

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 7:00 p.m.

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Starting Today!

Gospel Meeting

April 18 - 22

(Sunday – Thursday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist – Buc Chumbley

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Disciple Disputes

Buc Chumbley

One of the things we like to emphasize in trying to convert a lost soul to Christ, is the fact that they will be added to a large loving family. We tell them, that they will never be alone again and that they will always have the support and encouragement from people of like precious faith. Thankfully, that is usually the case. However, there are times when we are faced with the reality that even Christians are not immune from traditions and prejudices that blind us to the truth. To help us deal with those times when our prejudices get in the way of congregational harmony, Acts chapter 11 is offered.

In Acts 10, Peter and some “*brethren from Joppa*”, visit the home of Cornelius a Roman Centurion. There they witnessed the Holy Spirit fall upon him and his household. When Peter realized that the Gentiles were to receive the same blessings in Christ that he and the Jews had received he said, “*Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?*” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.” (Acts 10:47-48).

In Acts 11, when Peter made his report back to the saints in Jerusalem that “*the Gentiles had also received the word of God.*” Some of “*the circumcision contended with him, saying, ‘You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!’*” (Acts 11:2-3), Their complaint with Peter was not about him teaching the gospel to Gentiles, instead, it was based on a 1500 year tradition which forbid Jews from social contact with Gentiles. Actually, we shouldn’t be surprised that Peter was criticized for his dealings with Cornelius, considering it took powerful evidence from God to get Peter to overcome his own prejudices and go to the home of Cornelius in the first place.

It is in Peter’s response to the criticism from the Jews that I want to point out. Peter didn’t blow his stack and point the finger of accusations at them. He didn’t call down fire from heaven to consume these intolerant Jews. Instead, he gave a blow by blow account of exactly what had happened to him. He told them about the vision and the voice from heaven. He told them about

what the angel had told Cornelius and how the Holy Spirit fell on him and his household just as it had on Pentecost. He simply told them what had happened and when faced with this evidence, the Judean saints could do no other thing than to give God the glory for granting repentance to life for the Gentiles.

What lesson do we learn from Acts 11, when brethren are at odds with one another? Don’t appeal to the “church traditions,” and certainly don’t let prejudices get in the way of reason. Instead, get your Bibles out, search the scriptures and “*Let God be true and every man a liar.*”

-via *The College Place Bulletin*; Lawrencburg, Tennessee.

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Some “If’s” and “Why’s” About Baptism

Cecil F. Cox

If baptism is not necessary to salvation, **Why** did Peter in 1 Peter 3:21 write, “*baptism now saves us*”?

If one can be forgiven of sins without baptism, **Why** did Peter command in Acts 2:38, “*be baptized for the remission of sins*”?

If sins are taken away before baptism, **Why** was Saul told to be “*baptized and wash away thy sins*” (Acts 22:16)?

If one is a child of God without baptism, **Why** did Paul say that Galatians were “*children of God by faith in Christ*” and then given the reason, “*for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ*” (Galatians 3:26-27)?

If baptism is of no importance, **Why** was Cornelius “*commanded*” by the Apostle Peter to be baptized (Acts 10:48)?

If baptism is not essential, **Why** did Jesus include it along with “*faith*” in speaking of those who “*shall be saved*” in Mark 16:16?

If one becomes a member of the body of Christ without baptism, **Why** did Paul write the Corinthians saying “by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body” (1 Corinthians 12:13)?

If one can call on the name of the Lord for salvation without baptism, **Why** did Ananias command Saul to be “baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”? (Acts 22:16).

If baptism is for the remission of sins, to wash away sins, to put one into Christ, a command of God, in order for salvation, etc., **Why** will men refuse to obey God in being baptized?

Paul wrote in Ephesians 1:7: “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” Jesus shed His blood to redeem us.

Question: Where did Jesus shed His blood? He shed it when He died on the cross. Paul said we are baptized into His death in Romans 6:3-4. We urge you to humbly submit yourself in obedience to God.

-via *The Gospel Power*; Anderson, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Benton Ball; HealthSouth, rm. 207

Raymond Brown; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 653

At Home:

Bernice Thomas	Harold Hays
Evelyn Hays	Polly Davis
Lola Colwell	Bobbie Adcock
Molly Weeks	Ruth Lawson
Jeff Waddell	Jeff Bates
Thomas Lovell	Marie Welden

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Pauline Lovell, rm.

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118 Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
Marjorie Lambert, rm. 91 J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
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
Andrew Deen; Japan
Whitney Deen; Japan

WORK GROUPS: This evening, following our evening worship service, will be the time for Work Group 3 to meet. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group this evening.

OUR MEETING: Our Gospel Meeting with *Buc Chumbley* preaching begins today. I know that many of you have invited many to come to be with us in this meeting. Nearly 900 invitations have been handed out or mailed inviting people to come to our meeting and nearly 500 invitations over facebook. I hope that we will have a great number of visitors come to be with us and let us be attentive to those that come. I hope that all of our schedules have been cleared so that we can be present every service. Brother Chumbley will be preaching on the theme of “*Reasoning From The Scriptures*”. The lessons will be as follows:

Sunday 9:45 a.m.	“Let My People Go”
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	“What Does The Lord Require?”
Sunday 5:00 p.m.	“To Seek and Save The Lost”
Monday 7:00 p.m.	“My Sin Is Always Before Me”
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	“To Know The Love of Christ”
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	“Christ Lives In Me”
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	“We Have Hope In Christ”

Continue to remember the meeting in your prayers and to tell others about it.

VBS MEETING: We had a great teachers meeting last Sunday afternoon to plan our Vacation Bible School. It is planned for June 21-24. I appreciate all of the teach-

ers and the sacrifices they will make for the success of the VBS. If you would like to assist or help a teacher let me know. There is also a lot of work cutting out material and getting the rooms ready. If you would like to help with this let me know.

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

NEW CLASS ADULT CLASS: The new adult meeting in the east wing will begin meeting next Sunday, April 25th. The class will be studying the theme: *“Increasing Our Faith”*. I hope this will be a profitable study for all who come.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Pettusville church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. There will be different speakers in this meeting as follows: *Sunday morning – Matt Burns; Sunday evening – Jordan Lovell; Monday– Jeff Harwell; Tuesday– Steve Curtis; Wednesday– Dale Sharp* ... The *Sardis Springs church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker for this meeting will be *Bob Buchannon* ... The *Chapman Acres church* in Huntsville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Bobby Graham*.

SINGING: The *Northside church* in Lexington will have a singing Saturday, April 24th at 6:00p.m.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Rogers: Mark, Kim and Payton* were in Vernon last week...*Danielle and Kaden Moses* were also in Vernon last week...*Ida Nell Griffin* has been in Kentucky.

CHILDREN’S BIBLE DRILL: We are meeting this afternoon at 4:30 for the children’s Bible drill. I hope that all of our children will be present.

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.

PREACHING AWAY: *Warren Glass* is preaching for the church at East Albertville this morning in their gospel meeting.

THE RECORD: *Attendance– Week of April 11th*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 116
 Morning Worship 168
 Evening Worship..... 110
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 100

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 18th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Bonnie Sutton
 Preaching Buc Chumbley
 Lord’s Supper
 Presiding Larry Mitchell
 Assisting Marty Adams
 Serving Delmer Carter..... Hunter Cox
 Ronnie Locke..... Chris Sides
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Rusty Brand
 Preaching Buc Chumbley
 Lord’s Supper Larry Mitchell
 Closing Prayer Marty Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 18th:

Usher David Terry
 Work Sound System Tim Craig

Wednesday, April 21st:

Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Bible Reading..... (Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3)
 Russ Wulfekuhl
 Prayer Marion Mitchell
 Invitation Buc Chumbley
 Closing Prayer Monroe Pressnell

Sunday, April 25th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
 Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
 Prayer Monroe Pressnell
 Preaching Warren Glass
 Lord’s Supper
 Presiding Larry Mitchell
 Assisting Marty Adams
 Serving Delmer Carter..... Hunter Cox
 Ronnie Locke..... Chris Sides
 Closing Prayer Gilbert Hardy

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
 Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
 Prayer Jonathan Keenon
 Preaching Song Service
 Lord’s Supper Marty Adams
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 25th:

Usher Tyler Cox
 Work Sound System Danny Johnson