

# 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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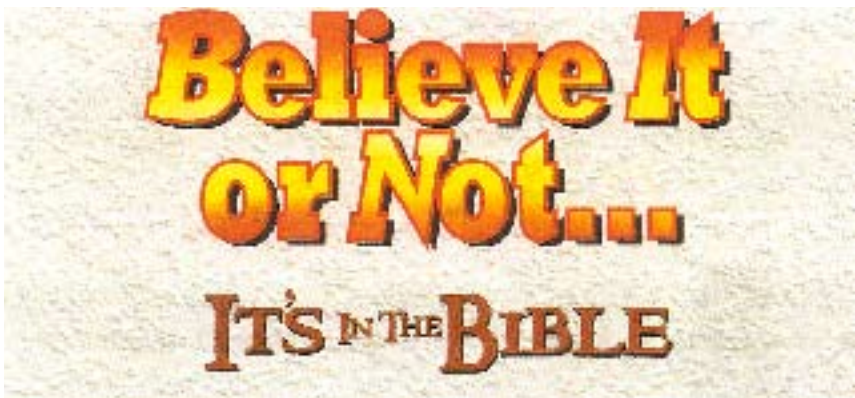
*David A. Cox, Editor*

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**June 13 – 16 — 10:00 a.m**  
(Monday – Thursday)

### Daily Topics and Adult Class Speakers

#### Monday

**Carl Witty — God Sends Fire From the Sky**

#### Tuesday

**Cecil Cox — God Gives Herorc Victories**

#### Wednesday

**Michael McLemore — God Makes Bones Come To Life**

#### Thursday

**Joe Greer — God Makes A Donkey Speak**

## MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ATHENS, ALABAMA

## *Saying It Just Alike*

**Bill Robinson, Jr.**

Unfortunately, some among us think, even when they have the truth on some issue according to the Bible, it gives them permission to demand conformity to their way in all things. In this the party-spirit is born. For, ultimately, with the leaders of the party it is no longer conformity to objective truth (Bible) that matters, but assenting and acquiescing to the speech, judgment, and thinking of the party. No doubt they “think they do God service” (John 16:2). Yet one wonders if God must not feel at times like the fellow who said, “Save me from my friends and I fear not my enemies.” According to the party, a person's soundness is determined by whether or not he says a thing just like the party says it. Any deviation from the party's accepted way of saying it is viewed as a trend pointing toward apostasy.

Yes, words have meanings. However, when speaking about biblical matters, all are to be held to the same standard: “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ...” (1 Peter 4:11). When one preaches or teaches the question should be, did he accurately bring the words of God, rather than did he say it like we say it?

Yes, we must “contend earnestly for the faith” (Jude 3). But we need to learn the difference between contending for the faith and being contentious over our way of saying or doing a thing. While we preach and teach about spiritual matters in the context of our culture, there are going to be ambiguities, not with the word of God per se, but with our understanding of the applications to the divine principles. We must recognize divine principles do not change. Furthermore, legitimate applications will not and cannot bring us into conflict with these principles if we are truly seeking to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus our applications to the unalterable and unchanging principles of God's word must undergo examination and oft-needed revisions to be more consistent in our practice and claims, as committed servants of the Lord Jesus according to truth (Ephesians 4:20-24).

May God help us all to grow in bringing His word

and ministering according to the ability He has given us by looking to His word for guidance; and may He help us be more patient with one another in the process (1 Peter 3:8-11).

-via *North San Diego Newsletter*; San Diego, California.

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## *Emphasizing The Basics*

**Roger Hillis**

If the Lord's church is to survive and prosper, it must never depart from the basics of the gospel.

A wise and experienced elder once told me, “I've never known a church to grow that didn't emphasize the basics. If a church is struggling, they just need to get back to first principles and preach them like the people have never heard them before.” That was good advice.

If Christians do not have a basic understanding of the elementary principles of the gospel, they have no solid foundation on which to build and grow. One of Christ's parables spoke of the need of making certain that we build on the right foundation (see Matthew 7:24-27). That reminds us of the importance of teaching some of the same lessons over and over again.

There are several reasons for this: First, there are always young people growing up who have heard these lessons from the time of their birth. But, at a very young age, most of these studies do not sink in. At some point (and really, only God knows when it will be), a lesson that young people have heard numerous times finally takes hold and they understand an important truth for the very first time. We should never assume that our young people know and understand Bible subjects just because we know they have heard them before.

Secondly, we can never be sure when a visitor will show up and, perhaps, hear a vital Bible lesson at a crucial time in his life. It may be the first and only time that person will ever have the opportunity to understand an important doctrinal point, which could make the

difference in his eternal destiny. That's also why we should make certain to explain the plan of salvation during a lesson every time. You just don't know who may be listening carefully and seriously considering obedience. He might have listened many times in the past, have done nothing about what he was learning, and still be receptive this time.

Also, we must not assume that our older members (not in age, necessarily, but those who have been around a while) can always remember everything they've ever heard. It might have been a long time since they have studied a particular subject, or they might be aware of the truth but not know where the verses are that teach that truth. It is always helpful to be reminded of things we know to be true so that our convictions are deep and not easily shaken. These things help to mature and stabilize us spiritually "till we all come to the unit of the faith and the knowledge of the son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness by which they lie in wait to deceive" (Ephesians 4:13-14).

There will be certain subjects that we will never outgrow. We must never be afraid to preach lessons that members have heard many times. When someone has been a Christian for several years, there is almost no way to preach something new to him. As people have said, "If it's new, it isn't true; and if it's true, it isn't new."

No matter how much "strong meat" of the word people can handle, those who are the most mature spiritually will never grow tired of hearing these basic principles of truth, because they know how important they are. They love all truth and do not have to be entertained with "some new thing" all the time.

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food" (Hebrews 5:12). If people are not growing spiritually, if the church is struggling with carnality and division, if souls are not being saved, look first at the preaching. Maybe we need to just get back to the basics.

-via *The Lakeview Lamp*; Henderson, Tennessee.

# News & Notes

## THE SICK:

Gladys Johnson	Vickie Brown
Gayle Ball	Judy Vaughn
Rachel Grubbs	Earl Davis
David Gardner	Gilbert Hardy
Mary Ruth Gardner	Bertha Johnson
Mary John Thomas	Martha Rice
Patsy Burroughs	Jim Currier
Jeff Waddell	Phillip Harwell
Joe Collier	Una King Currier
Matt Poff	Sarah Collier
Robbie Shoulders	Randy Graviett
Don Bowling	

## *In The Hospital:*

*Barabara Ogles*; HealthSouth Huntsville; – rm. 308  
*Rhett Bailey*; St. Jude's Hosp. Memphis, Tenn.

## *Athens Convalescent Center:*

Betty Bates, rm. 17

## *Limestone Health Facility:*

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

## *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

**NEW SONGBOOKS:** The elders have decided to purchase new songbooks here at Market Street. They know that some members here 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 card beside them to place the money and the informa-

tion needed for the songbooks. The books are \$11 each. They will be accepting the memorials through next Sunday, June 12th.

**SUE WARREN (1921 – 2011):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of sister Sue Warren this past Friday afternoon. Sister Warren was a longtime member of the Market Street church. Her husband, Brother C. E. Warren, serve as an elder of the Market Street church for a number of years. They have been a good influence for the cuase of Christ. We have missed sister Warren in last couple of years as her health declined and she was unable to attend regularly. She loved the Market Street church and will be missed by all of us. Her vistration will be tonight from 6:00 to 9:00 at Limestone Chapel. Her funeral will be Monday afternoon at 2:00 at Limestone Chapel.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The *New Hope church* will be engaged in a Vacation Bible School this week. The speakers in the adult class will be: *Monday – Jeff May; Tuesday – Kasey Harbin; Wednesday – Mark White; Thursday – Jeff Archer; Friday – Jeff Smith.* It will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m.... The *Pepper Road church* will begin a meeting on Thursday and it will continue through next Sunday with Wes Gossett preaching.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our Vacation Bible school is scheduled to beghin a week from tomoorow. The dates are **June 13-16.** I hope everyone will mark this on your calender and beginning praying for the efforts that we will make for the cause of Christ. There are invitation cards at each exit to give or send to those we would like to invite.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Wulfekuhls: Russ, Lisa and Ali* are on a vacation to California... *The Gbadimis: Mary Jo, Justin, Emily and Noah* have been in Florida on vacation.

**PREACHING AWAY:** *David Cox* is beginning a meeting in Tharptown, Alabama this morning. Kerry is with David this week.

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

**THE RECORD:** *For the Week of May 29th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 132  
Morning Worship ..... 150  
Evening Worship..... 122

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 103

## Men Privileged To Serve:

### Sunday, June 5th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Larry Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Stuart Wilson  
Serving ..... Jonathan Keenon ..... Harold Davis  
..... Keenon Currier ..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
Closing Prayer ..... Hunter Cox

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer ..... Landon Adams  
Preaching ..... Marty Adams  
Lord's Supper ..... Staurt Wilson  
Closing Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 5th:

Usher ..... Keenon Currier  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams

### Wednesday, June 8th:

Song Leader ..... Marty Adams  
Bible Reading ..... (Isaiah 23:10-18)  
..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Prayer ..... Jonathan Keenon  
Invitation ..... Joel Hamm  
Closing Prayer ..... Nathaniel Adams

### Sunday, June 12th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Stuart Wilson  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Joel Hamm  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Marion Mithcell  
Assisting ..... Kenneth Smith  
Serving ..... Nathaniel Adams ..... Tommy Burns  
..... Mark Rogers ..... Paul Hasting  
Closing Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Stuart Wilson  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Jonathan Keenon  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Marion Mitchell  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 12th:

Usher ..... David Terry  
Work Sound System ..... Danny Johnson