

# 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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## *Dressing For Spiritual Success*

**Tim Norman**

God wants "women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness" (1 Timothy 2:9-10 NASB).

Why does God care about the way we dress? Simple. Our clothing, or lack thereof, affects other people, sometimes profoundly. God wants to make sure our clothing affects people for good, not evil.

In 1 Timothy 2:9-10, God gives us three keys to dressing for spiritual success.

**Modesty Is The First Key To Dressing For Spiritual Success** (1 Timothy 2:9). Dressing "modestly" means "dressing or behaving so as to avoid impropriety or indecency, esp. to avoid attracting sexual attention."

The original Greek word is *aidos*. It means to dress with a "sense of shame," i.e. with a keen awareness of and sensitivity to the importance of dressing with propriety or decency.

Some people dress improperly because they have no shame. Christians should be too ashamed to ever dress improperly.

A young woman once wore short shorts to an airport. She ran into a preacher she knew and was immediately ashamed of her clothing. If she had dressed with modesty, a sense of shame, she wouldn't have bought the short shorts much less have worn them in public.

Modesty or *aidos* "implies an innate moral repugnance to the performance of dishonorable acts...Aidos... is self-motivated and implies reverence for the good as good, not merely as that to which honor and reputation are attached... Thus aidos ... would always restrain a good man from an unworthy act... "In 1 Timothy 2:9, aidos refers to that 'shamefastness' or modesty that shrinks from exceeding the limits of womanly reserve, as well as from the dishonor that would justly attach to do so" (Trench).

Why is modesty, a sense of shame, key to adorning ourselves with proper clothing? Because pleasing God must be our highest priority if we're going to overcome such powerful influences as the fashion industry, our peers, or own personal preferences, etc.

Unfortunately, modesty doesn't govern how most people dress. In the early seventies, faithful preachers taught long and hard against miniskirts with little apparent effect. Yet, what happened when Paris decided that miniskirts were out and long skirts were in? Overnight, many "Christians" started adorning themselves with proper clothing. Clearly, pleasing God wasn't their primary concern.

*What really governs the way we dress?*

**Discreetness Is The Second Key To Dressing For Spiritual Success** (1 Timothy 2:9). Dressing "discreetly" means being "careful, judicious, circumspect" in our choice of clothing.

"Careful" means "done with or showing thought or attention." "Judicious" means "having, showing or done with good judgment or sense." "Circumspect" means "to be watchful in all directions and with regard to all possible consequences."

The original Greek word is *sophrosune*. It means to dress with "good sense" ... literally soundness of mind... sanity" (Lenski). "Inherent in this...word is the use of "good judgment' in the matter of dress" (Fee).

Why is discreetness, thought or attention, good judgment or sense, watchfulness in all directions, key to adorning ourselves with proper clothing? Because dressing for spiritual success requires us to **think** and **think well**.

We can't just "throw something on" and hope to dress properly. We must know what the Bible says about proper and improper clothing. We must wisely apply these principles. We can't be naive about the way our clothing, or lack there, affects other people. We must make sure our clothing will be modest in all situations. If we're not sure something is proper, we must err on the side of caution. No matter how much we want to wear something, we can't make excuses for improper clothing.

*Do we really think about what we wear?*

**Putting Far More Emphasis On Inward Than Outward Beauty Is The Third Key To Dressing For Spiritual Success** (1 Timothy 2:9-10).

Our text, 1 Timothy 2:9-10, is a "not, but" passage similar to John 6:27, "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life." In this passage, Jesus isn't forbidding us to work for food that feeds our bodies as required in 2 Thessalonians 3:10. Rather, Jesus is commanding us to work much harder for food that feeds our souls.

Similarly, 1 Timothy 2:9-10 and 1 Peter 3:3-4 don't forbid styling hair, wearing jewelry, or putting on expensive clothes. Rather, they teach us to put far more emphasis on good works than things like hair, jewelry, and apparel.

God is not anti-fashion or anti-attractiveness. The excellent wife whose price was far above jewels wore clothing of fine linen and purple (Proverbs 31:10, 22). She rightly cared about her outward appearance, but she cared far more about her inward appearance (Proverbs 31:10-31).

Why is putting far more emphasis on inward than outward beauty key to adorning ourselves with proper clothing? Because dressing for spiritual success requires more than modesty and discreetness. It also requires us to keep clothes, even modest and discreet clothes, in their proper place. If we focus on adorning our body to the neglect of more important matters, we are still far from properly dressed.

Are we really more concerned about the way we look inwardly or outwardly.

-via *What Is True?*; Little Rock, Arkansas.

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## *Well Placed Faith*

**Gary Henry**

"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32).

As our Father, God asks to believe in the goodness of His fatherhood. For many of us, faith in God's character requires growth in our own character. To believe that God exists is a step in the right direction. To believe

that He is “a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6) is an even further step. Yet this is a step that we can take responsibly. Based on what happened at the Cross, our confidence in the love of God is not wishful thinking, but well placed faith.

In practical terms, what does God’s goodness mean? First, we should be sobered by it. The very worst thing would be for us to presume upon the grace of our Father. Paul asks the pertinent question when he says, “Do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?” (Romans 2:4). And he urges us to consider not only God’s “goodness” toward those who obey Him, but also His “severity” toward those who refuse to do so (Romans 11:22). Having determined to seek God reverently and obediently, however, we should be encouraged by the fact that God is gracious to those who take Him seriously. If we are willing to relate ourselves rightly to God, we need not doubt that a right relationship is what He gave His son to make possible for us.

In all that God has spoken, we must believe that He has told us the truth. Most of all we must believe Him when He says that He loves us. "Faith is nothing else than trust in the divine mercy promised in Christ" (Phillip Melanchthon). We can't claim to have read the Bible thoughtfully if we've not noticed its emphasis on God's goodness. And we can't claim to have taken its claims seriously if we've not been touched by the tenderness of God's invitation to trust Him. "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear'" (Hebrews 13:5, 6). We may have learned many things since we were young, but none of our adult thoughts is more profound than the simple one that we sang in our childhood: "Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so."

-via *Hueytown Church Bulletin*; Hueytown, Alabama

## Vacation Bible School

June 21-24, 2010

Market Street church of Christ  
514 West Market Street  
Athens, Alabama

# News & Notes

## THE SICK:

### *In The Hospital:*

*Mark Hagrove*; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 422

*Sara Virginia Green*; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 407

### *At Home:*

Monroe Pressnell

Kaden Moses

Harold Hays

Sam Wilson

Lola Colwell

Polly Davis

Scott Adams

Bobbie Adcock

Ruth Lawson

Molly Weeks

Jeff Bates

Jeff Waddell

Marie Welden

Thomas Lovell

Pauline Lovell

Jeff Mitchell

Bernice Martin

Randy Graviett

### *Athens Convalescent Center:*

Betty Bates, rm. 17

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118 Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

Evelyn Hays, rm 110-A 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

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

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Lifford Smith* in the passing of his brother, *Clifford Smith*, this past week. Clifford was also an uncle to *Jonathan Keenon* and *Mary Currier*. His funeral was Friday afternoon...Also, we want to express our deep-

est sympathy to *David Gardner* in the passing of his sister-in-law, *Odell Gardner*. Her funeral was Friday morning.

**NURSING HOMESINGING:** Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**NEW ADULT CLASSES:** The new adult classes are meeting in the east wing. The Sunday morning class is studying the theme: *"Increasing Our Faith"*. The Wednesday night class in the east wing will be studying *"History and Geography of the Bible."* *Marty Adams* is teaching the Wednesday night class.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** It is time to update our directory and we will be making new pictures of everyone for a new pictorial directory. So please see *Rusty Brand* or *Joel Hamm* to get your pictures made. They will be making these pictures in the little auditorium on the west wing.

**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.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Hamms: Joel, Sharma, Clayton and Ragen* are in Atlanta this weekend... *Stuart Wilson* is in Memphis, Tennessee.

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL:** Remember the children's Bible drill this afternoon at 4:30 in little auditorium in the west wing. I hope that all of our children will be able to be present.

**HIGHSCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDY:** Again this year, we will be conducting a High School/College Age study on four Saturday evenings. The first one will be on Saturday, May 22nd. The study will be on our *Relationship To The Lord*. There are some fliers at each exit to distribute to those we invite. If you know of some people in these ages groups, please invite them to join us. The Gathering Place has been reserved for the young people to gather after the study for refreshments and visiting.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance— Week of May 9th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 140  
 Morning Worship ..... 175  
 Evening Worship..... 128

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 96

***Remember Our Study Periods***

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

***Sunday, May 16th:***

***Morning Worship***

Announcements ..... Don Cleek  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer ..... Monroe Pressnell  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Assisting ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
 Serving ..... Marvin Putman..... Ronnie Locke  
 ..... Will Chumbley ..... Hunter Cox  
 Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

***Evening Worship***

Announcements ..... Don Cleek  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell  
 Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
 Lord's Supper ..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Closing Prayer ..... Jonathan Keenon

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 16th:

Usher ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Work Sound System ..... Danny Johnson

***Wednesday, May 19th:***

Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Bible Reading..... (Ecclesiastes 5:10-20)  
 ..... Kenneth Smith  
 Prayer ..... Rusty Brand  
 Invitation ..... Stuart Wilson  
 Closing Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey

***Sunday, May 23rd:***

***Morning Worship***

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
 Prayer ..... Tyler Cox  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Assisting ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
 Serving ..... Marvin Putman..... Ronnie Locke  
 ..... Will Chumbley ..... Hunter Cox  
 Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

***Evening Worship***

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
 Prayer ..... Tommy Burns  
 Preaching ..... Song Service  
 Lord's Supper ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
 Closing Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 23rd:

Usher ..... Ronnie Locke  
 Work Sound System ..... Stuart Wilson