

MARKET STREET

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



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God Demands A Change

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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

Since the beginning of time, God has had a standard by which man was to live. When men walked in a different path than was instructed by God, God demanded repentance and change. We see this demand in several passages of both the Old and the New Testament. In Jeremiah 18:8, God said, "If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them." Take notice that God said that He would not destroy the nation if they would "turn from their evil." This call to turn was a call to repent and change. Another example of repentance is seen in the life of king David (2 Samuel 12:12-17, 22-23). David had sinned by engaging in sexual relations with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. David then had Uriah killed in an attempt to cover his own sin. By so doing, David had given occasion for the other nations to blaspheme the Lord. After Nathan confronted David about his sin, David changed or turned from his sin. (Although David repented of his sin and his life was spared, he still had to face the consequences of his sins.)

In the New Testament, we find that God still demands that men turn away from their sin. 2 Peter 3:9 reads, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." The Lord desires that all who are guilty of sin come to repentance. If a sinner will come to repentance, the Lord will forgive him of his sins. Turning away from sin to serve the Lord is essential to becoming a Christian, a child of God.

Consider the example of the Jews who had crucified Jesus. On the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the death of Jesus, Peter addressed the guilt of these Jews. In Acts 2:38, Peter preached, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." In Acts 3:19, Peter also preached, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."

The Greek word translated as repent is *metanoeo* which means “1) to change one’s mind, i.e. to repent 2) to change one’s mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one’s past sins.” (Thayer). Peter was teaching the Jews the need to turn away from their past sin of rejecting Jesus and to be converted to Jesus and His teachings. The Greek word translated as converted is *epistrepho* which means “1) transitively 1a) to turn to. . . 1b) to cause to return, to bring back 2) intransitively 2a) to turn to one’s self. . .” (Thayer). The Jews were to turn to a life of believing in and obeying the teachings of Jesus. This change was to begin with the Jews repenting of their past sins and being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38). Upon so doing, those who obeyed would be forgiven of their past sins.

As we study Acts chapter 2 through 4, we find that many of the Jews changed their hearts and their lives. In order to undergo this change, the Jews had to repent of their sins and be converted to Jesus Christ. In Acts 2:41, we see that 3000 people repented and were baptized. In Acts 4:4, we see that 5000 people believed and were converted to the Lord.

If you are not a Christian, then please take to heart the fact that God desires for you to come to repentance. Embrace the teachings of Jesus Christ by believing in Him (John 3:16), repenting of your past sinful life (Luke 13:3), confessing your belief in Him before men (Matthew 10:32), and obeying His command to be baptized (Mark 16:16). Upon so doing, your sins will be forgiven and washed away just as Ananias promised Saul when he said, “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

If you are a Christian, but you have wandered away from a life of obedience, then follow the instructions Peter gave to Simon when he was told to repent of his wickedness and to pray that God would forgive him of his sin (Acts 8:22). In order to serve the Lord, changes must be made. Make those changes today so that you will be saved.

-via *Truthfactor*; Lawton, Oklahoma.

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

Greater Love

Dale Smelser

Several years ago I read of an actual incident that has stayed with me. A little girl, a toddler, was dying. She had lost blood in surgery and needed it replaced desperately, but she had a rare type. While some was found, she needed more quickly. Testing the family it was found that her 6 year old brother had the same type. Her situation was explained to him. She had lost blood and would die soon unless it could be replaced. They were having trouble finding the blood she needed in time. Since he had the same kind of blood, if he would give it, it would save her life. Would he do that? The little boy thought only for a moment and with great seriousness and gravity consented.

The blood was taken, and to the relief of all, given to his little sister. Everyone’s attention turned to the toddler, waiting for assurance that her life was saved and that all would be well. After a little time, the little boy walked quietly up to his father and said, “Daddy, how long will it be?”

“How long will what be, son?”

“How long will it be till I die?”

Distracted, the father answered, “Oh, I have no idea. No one knows that. Why do you ask?”

In real confusion, the little boy continued, “But you said, without blood Katy would die soon; I gave her mine. And so I ’m wondering how long it will be before I die.”

Sometimes children misunderstand things when we think everything is perfectly clear. Sometimes what they misunderstand is funny, but when they misunderstand something that seems so portentous to them, our hearts go out to them and we take them in our arms and explain and comfort. And when we see that they have acted courageously in some misunderstanding we marvel at their idealism. And we love them tremendously for their bravery and nobility even though it was mistaken. And we admire them.

You can see where this is going. We admire the nobility in the little boy. We are moved by his love for his little sister. Well, someone did so love and sacrifice himself for us. It was not a misunderstanding. It was done purposefully; a death died, a life given in sacrifice

for us that we might live. Jesus knowing that the time of his death was at hand, said, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour...and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself. But this he said signifying by what manner of death he should die" (John 12:27, 32-33).

If we can admire, feel compassion for, and love the little boy for his noble "sacrifice," and cannot think the same way about Jesus, there is something wrong with our values. Or there is simply a lack of faith. Well, mark it down, Jesus lived. He died. And he died that we all might come to him. He was raised and ascended to heaven, and we have accounts of eyewitness to it all. In that this was God's plan, and Jesus freely fulfilled it, the natural response is described by the Holy Spirit, "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" (Romans 4:4).

The sacrifice of Christ wherein he died for us, taking the punishment for our sins, changes the very dynamic of life. If there is true decency in us we cannot ignore that proffered love. The noble heart is compelled to respond to it. We are compelled to seek something else from life, to seek that for which all this was done, the glory of God and our own eternal life. What does our response to Christ say about our quality, nature, and character?

-via *Wildercroft Announcements*; Riverdale, Maryland



Faith Is A Work

Billy Norris

"Jesus answered them and said, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for this food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man

will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.' *Then they said to Him, 'What shall we do do that we may work the works of God?'* Jesus answered and said to them, *'This is the work of God, that you believe on Him whom He has sent.'*" (John 6:26-29).

Christ is talking about laboring for two kinds of food, one, material, that perishes; the other, spiritual, that endures to everlasting life. One must work to obtain either. When they asked what to do to work the works of God, Christ answered, "This is the work of God that you believe in Him whom He sent." The work of God is work required by God to be done by men.

When men believe in Christ and obey the gospel, they perform that work. The word of God classifies faith on the part of man as a work of obedience.

-via *Gospel Guide*; Vol. 30 No. 5

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Polly Davis; Hartselle Hospital, no visitors

At Home:

Monroe Pressnell	Lola Colwell
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 HOME SINGING: 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.

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDY: 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 27th

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 130

Morning Worship 169

Evening Worship..... 117

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 100

Gospel Meeting

September 12-17, 2010

Bill Hall, Speaking

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 4th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
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 Joel Hamm
Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer Nathaniel Adams
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer Albert Bowers

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 4th:

Usher Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System Stuart Wilson

Wednesday, July 7th

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading..... (Ecclesiastes 9:9-18)
..... Landon Adams
Prayer Wayne Vaughn
Invitation Stuart Wilson
Closing Prayer Tyler Cox

Sunday, July 11th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Stuart Wilson
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Joel Hamm
Assisting Marion Mitchell
Serving Delmer Carter David Terry
..... Russ Wulfekuhl Mark Rogers
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Evening Worship

Announcements Stuart Wilson
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Landon Adams
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Jack Cannon

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 11th:

Usher Keenon Carrier
Work Sound System Marty Adams