

# MARKET STREET



*"And this 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..... 7:00 p.m.

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

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## *The Carnal and Spiritual Mind*

**Joe Corley**

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace," Romans 8:6. "Mind" in this context refers to the heart. To be carnally minded is to be primarily concerned about fleshly matter. To be spiritually minded is to pursue the things of the Spirit, while restraining the body to bring it within the limits of divine guidance. We are talking then, about two attitudes which lead to very different ways of life.

### **Difference In Thought**

The carnal mind is constantly occupied with thoughts that pertain to this life. These things may not be bad thoughts or thoughts that are wrong within themselves. But there is very little thought given to spiritual matters.

The spiritual mind is occupied with thoughts of spiritual things such as the needs of his soul, the needs of others, the love of God and of heaven. Yes, he thinks of things pertaining to this life also, but from a spiritual perspective.

### **Difference In Affections**

The carnal mind sets his affections on earthly things. These are the only things he really cares for. These earthly things may be things that are right within themselves such as money, his car or his house. Perhaps the object of his affection is nature itself—the beauty of the earth or the enjoyment of the great out-doors. These things are supremely important to him.

The spiritual mind enjoys and appreciates these things also but they take second place to something more important. He sets his affections on heavenly things (Colossians 3:1,2). He realizes that this earth is not his home. He is a citizen of a heavenly kingdom and puts that kingdom ahead of these material things (Matthew 6:3).

### **Difference In Attitude Toward Serving God**

The carnal mind is intent on pleasing himself, or other people. He

feels like he is imposed upon when asked to perform some service for the Lord. To him church attendance is drudgery. What he does in the line of Christian duty he does with the attitude of a deprived slave. His grudging service is primarily because of fear and not because of love.

The spiritual mind is concerned with pleasing God first. Certainly he wants to be pleasing to all men if possible, but he does not hesitate to displease men or deny himself in order to please God. Moreover, he takes pleasure in serving God. To him it is not a matter of compulsion, but of privilege. Though he may fear the prospect of punishment for failing to serve well, yet he is chiefly motivated by love and respect for God.

### **Different In End Results**

The carnal mind is at odds with God and is doomed to eternal death. The spiritual mind, being led by the Spirit of God, not only receives God's approval here, but eternal life hereafter.

-via *Perspectives*; Birmingham, Alabama.

## ***The Gospel Is For All***

**Bill Hall**

The church that pleases God will reach out to all classes of men: to the poor, the unfortunate, the depraved, to all who need salvation through Christ's blood. It does not limit its influence to people who are socially and economically compatible. The gospel is for all.

Jesus taught this lesson both in work and action. He showed as much concern for an immoral Samaritan woman as He did for a rich young ruler; as much concern for a publican named Zacchaeus as He did for a Pharisee named Simon. His closest followers were from the poorer classes of society. Yet there were rich men who were influenced by Him, too. He sought to bring all men to Himself. And when He commissioned His apostles, He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature..." (Mark 16:15).

Christians do not find common ground in their social and economic standings, but in their mutual love for the Lord, in their common faith, and in their shared

hope of eternal life. When people truly love the Lord, distinctions of a worldly nature fade into nothingness. The rich man rejoices "in that he is made low, while the brother of low degree rejoices "in that he is exalted" - the two reading equality in Christ (James 1:9, 10). If one cannot find room in his heart for people of all classes, there is something seriously lacking in his faith and devotion to the Lord.

The early church learned this lesson well. They preached to the poor as well as to the rich: to the lowly as well as to governors. Their converts included even the Samaritans and the Gentiles. The grossly immoral were changed by the gospel. And when some discourtesy was shown to the poor or the outcasts, stern rebukes were administered (Galatians 2:11-14; James 2:1-9).

Is there someone reading this article who feels "down and out," who is sure no-one cares for him because he is so poor, or has been so immoral, or is handicapped, or friendless? If you are that one, let me assure you that the Lord cares for you; and there are people who care about you, too. The gospel is for you.

Is there someone reading this article who is embarrassed when some obviously poor individual, or someone of immoral reputation, or someone in unfortunate circumstances enters the worship assembly? If you are that one, you need to repent. With that kind of attitude, you would have felt very uncomfortable in the presence of the Lord while He was upon the earth.

The church is to be made up of holy and godly people who strive to be like their Master. But the church reaches out to godless people of all classes in the hope that they can be transformed in Christ's image and be saved eternally. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." (I Timothy 1:15).

-via *Perspectives*; Birmingham, Alabama



### ***Remember Our Study Periods***

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## *What Is Truth?*

**Will Dilbeck**

When Jesus appeared before Pilate in the Praetorium, Jesus told Pilate the He was born to testify to the truth (John 19:37). Jesus also said that everyone who is of the truth would hear His voice (John 19:37). Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” (John 18:38). It is unknown whether Pilate asked this question out of a sincere desire to know the truth or whether he was asking in a contemptuous manner. John recorded that Pilate went out immediately after his question without waiting on Jesus’ response and asked the Jews if they wanted Jesus or Barabbas released (John 18:39). Therefore, we can probably conclude that Pilate asked this question believing that Jesus had no answer to the question about truth,

The Greek philosophers were infatuated with contemplating the truth. Plato said in *The Republic*, “The philosopher is in love with the truth, that is, not with the changing world of sensation, which is the object of opinion, but with the unchanging reality which is the object of knowledge.” Scientists are also obsessed with the search for truth and some believe that they have absolute truth. However, Albert Einstein said, “The truth of a theory can never be proven; for one never knows if future experience will contradict its conclusions.” In other words, truth seems to be out of the grasp of philosophers and scientists.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: (John 14:6). Since Jesus is the truth, anything contrary to what He has taught is false. David described the word of God as truth (Psalm 119:160). Since God and Jesus are both deity, there is certainly no contradiction (John 10:30). The word of God should be our filter for all other information. If anything contradicts what the Bible teaches, we must reject it. Some filter the Bible through scientific findings or other information and by doing so, they corrupt the actual words of the text. If the word of God is truth, then when something directly opposes it, that something simply has to be false.

Not only should scientific thought be “filtered” through God’s word of truth but religious thought as well. The truth of the gospel has no room for tolerance. Christianity is not just another religion.

Either it is the one true faith or it is not truth. Jesus said, “No one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6). This statement leaves no room for a religion based on Mohammed, Buddha or any other religious figure. Some would refer to Christians as religious fanatics but the simple truth is that following the teachings of Jesus is the only way to obtain eternal life.

So does this mean that all who claim to follow Jesus have the truth? Jesus answered this question for us, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of the Father who is in heaven will enter in” (Matthew 7:21). Paul also suggested that some would try to advocate a different gospel (Galatians 1:6-7). The Christian has a singularity of truth as Paul told the Ephesians, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and in all” (Ephesians 4:4-6). There will be few who find this narrow path (Matthew 7:14). This is not because God doesn’t want to save many because He wants all men to come to the knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:3-4). If we are obstinate in our recognition of the truth, however, then we will not be saved.

*-via The Needmore Bulletin; Haleyville, Alabama.*

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

#### *In The Hospital:*

*Evelyn Hays; Hartselle Hospital*

*Greg Hill; Huntsville Hospital*

*Tony Corsbie; Huntsville Hospital*

*Glen Keenon; Huntsville Hospital – 406*

*Mary Bates; Huntsville Hospital – rm. 351*

#### *At Home:*

David Gardner

Lola Colwell

Reba Byram

Wilton Pepper

Angela Green

Jeff Waddell

Benton Hardy

Tim Melson

Matt Poff

**Limestone Health Facility:**

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118      Mary Smith, rm. 85  
Christine McGuire, rm. 57      J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E  
Lorene Bradford, rm.117      Rosella Pugh, rm. 33

**Athens Convalescent Center:**

Betty Bates, rm. 17  
Pauline Lovell, rm. 11

**Limestone Manor:**

Ruth Owens, rm. 80

**Shut-In:**

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.  
Jimmy Killen, at home  
Reba Adams, at home  
Jerry Gilbert; at home  
Majorie Lambert, at home  
Ellis Dunnivant, at home

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

- Cody Brown; Iraq
- Brandi Lawrence; Afghanistan
- Joel Smith; Iraq
- Whitney Smith; Japan

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Chris Sides* and *all the family* in the passing of Chris' grandfather, *Hazen White*. His funeral was Thursday afternoon at Spry Funeral home.

**LINNIE HARDY (1919 - 2009):** We are saddened to report the passing of sister Linnie Hardy this past Monday morning. Linnie was a longtime member of the Market Street church. She was faithful in her service and her love for the Lord and His people was evident in her life. We will miss Linnie's presence among us. We express our deepest sympathy to her sister, *Rachel Grubbs* and *the entire family* in her passing.

**YOUNG PEOPLE STUDIES:** Last night we had our second in a series of High School/College Age studies. We looked at *"The Wisdom of God"*. We had an excellent study and had 34 to attend this study. We appreciate all those who are remembering these studies and are telling others about them. We have a good group of young people here and they are telling their friends about this as well. Thank you to all that remember these efforts in prayer and may good fruit be born to the glory of God.

**Remember our Service This Evening at 5:00.**

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, June 28th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Frank Noblitt  
Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Albert Bowers  
Assisting ..... Rusty Brand  
Serving ..... Marion Pepper ..... Ronnie Locke  
..... Chris Sides ..... Landon Adams  
Closing Prayer ..... Nathaniel Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Frank Noblitt  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Albert Bowers  
Closing Prayer ..... Tim Craig

Other Assignments for Sunday June 28th:

Usher ..... David Terry  
Work Sound System ..... Cory Nelson

**Wednesday, July 1st:**

Song Leader ..... Marion Mitchell  
Bible Reading ..... (Proverbs 16:1-15)  
..... Danny Johnson  
Prayer ..... Rusty Brand  
Invitation ..... Warren Glass  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

**Sunday, July 5th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Albert Bowers  
Assisting ..... Rusty Brand  
Serving ..... Marion Pepper ..... Ronnie Locke  
..... Chris Sides ..... Landon Adams  
Closing Prayer ..... Tim Craig

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Stuart Wilson  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper ..... Rusty Brand  
Closing Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for Sunday July 5th:

Usher ..... Russ Wullfekuhl  
Work Sound System ..... Frank Noblitt