignments for the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>:  
 Usher .....Hayden Pierce/Roger Hammonds  
 Work Sound System..... Russ Wulfekuhl