

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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Christ Is Coming Again!

Cecil F. Cox

Sometimes we sing a song with these words written by A.A. Westbrook:

*O how sweet t'will be to meet the Lord,
When He comes in glory by and by;
What a song of praise will be outpoured,
When He comes in glory by and by.*

*We will have our robes all white as snow,
When He comes in glory by and by;
O be ready with the Lord to go,
When He comes in glory by and by.*

*I am ready for that happy day,
When He comes in glory by and by;
For with Him I hope to soar away,
When He comes in glory by and by.*

Then the chrous says,

*How sweet t'will be! How sweet t'will be,
When He comes in the sky!
What joy t'will be! What joy t'll be!
When He comes in glory by and by.*

Yes, Jesus is coming again! Jesus promised that he would come again (John 14:3). The two men who stood by the apostles as Jesus ascended into heaven and are described as "in white apparel" told the apostles that Jesus would come again (Acts 1:10-11). But there is much speculation and false teaching concerning Christ's second coming. This being true, it is important that we know the facts of the second coming of Christ as presented in the word of God.

Fact 1. The Father alone knows the time of the Lord's return. Jesus made this clear in Matthew 24:36, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, but my father only." Therefore, the timetables of men as to when the Lord will return are nothing more than speculations and have

no weight of truth in them.

Fact 2. Jesus is coming without warning. We hear people talking about “signs” of Christ’s coming. There are no more “signs” as to when Jesus will come than there are of a thief who is coming to rob and plunder. Jesus said, “Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up” (Matthew 24:42-43).

Fact 3. When Christ returns, it will not be secret. Revelation 1:7 says, “Every eye shall see him.” In Acts chapter one we learn that when Jesus ascended “a cloud received him out of their sight” (v. 10). They saw Him leave. Verse 11 says, “. . . this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” It is evident, therefore, that the second coming of Christ will be visible.

Fact 4. When Christ returns, all the dead will be raised. “. . . all that are in the graves will hear his voice, and come forth. . .” (John 5:28).

Fact 5. When Christ returns, He will judge the world. The wicked will “go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal” (Matthew 25:31, 32, 46).

Fact 6. When Christ returns, He will not touch the earth. Paul taught in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 that the saved would meet the Lord “in the air: and so we ever will be with the Lord.” The kingdom is now in existence (Colossians 1:13) and Christ is now reigning (Acts 2:33). Therefore, He is not coming to the earth to set up His kingdom as many believe.

Fact 7. When Christ returns, this earth and all the works will be dissolved. . . burned up (2 Peter 3:7-11). Christ is going to come again, and these things will come to pass. We must be ready when He comes. Jesus said, “Not everyone that saith into me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). Are you ready for His return?

-via *The Bulletin*; Haleyville, Alabama

**Remember Our Service
This Evening at 5:00.**

The True Measure

Bob Buchanon

A young boy came running into the house very excited shouting, “Mother, Mother, I am nine feet tall!” His mother reminded him that he was exaggerating and was talking nonsense. He responded that he knew for a fact that he was nine feet tall.

“What makes you think so?” she asked. “Because I measured myself,” he replied. “How did you measure yourself?” the mother inquired.

“I took off my shoe,” said the boy, “and measured myself with that. It is just the same size of my foot, and I really am nine feet tall.”

This little lad was very sincere in believing he was nine feet tall, but he was using the wrong measure. Man is also prone to measure himself by his own ruler, especially when it comes to his religion. Let us consider some of these false measures.

Many people use their emotions and their “feelings” as their measure. Emotionalism is a false standard and proves nothing to be right or wrong. Feelings depend on what we believe (look at the example in Genesis 37) while faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Many honest and sincere people wouldn’t give their “feelings” for all the Bibles in the world. A frequently used statement is, “I know that I am saved because I can feel it in my heart.” The Bible says, “He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool” (Proverbs 28:26). God did not say that you can know that you are saved by the way you feel. This is a false measure.

Many people will also use their parents and grandparents as the measure for right and wrong. Many say, “They were members of the same church that I am, and what was good enough for them is good enough for me.” Most people are what they are, religiously, on the basis of what their parents were. I am not trying to “run down” your ancestry, but they could have been wrong. You are following tradition and Jesus said, “Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition” (Matthew 15.6). Perhaps you have had an opportunity to study, learn and develop more than your parents. We think nothing of changing politics or of buying a Chevrolet when Dad always bought a Ford. We make many decisions and do many things

against the will of our parents. The reason, possibly, that we hold back on the question of religion is because it is the most important decision in our life. Friend, a love for Jesus must be a greater love than a love for parents. Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37). Can you read the Bible of the church to which your parents are a member? If not, leave that church. Use the Bible as your measure.

The testimony of great men is often used instead of the Bible. Denominational people often quote some great religious leader to prove their point. Some honest people will read from Albert Barnes, Clarke, or some other great scholar, and take the word of the commentaries over the Word of God. All men are fallible and we cannot have so much confidence in them, but we can remain faithful to God even if these men depart from the faith. Our faith must not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:5).

Several people use manuals and creed books as their measure. These books are written by men. Decisions are made in conferences. The conferences write what that denomination is to believe and practice. How do these conferences know what God wants? They don't! Paul said, "...even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" (1 Corinthians 2:11). Bible writers wrote by inspiration. They knew the will of God. Creed writers are uninspired. Their creeds are the wrong measure.

Let us use the Bible for our measure. It is "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16,17). Let us speak where the Bible speaks, be silent where the Bible is silent; do Bible things in Bible ways and give them Bible names. This is the true measure.

-via *Gospel Power*; Anderson, Alabama

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



Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN - 770AM

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

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Gladys Sandlin; Crestwood Hospital, ICU

At Home:

Gayle Ball	Gilbert Hardy
Joe Leopard	Hazel Toone
Mary Ruth Gardner	Bertha Johnson
Phil Pressnell	Phillip Harwell
Eva Felker	Jesse Carter
Keena Adams	Jeff Mitchell
Ray Bailey	Randy Graviett
Jeff Waddell	Bernice Martin
Mary Bates	Emma Clark
Jim Currier	Una King Currier

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
David Gardner, rm. 108	Bernice Thomas, rm 52
Jane Meredith, rm. 114	

Limestone Manor:

Albert & Mary Norton, rm. 96

Shut-In:

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.

Reba Adams, at home

Lola Colwell, at home

Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74

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

Matthew Cox; Iraq

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

WORK GROUPS: Tonight will be the night for work group one to meet. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group this evening after our evening service.

ALBERT BOWERS RESIGNS AS ELDER: This past week brother Albert Bowers resigned from serving the Market Street church as an elder. Brother Bowers has served the church as an elder for 23 years and served 10 years as a deacon. It is appropriate that we note his faithful service and dedication to Market Street and the work here. The work of elders and deacons are often works that are not given the appreciation that it should be. We appreciate the work that brother Bowers has done. His steadfastness to the word of God, love for the church and sacrifices he and sister Bowers have made for the church at Market Street has been for the betterment of the church here. We look forward to our continued work with the Bowers, and wish for them the very best as they begin to slow down.

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

THE RECORD: Attendance – Week of Nov. 28th

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 124

Morning Worship 162

Evening Worship..... 100

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 98

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, December 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Tyler Cox
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Larry Mitchell
Assisting Bonnie Sutton
Serving Russ Wulfekuhl Delmer Carter
..... Hunter Cox David Terry
Closing Prayer Benton Ball

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Ronnie Locke
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer Lifford Smith

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 5th:

Usher Keenon Currier
Work Sound System Stuart Wilson

Wednesday, December 8th:

Song Leader Marion Mitchell
Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 9:1-12)
..... Landon Adams
Prayer Joanthan Kennon
Invitation David Cox
Closing Prayer Lifford Smith

Sunday, December 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Rusty Brand
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Marion Mitchell
Assisting Jonathan Keenon
Serving Paul Hasting Harold Davis
..... Landon Adams Chris Sides
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements Rusty Brand
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Stuart Wilson
Preaching Adam Kendall-Ball
Lord's Supper Marion Mitchell
Closing Prayer Benton Ball

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 12th:

Usher Dwaine Allfrey
Work Sound System Marty Adams