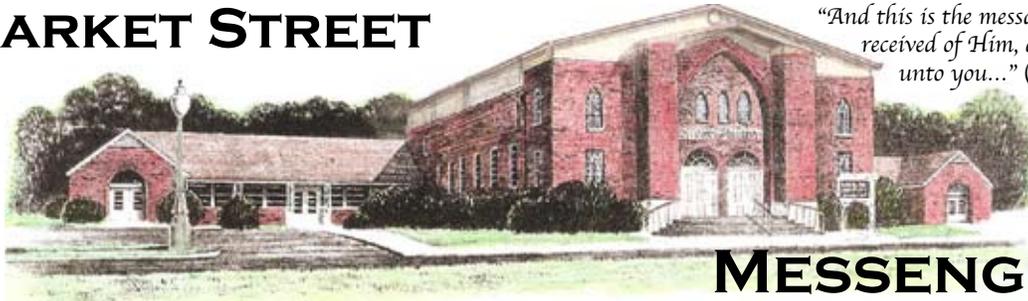


MARKET STREET

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



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Transformation

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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

I can remember, as a child, playing with a new toy, based upon a popular action cartoon - transformers! These "robots in disguise" would take the form of a car or airplane, but could then morph into their native android appearance. Recent films, with their amazing computer generated special effects, have brought these childhood toys, amazingly, to life.

A much more amazing thing, however, takes place when one who once lived their lives in accordance with the darkness of this world of sin, becomes something so different, he is unrecognizable. The Apostle Paul exhorts us to "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." (Romans 12:2). Notice the Apostle Peter's comments on this transformation: "...that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles - when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you" (1 Peter 4:2-4, emphasis mine). Peter says that the world they once conformed to, now finds it odd that they no longer have anything in common with them.

Instead of trying to fit-in with those of the world, Christians strive diligently to transform themselves into the image of the Son of God. Again, Paul exhorts, "Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him" (Colossians 3:9-10). Also, "but we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18). Both of these verses remind us that the Christian's speech, conduct, and even his thoughts are shaped by the understanding of who Jesus Christ truly is. We were bought at a price (1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23), we are, therefore, servants, and "it is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and

a servant like his master” (Matthew 10:25).

This transformation takes place “by the renewing of your mind...” This means it begins from within the heart. As already noted, the “new man is renewed in knowledge”, thus, when we struggle against the things of the flesh, being armed with the knowledge of God’s word, “we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16).

This inward change of heart results in a remarkable change of life! Won’t you be transformed?

-via *The Melrose Memo*; Richardson, Texas



Teaching Them To Observe

Bill Robinson, Jr.

True discipleship is a learning process ending only at death. Prior to His ascension, Jesus commanded, “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...” (Matthew 28:19-20).

True discipleship is not grounded in any ritualism, or creedalism. To the contrary, it is rooted in Christ, if one has “received Christ Jesus the Lord” and is determined in that manner to walk in Christ (Colossians 2:6-8). Thus, the disciple’s life is lived so that Jesus is honored as Lord in every way (Colossians 3: 17).

Jesus asks a penetrating question regarding discipleship, “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46). It is important to understand the nature and context of the question. It is not spoken to those who have no knowledge or familiarity with Jesus. In fact, the next verse Jesus said, “Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings.” Jesus was speaking to those who would come to Him and hear him. However, the fact they would come and hear was not the determining factor of their discipleship. For the context reveals that not all who would come and hear have the *will to do* what he says. Sadly, some came and heard but *would not do* what he says. Thus, the true disciple of the Lord comes to Christ to hear

and obey! The teaching of Christ is the foundation of his existence by which he weathers the storms of life (Luke 6:47 -49).

A true disciple of the Lord will certainly submit to baptism to receive Jesus Christ the Lord. However, submission to baptism will be a matter of course for the true disciple, for his heart and life will be characterized by listening and doing what Jesus commands as he/she remains faithful to the word of God. “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).

True discipleship is not about measuring ourselves by ourselves (2 Corinthians 10:12). The “litmus test” for a true disciple is not found in having the right answer to someone’s questions. It is determined by our life in submitting to that truth which is in Christ Jesus. Truth must be as characteristic of the saved as it is of the Savior (Ephesians 4:21-24). And their the loyalty to God’s Son must be as distinctive as His was to His Father (Philippians 2:8; Revelation 2:10; Hebrews 3:1-6).

That is why we are commanded to teach disciples (including ourselves) to observe all things Christ has commanded. Yet, even so, merely claiming Christ has commanded something means nothing until the true disciple opens up his Bible, hears the word, and does it for his/her Lord’s sake (Philippians 1:26-29; Acts 17: 11).

Being a disciple of the Lord means we come to His word because our desire is to follow it that we may draw nearer and be more like Him (John 6:68). Remember the words of Jesus, “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher” (Luke 6:40; cf. also John 13:16; 15:20). To this end, we teach men and women to observe what Jesus commanded through his word, as it is revealed in the New Testament (John 12:48).

-via *Power Talk*; Lexington, Kentucky

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come and Join Us As We Study Together

Role Models

Greg Gwin

When it comes to sports - we do it. In business - we do it. In almost every field of endeavor we look for role models. We try to find others who have been successful, and then we imitate them. God's word tells us to do the same thing in spiritual matters.

The best role models are found right there in the Scriptures. Jesus is the ultimate example: "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Other great heroes of faith serve as good role models, too. Paul urged us to be "followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). In another place he wrote: "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example" (Philippians 3:17). Hebrews chapter eleven is full of examples of faithful men and women who serve as worthy patterns for us to imitate.

Some might complain that it is hard to fully relate to someone that we can only read about in a book. "Paul was a great Christian", they would say, "but we live in a different world. It's hard to imagine how Paul would deal with our situation." For these folks, let us suggest that they can also look to their own brethren. In any church there are faithful, zealous, devoted Christians who are working hard to live for the Lord. They resist temptation, spread the word, encourage others and generally work tirelessly to do His will. Look to them. Imitate them.

We know this method works. In all sorts of endeavors we look for "winners" and we copy them. Let's do the same thing when it comes to our most important endeavor - serving God!

-via *The Auburn Beacon*; Auburn, Alabama.

Gospel Meeting

April 18-22, 2010

Buc Chumbley, Speaking

Market Street church of Christ

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Robert Allen Tinnon; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 632
Bernice Thomas; HealthSouth - Huntsville, rm. 210

At Home:

Gayle Ball	Jerry Gilbert
Gladys Johnson	Fay Ferguson
Harold Hays	Sue Warren
Evelyn Hays	Lola Colwell
Polly Davis	Ruth Lawson
Bobbie Adcock	Molly Weeks
Jeff Waddell	Wayne Garner
Thomas Lovell	Marie Welden
Sue Hargrove	Buddy Lawson

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
Wilton Pepper, rm. 114-B	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Marjorie Lambert, rm. 91	Mary Smith, rm. 85

Limestone Manor:

Albert & Mary Norton, rm. 96

Limestone Lodge:

Ruth Owens, rm. 12W

Shut-In:

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.
Reba Adams, at home
Mary Coggins, 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:

Joel Smith; Iraq
Whitney Smith; Japan

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: *The Curriers: Kevyn, Mary, Brettlyn and Keenon* have expressed their desire to place membership with the church at Market Street. We are glad to have them with us in the work here and we want to extend to them a warm welcome.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Pressnells: Monroe and Yvonne* are in Florida this week on vacation...*The Rogers:*

Mark, Kim, Peyton and Danielle and Kaden Moses are in Reform, Alabama this weekend visiting family...*David Cox* is preaching in Pulaski, Tennessee in a gospel meeting.

WORK GROUPS: This evening, following our evening worship service, will be the time for Work Group 1 to meet. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group this evening.

OUR MEETING: Our Gospel Meeting with *Buc Chumbley* preaching is to begin on Sunday, April 18th and continue through Thursday April 22nd. It is just a few short weeks ahead of us. There are some invitation cards at each exit for you to take and give to those that you invite.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Jackson Drive church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Paul Earnhart* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *Hughes Road at Gooch Lane church* in Madison is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be *H. E. (Buddy) Payne of Tampa, Florida*...The *Westview church* in Hartselle is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Mark White* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *Car-riger church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wenesday. *Joe Hickman* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *West Madison Street church* in Pulaski, Tennessee is beginning a meeting series today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speakers in this meeting will be *Sunday morning and evening- David Cox; Monday - Dalton Cole; Tuesday - Calvin Essary; Wednesday - Dan Edwards.*

SINGING: There will be a singing this afternoon at 2:30 at the *Cartwright church.*

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent Center on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

NURSERIES AVAILABLE: There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing and the other in the east wing.

THE RECORD: Attendance- Week of February 28th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 116
Morning Worship 151
Evening Worship..... 117

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 94

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 7th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Stuart Wilson
Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding Joel Hamm
Assisting Marion Mitchell
Serving Delmer Carter..... David Terry
..... Russ Wulfekuhl..... Tim Craig
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Evening Worship

Announcements Stuart Wilson
Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer Landon Adams
Preaching Rusty Brand
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Jack Cannon

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 7th:
Usher Marion Mitchell
Work Sound System Tim Craig

Wednesday, March 10th:

Song Leader Tyler Cox
Bible Reading..... (Proverbs 31:10-31)
..... Kenneth Smith
Prayer Marion Mitchell
Invitation Stuart Wilson
Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Sunday, March 14th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Prayer Jack Cannon
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Joel Hamm
Assisting Marion Mitchell
Serving Delmer Carter..... David Terry
..... Russ Wulfekuhl..... Tim Craig
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Prayer Albert Bowers
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 14th:
Usher Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System Tim Craig