

# 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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## *It's Not About Me!*

David A. Cox

*"Then Moses said to the Lord, 'O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.' So the Lord said to him, 'Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.'" — (Exodus 4:10-12).*

Has there ever been a time when you were called to do a task that you felt inadequate to do? I am sure everyone has faced this dilemma at different times in life. It may be in our desire to serve the Lord that we find ourselves feeling inadequate to be and do what God wants from us. Moses is in the same position. Let us learn three things Moses was reminded of at this time.

**God Is Our Creator.** The Lord reminded Moses that He is the Creator of man, "Who has made man's mouth..." Since God is the Creator of man, He knows what man is capable of doing and what man is not capable of doing. God is not going to require something of us that we are not capable of accomplishing. The problem can be solved when we recognize what we are doing is what God helps us to do. Moses could not see how he could lead the people of God, but he forgot who God is. May we learn to be thankful for our abilities and use them in the service of the Lord.

**God Is Our Helper.** Moses asked, "Who am I?" God reminded Moses that it is not about who you are but about who God is. God is telling Moses to go tell Pharaoh to let God's people, Israel, go. Moses forgot that God was going to be there with him. Yes, many mountains lie before us in life and may seem impossible to us. Let us remember the lesson from Moses: When God is with us, we can accomplish the things He desires for us to do. It is with this understanding Paul wrote, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). Or again, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). As we serve the Lord, may we always remember that in doing the Lord's work

He is always with us.

**God Is Where Our Trust Is To Be.** When Moses asked the question, “Who am I?” Moses was forgetting that working for the Lord is not all about him. Perhaps we often find ourselves in a similar dilemma when we feel we are not up to the task the Lord has given to us. We must remember to trust in the Lord and do His will. By trusting in the Lord, we will do the things He desires for us to do without questioning the lack of our abilities. We will let the Lord use us as His instruments in His service.

Moses’ problem with doing what God asked him to do was that he thought it was all about himself. May we always remember that it is not all about me, but about the Lord and His will. May we do our best with what we have and where we are to accomplish the word God has given us.



## ***Behold, I Thought...***

**Jeremy Paschall**

Human beings are rarely short of opinions. It is common to hear, “You know, I was just thinking...” And often those thoughts get people into serious trouble. Sometimes people think too much when they should just be listening. This is most certainly not a new problem.

Naaman (2 Kings 5.1-14) was a great man, highly valued by his master as a faithful servant and valiant military officer (verse 1), but he was afflicted with leprosy, an unsightly disease that would eventually take his life (verse 1). A little Israelite servant girl, taken captive by Naaman’s army, remembered a prophet in Samaria and knew that he could cure Naaman’s leprosy (verses 2-3). With great excitement Naaman made preparations to go see this prophet that he might be cured (verses 4-5).

When Elisha, the prophet from Samaria, learned that Naaman was seeking him, he sent instructions that Naaman should come to him (verses 6-8). As Naaman and his entourage approached the prophet’s house (verse 9)...

“Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go and wash

in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you and you will be clean.’ But Naaman was furious and went away and said, ‘Behold, I thought, “He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.” Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?’ So he turned and went away in a rage” (verses 10-12).

Naaman said, “Behold, I thought...” Before he arrived at Elisha’s house, he had already decided how he wanted to be cured. He fully expected that Elisha would come out and make a big show of it. But that is not what God had in mind. And even if washing in a river was required, Naaman thought of much better options than the Jordan. But, again, that’s not what God had in mind. Naaman needed to learn some important lessons, and so do we!

### **A way may seem right but be wrong.**

There can be no doubt that Naaman thought his way would work. But as good as the idea might have seemed, it would not have cured him. Why? Because it is not what God (through Elisha) had to say on the matter. “There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14.12). Men may think of ways to be saved, to worship God, and to serve Him, but if they are not firmly grounded in the Word of God, they are in vain (2 John 9).

### **God’s ways and man’s ways are different.**

It was not what Naaman expected, but God had already determined the way that his leprosy could be healed. And regardless of what Naaman or anyone else thinks, God’s ways of doing things are always better than the ways of men. “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares 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’” (Isaiah 55.8-9). We can conduct our spiritual lives any way we like, but any way that is not God’s way will ultimately fail.

### **Man cannot direct his own steps.**

When Naaman heeded the admonition of his servant and did just as Elisha had said, his leprosy was healed (2 Kings 5.13-14). God’s way worked flawlessly. “I know, O Lord, that a man’s way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps” (Jeremiah 10.23). We need to realize the inferiority of our own

ways when compared to His. We must surrender our will to His. God's wisdom "pertaining to life and godliness" has been revealed to us (2 Peter 1.3). Let us each resolve to quit thinking of our own ways where God has given His perfect ways for us to follow.

~via *Greenwood Bulletin*; Greenwood, Indiana.



## 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	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	

### Updates:

*Sherry Davis'* heart surgery has been postponed until this coming Wednesday at Huntsville Hospital...*Larry Snell* has a doctor's appointment on Monday in Memphis...*Jennifer Threet* will be doing therapy to help the issues with her back pain...*Dan Lovell* is scheduled to go see his back doctor on Tuesday of this week. Also,

Dan is scheduled to have a colonoscopy on February 15<sup>th</sup>...*Louise Snell's grandson, Luke Davis*, is scheduled to have surgery on his back Wednesday afternoon in Denver, Colorado. Remember to keep all of our sick 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

### Limestone Health Facility:

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  
Marion Mitchell;  
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* returned on Saturday from his trip to Florida...*The Snells: Larry & Louise* are in Memphis, Tennessee this weekend...*The Coxes: David and Kerry* are in Tampa, Florida this week for the *Florida College Lectures*. David will be participating in an Evangelism Fair on Wednesday.

**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.

**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* next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the *Deer Trail Clubhouse* from 1:30 to 3:30. *Macy and Hayden* will be getting married on March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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. We will plan to meet on Sunday afternoon, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Harold Davis*, in the passing of his sister, *Linda Meeker* on Monday. Her visitation and funeral were on Thursday afternoon at the Laughlin Funeral Home in Huntsville. May the Lord bless this family at this time.

**MARIE GREEN NAVE (1930– 2024):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of *Marie Nave*. Sister Nave passed away Friday morning. Sister Nave was a longtime member of the Market Street church. She loved the church here and was such an encouragement to the work. Sister Nave has not been able to be at services for several years as her health declined to the point she was unable to be out. We have missed her presence among us. Her visitation will be this afternoon at Spry Funeral Home from 1:00 to 3:00 and the funeral at 3:00. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all of her family at this time. May the Lord richly bless them all.

**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 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 28<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	137
	Morning Worship .....	168
	Evening Worship .....	117
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	110

## Twelfth Annual Singing

**February 23, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Steve Klein



**MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
514 WEST MARKET STREET  
ATHENS, ALABAMA

## Men Privileged To Serve:

*Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>:*

### *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 4 <sup>th</sup> :	
Usher .....	Marvin Putman/Landon Adams
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl

*Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:*

Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading.....	Larry Snell
.....	(Acts 23:11-22)
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Invitation.....	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams

*Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>:*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Clayton Hamm
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Snell
Assisting .....	Jerry Baker
Serving .....	Hayden Pierce ..... Heath Dollar
.....	Matthew Usery..... Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Bob Broadus

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Snell
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds
Other Assignments for the week of February 11 <sup>th</sup> :	
Usher .....	Sam Gregory/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews