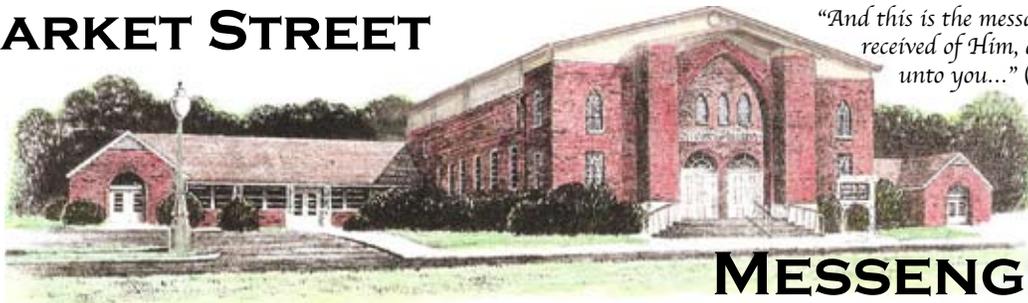


# MARKET STREET

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



# MESSENGER

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## *A Threat and A Prayer*

**Heath Rogers**

### 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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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

Hezekiah was one of the good kings of Judah. His father, Ahaz, was an evil king. Ahaz had turned to follow the gods of the nations that defeated him (concluding that they were stronger than Jehovah). He closed the doors of the Temple, had its furnishings fashioned into idols, erected alters on every corner in Jerusalem, and even sacrificed his sons to pagan gods.

When Hezekiah first became king, he occupied himself with the work of reforming the errors of his father. However, a much greater crisis soon arose that consumed the energy and attention of his reign: the threat of Assyria. Assyrians took the Northern Kingdom away into captivity in 722 BC, then turned their attention to Judah.

At one point during this conflict, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, realized that he could not afford a long battle against Judah. So, in an effort to hasten Judah's surrender, he sent an intimidating letter to king Hezekiah. In this letter, Sennacherib reminded Hezekiah that none of the gods of the other nations had been able to deliver them from his hand, and that the God of Judah would prove to be equally impotent:

*"Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah, king of Judah saying: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered?" (2 Kings 19:10-11).*

Hezekiah took the letter to the house of the Lord, spread it out before the Lord, and prayed unto God. Surprisingly, the king did not pray for God to defend the nation as much as he prayed for God to act in defense of His own honor and glory:

*"Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD God. You alone" (vs. 19).*

The Lord answered Hezekiah's prayer by sending his angel to kill

185,000 soldiers within the camp of the Assyrians. Sennacherib, who had boasted so confidently against the true and living God, returned to Nineveh in stunned defeat. Later, he was assassinated by his own sons while he was worshipping in the temple of his god (vs. 35-37). It turned out that Judah's God was powerful enough to defend them, while Sennacherib's god could not defend him.

Hezekiah protected his nation from their enemy, not by his might, nor by his military strategy, nor by his ability to form powerful alliances with other nations, but by his trust in God and his reliance upon prayer (vs. 20). Likewise, our "victories" are not the result of our might, abilities or wisdom. They are the result of our prayers of faith (James 1:6-8). Like Hezekiah, let us always be willing to take the things that trouble us and "spread them out" before the Lord in prayer.

*"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).*

-via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama.

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## *Gospel Meeting*

September 12-17, 2010

Bill Hall, Speaking

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## *The Lamb's Book of Life*

**Bobby L. Graham**

This register or list of the saved, thus designated because of the sacrifice of the Lamb making it possible and the life secured thereby (2 Timothy 1:10; John 14:6; 2 Peter 1:19), comprehends all redeemed from all covenants, because the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was designed to effect the redemption of faithful saints under all economies (Hebrews 9:15; 11:39-40). A similar book of remembrance was mentioned by the prophet in connection with God's people in whom He

delighted (Malachi 3:16-17). An examination of this register reveals the following features:

1. **Select:** Christians have their name entered in the Book of Life (Philippians 4:3; Hebrews 12:23). None others have such a promise.
2. **Restrictive:** Some are definitely and specifically excluded from this list (Revelation 13:8). One would expect this in that the promise of salvation is received upon conditions established in the gospel of Christ, not unconditionally, universally, or automatically.
3. **Promising:** Those whose names have been entered in this register enjoy the promise of entering heaven and enjoying eternal life (Revelation 21:27).
4. **Changeable:** This list of names is subject to change (Revelation 3:5; 22:19). In the first passage those who are victorious in Christ receive the assurance that their names will not be removed, while the latter passage says that those tampering with the revelation from God by subtracting something there from will have their names removed. People can fall from divine grace (Galatians 5:4).
5. **Final:** The Bible also teaches that God's list of redeemed is the final list (Revelation 20:12, 15). Judgment will be based on what is written in the books, and those without their names in the Book of Life will enter into the lake of fire, which is the second death (Revelation 21:8). No one will be able to gainsay what the Book of Life reflects.

Friend, now that you know about the Book of Life, why not submit to the will of Christ so you can benefit from the sacrifice of the Lamb slain for the sins of all? You can enjoy the promise of eternal life.

-via *The Melrose Memo*; Richardson, Texas.

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## Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN - 770AM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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## Those “Other” Sinners

Robert F. Turner

“And John answered and said, 'Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us” (Luke 9:49).

Answered what? The word may mean, “began to speak”, but Vine says always “where something has preceded, either statement or act, to which the remarks refer.” The Harper-Bagster Lexicon says, “In N. T. to respond to certain present circumstances.” What “brought on” John’s remarks about the man he had “forbidden”?

The preceding verses show that the Disciples had been disputing about who among them should be greatest, and Jesus had rebuked them for their pride (See Mark 9:33-37). John is not named specifically, but other passages say James and John accompanied their mother when she asked Jesus to seat them in high positions in His kingdom (Matthew 20:20f). Was the woman alone in her desire for greatness? I believe the sons must share the blame and that John (perhaps James, also) was enough involved in the arguments about greatness that Jesus’ rebuke carried a special “sting.”

Is it not a well established trait of human nature that when the sermon fits, we try to change the subject? Our personal defense is to launch our own attack upon someone else. If, in this new battle, we can make our former critic an ally, perhaps he will forget all about the fault he saw in us. The shoe fits - so we try to find a different shoe, for someone else.

When John felt the sting of the Lord’s rebuke to pride, he “answered” by saying, in effect, “Master, we (James also?) saw this ‘outsider’ doing wrongly, and we really jumped on him. We let him have it!”

Even if John’s judgment was right and his actions respecting the second man was justified, this would not remove John’s fault. How embarrassing to discover he was again wrong. Jesus said, “Forbid him not...”

Will we never learn - a second error does not correct the first - we cannot grow by causing others to appear smaller - and, final judgment is on an individual basis, by One who sees and knows our very thoughts.

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

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

#### *In The Hospital:*

#### *At Home:*

Monroe Pressnell	Lola Colwell
Polly Davis	Cheryl Hill
Bobbie Adcock	Emma Clark
Jim Currier	Una King Currier
Scott Adams	Molly Weeks
Jeff Bates	Jeff Waddell
Marie Welden	Jeff Mitchell
Bernice Martin	Randy Graviett
Mark Hargrove	

#### *Athens Convalescent Center:*

Betty Bates, rm. 17

#### *Limestone Health Facility:*

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

**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

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

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** We are in the process of updating the church directory. *Rusty Brand* and *Joel Hamm* are making new pictures of everyone for a new pictorial directory. Please see *Rusty* or *Joel* to get your picture made. They will be making the 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.

**SYMPATHY:** Martin Casteel 1922 – 2010: We are

saddened with the news of the passing of brother Martin Casteel this past Thursday morning. Brother Casteel was a longtime member of the Market Street church and served as a deacon for a number of years. Brother Casteel fought a hard battle with cancer, but was at services on many occasions went it took much effort for him to be here. The funeral services for brother Casteel will be this afternoon at 2:00 at Limestone Chapel and the burial in the Roselawn cemetery.

**GOSPEL MEETING/VBS:** The *Eastside church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Bob Hutto* will be the speaker... The *Tri-Cities church* is beginning a meeting today and continuing through Friday. *Jonathan G. Caldwell* will be the speaker... The *Jackson Heights church* in Columbia, Tennessee is beginning a vacation Bible School tomorrow and it will continue through Friday evening.

**OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We have been engaged this past week in our VBS for this year. The word to describe it is "tremendous". It was a success in about every way imaginable. The teachers all did excellent in preparing, as well as, the presentation of the material. We had 83 different children to attend throughout the week and the majority attended 3 or 4 days. We had excellent lessons in the adult class on the theme of "A Portrait of Jesus Christ". We averaged 117 each morning with a high of 123. Thanks again to all who worked, supported or in any way helped with this effort.

**HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDY:** We had our second in the series of studies last night. Joel Hamm conducted the study and did an excellent job. Our next High School/College Age study will be on July 24th. We will be looking at our *Relationship To Our Parents*. There are some fliers at each exit to distribute to those we invite to the future studies. If you know of some people in these ages groups, please invite them to join us.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance— Week of June 20th

<b>Sunday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	141
	Morning Worship .....	187
	Evening Worship.....	116
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	134

*Remember Our Study Periods*

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

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, June 27th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader .....	Stuart Wilson
Prayer .....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching .....	Warren Glass
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Rusty Brand
Assisting .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Serving .....	Chris Sides .....
	Ronnie Locke
	Keenon Carrier .....
	Landon Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Marty Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader .....	Stuart Wilson
Prayer .....	Wayne Vaughn
Preaching .....	Song Service
Lord's Supper .....	Rusty Brand
Closing Prayer .....	Monroe Pressnell

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 27th:

Usher .....	Rusty Brand
Work Sound System .....	Danny Johnson

**Wednesday, June 30th**

Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading.....	(Ecclesiastes 9:1-8)
	Landon Adams
Prayer .....	Jack Cannon
Invitation .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer .....	Dwaine Allfrey

**Sunday, July 4th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Stuart Wilson
Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Prayer .....	Monroe Pressnell
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Rusty Brand
Assisting .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Serving .....	Chris Sides .....
	Ronnie Locke
	Keenon Carrier .....
	Landon Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Lifford Smith

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Stuart Wilson
Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Prayer .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching .....	Marty Adams
Lord's Supper .....	Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer .....	Stuart Wilson

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 4th:

Usher .....	Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System .....	Stuart Wilson