

# 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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*David A. Cox, Editor*

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# Gospel Meeting

## May 15 – 19

### Schedule of Services

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

Monday – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist – Jeff May

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CHURCH OF CHRIST  
514 WEST MARKET STREET  
ATHENS, ALABAMA**

## *Where The Roses Never Fade*

**Jeff May**

I enjoy watching the Andy Griffith Show (the old black and white episodes with Barney Fife are the best). However, I do remember a color episode when Aunt Bee had dreams of winning a flower contest. Her rose was perfect until Opie accidentally threw a football and snapped it in half. He tried taping it together to keep Aunt Bee from finding out but it wilted. It's glory faded and she was devastated.

### **Fading Glory**

As Christians, however, we are a part of something that never fades. This was not true of the Old Testament system. It had great glory while it lasted, but it is no more--having given way to the New. When Paul wrote Second Corinthians, false teachers were trying to mix new Christianity with the old system of things. Paul stresses that the old has passed away and has been replaced with something better.

To make his point, he reminds them of the time Moses went to the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments. When he returned to the people, his face was glowing. How impressive this must have been for them to see! To keep the people from seeing the glow fade, Moses covered his face with a veil. Paul then says that the old law was glorious, but its glory has faded (3:7-16). Get the point? The glory of the Old faded until it was no more.

### **Brighter the Way Grows Every Day!**

In contrast to the old, Christians live under the New Testament, the teachings of Jesus and His apostles. Its glory grows greater and greater with each day. It doesn't fade (3:18). When we read about Jesus in the New Testament, we see Him in all of His glory. Not only this, but as we strive to live by what we read, a wonderful transformation takes place. We become like Him—from *glory to glory!*

The growth, glory and the excitement only gets better and better each day. It doesn't fade, but culminates with our arrival into heaven, the most glorious place of all. The Bible says, "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (3:18).

Remember this when you see your body fading and growing weaker. The outer man may be fading but the inner man is getting stronger. An older lady once expressed thanks for the lesson, then said, "But I get so discouraged because I go home and try to reflect back on what I have heard and I just can't remember it all." I asked her if she had any wicker baskets at home. She replied, "Yes." I said, "I imagine they get dusty sometimes and you have to wash them." "Yes," she said. Then I replied, "You know as you fill those baskets with water, it runs out. They leak. The baskets don't hold the water but they sure are a lot cleaner." My point? That's the way it is with our frail minds. We may not be able to remember everything, but the word of God is filtering through, cleaning us up and making us more like Jesus. That's glorious!

Granville Tyler was a great man of God, a powerful preacher and wonderful example to little boys like me who listened to him preach years ago. In his final days, I went to visit him. As I looked at his weak frame, a thought hit me: "This man may not be able to recall a number of scripture references in this condition, but he knows Jesus in a way that I long to know Him."

Paul continues this thought in 4:16-18 when he says, "therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things that are seen, but at the things that are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary but the things which are not seen are eternal."

In the words of a great hymn, "Saved ones gone to be with Jesus, In their robes of white arrayed, Now are waiting for my coming, Where the roses never fade. Here they bloom but for a season, Soon their beauty is decayed; I am going to a city, Where the roses never fade."

How Comforting.

-via *Biblical Insights*; Vol. 9 No. 6, June 2009.

### ***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*

# *Obedience That Glorifies God*

Shane Carrington

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:12-13). These verses contain several characteristics of obedience that truly glorifies God.

Obedience that glorifies God *imitates Christ's example*. Verse 12 says, “Therefore”, to focus our attention on the preceding paragraph. We must possess the humble attitude of Christ (5-8) – His motive for obeying His Father. If we truly humble ourselves before God, we will heed His instructions. Because Jesus glorified Him above all (9-11). If we glorify God through faithful living, we will live with Him in eternal joy.

**It is willing, not forced.** Recall Paul said to the Philippians, “You have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence” (12). He did not have to stand over them or pull them along. They willingly obeyed God. These Christians were self starters who kept themselves motivated and working. They were following and honoring God, not some man!

**Pertains to our salvation.** As Paul said, “Work out your own salvation” (12). We should live the way a saved person ought to live. Christians must continually obey without quitting. Obedience is necessary to become a Christian (Romans 6:3-6, 16-18) and to remain faithful (Galatians 3:1; Revelation 2:10). Obedience is essential, not optional, one cannot remain saved without it.

**Is personal.** “Work out your own salvation” (12). No one can obey for anyone else. That is one of the many follies of infant baptism: one person makes a decision for another, quite unlike what Ananias told Paul: “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). When reaching an accountable age, each must make their own decision to follow the Lord. God expects us to see and accept personal responsibilities.

**It is with “fear and trembling”** (12). Our deep sense of respect for God keeps us motivated to do His

will. But we must also “fear” Him in the sense of being afraid to violate His word. “For we know Him who said, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. And again, ‘The Lord shall judge His people.’ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:30-31). These attitudes animate Christians with a greater sense of seriousness and responsibility about fulfilling their calling to be holy.

Love God enough to do what He says through Scripture – because He’s the One who says it! Does your obedience glorify Him?

-via *Melrose Memo*; Richardson, Texas.



## *Vacation Bible School*

June 13 – 16, 2011

Market Street church of Christ

514 West Market Street

Athens, Alabama

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Yvonne Pressnell  
David Gardner  
Bertha Johnson  
Mary John Thomas  
Jesse Carter  
Jim Currier  
Joe Collier  
Ray Miller  
Don Bowling  
Randy Graviett

Gilbert Hardy  
Mary Ruth Gardner  
Martha Rice  
Jeff Waddell  
Matt Poff  
Una King Currier  
Sarah Collier  
Phillip Harwell  
Robbie Shoulders

### ***In The Hospital:***

*Patsy Burroughs*; Huntsville Hospital – rm. 337  
*Rhett Bailey*; St. Judes Hosp. Memphis, Tenn.

### ***Athens Convalescent Center:***

Betty Bates, rm. 17

**Limestone Health Facility:**

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65     Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57  
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E     Rosella Pugh, rm. 74  
Mary Smith, rm. 85

**Limestone Manor:**

Albert Norton, rm. 96

**Shut-In:**

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:

- Andrew Deen; Japan
- Whitney Deen; Japan
- Matthew Cox; Iraq

**RADIO PROGRAM:** The radio program that the Market Street church has each Sunday morning at 8:30 has been on WVNN 770 am. The program is now being simulcast on WVNN-FM 92.5. We look forward to the new arrangement and hope that it will expand the audience. We appreciate all those who listen faithfully to the program. Remember to tell others about it.

**NEW SONGBOOKS:** The elders announced last Sunday about the purchasing of new songbooks. They mentioned that there may be members that would like to purchase a songbook or songbooks in memory of someone. If you would like to do this, you can find envelopes with Market Street's name on them along with 3 x 5 plain cards beside them to place the money and the information needed for songbooks. The books are \$11 each.

**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 three to meet. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group this evening.

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

**THE RECORD: For the Week of May 8th**

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 127  
Morning Worship ..... 172  
Evening Worship..... 118  
**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 102

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, May 15th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Rusty Brand  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Preaching ..... Jeff May  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jonathan Keenon  
Assisting ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Serving ..... Will Chumbley ..... Delmer Carter  
..... Landon Adams ..... Hunter Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Benton Ball

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Rusty Brand  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Preaching ..... Jeff May  
Lord's Supper ..... Jonathan Keenon  
Closing Prayer ..... Joel Hamm

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 15th:

Usher ..... Danny Johnson  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams

**Wednesday, May 18th:**

Song Leader ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Bible Reading ..... (Isaiah 22:1-11)  
..... Landon Adams  
Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Invitation ..... Jeff May  
Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

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**Sunday, May 22nd:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jonathan Keenon  
Assisting ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Serving ..... Will Chumbley ..... Delmer Carter  
..... Landon Adams ..... Hunter Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Nathaniel Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Closing Prayer ..... Marty Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 22nd:

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