

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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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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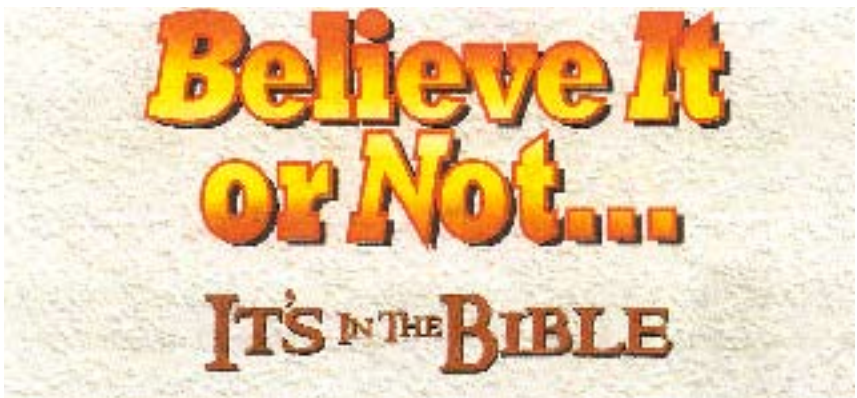
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Beginning Tomorrow **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



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 Heroic Victories

Wednesday

Michael McLemore — God Makes Bones Come To Life

Thursday

Joe Greer — God Makes A Donkey Speak

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Learning God's Will

Sewell Hall

"Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17).

How do the Scriptures authorize? This question naturally arises from the fact that the New Testament is not in the form of a code of law, but is a collection of biographies, history, and letters.

Whether or not we learn God's will from the Scriptures depends largely upon the strength of our desire to learn it. The Scriptures may well be written as they are to confuse and deceive those who have "received not the love of the truth that they may be saved. And for this cause, God sendeth them a working of error that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believe not the truth but have pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). Surely, this is the foolish attitude which the Ephesian passage warns against.

Jesus prayed: "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things from the wise and the understanding and didst reveal them unto babes" (Matthew 12:25). Babes are those who are poor in spirit, who hunger and thirst after righteousness. They shall be filled (Matthew 5:6).

Illustration

Suppose an ambitious young person begins work in a large office and is eager to please his employer. How can he know what will please him? There are at least three ways.

First, his employer will tell him some things directly. He may say, "I expect you to be here at 9 AM each working day. Your duties will be to type the letters which I record and to file papers." This is a direct statement.

Second, some things are implied in what is actually said. For example, he knows that he is to use a typewriter and recording equipment, as well as the filing facilities. These are not mentioned but are necessarily inferred from what was said.

Finally, he may learn from observing other employees in the office. He can observe the dress, the language, and the conduct of those who please his employer and of those who displease him. By following the example

of the ones who please his employer, he will be able to please him also.

Application

The Scriptures authorize by direct statement of command. Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if ye do the things which I command you" (John 15:14). The things which Paul and the other apostles wrote are also "the commandments of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 14:37; 11 Corinthians 3:2).

Other things are necessarily implied. In Matthew 22:42-45, Jesus inferred that the Messiah was to be the Son of God from the fact that David called Him "Lord."

Still other things may be known to please God because He has approved them in others. Paul wrote, "Be ye imitators of me. For this cause have I sent unto you Timothy...who shall put you in remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church" (1 Corinthians 4:16-17). It was important for them to know Paul's practice, for when they practiced what he practiced, they were practicing what he taught by inspiration. It is the same for us.

And so, by direct statement, by inference, and by approved example, we can know God's will for us.

-via *Pine Lane Church Bulletin*; Bessemer, Alabama.

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People Are Watching

Eddie J. Caskey

The story is told of a fountain pen salesman who persuaded a merchant to order 500 dozen pens. As he was writing the order in his notebook, the merchant suddenly exclaimed, "Hold on! Cancel that order!" The salesman left the store both perplexed and angry. Later, the merchant's bookkeeper asked, "Why did you cancel that fountain pen order?" The merchant responded, "because he talked fountain pen to me for half an hour, using a number of forcible arguments and then booked my order with a lead pencil!" His practice

did not agree with his profession!

Unfortunately, the lives of many Christians do not agree with their profession of faith. Jesus encourages each of us to remember exactly what we are to be in Matthew 5:13-16 where He states, “*You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*”

What Jesus tells us is this: If you are a follower of the God of Heaven - Let others see it! We should not shirk away from sharing the gospel or admonishing an evil practice just because we do not want others to think of us a “Bible beaters”! As Jesus said, “Let **your light** shine...that they may see **your good works** and **glorify your Father!**”

The truth is, people watch you anyway! Your children pick up habits and mannerisms from their day-to-day contact with you. Your friends notice phrases and attitudes you display during the school day. Your co-workers notice how much patience and tolerance you have with those you associate with on the job. Some have even been called upon to explain their actions; maybe to the school principal or their boss. Whatever the situation, remember others are watching! If you claim to be a Christian - act like one!

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

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Gladys Johnson	Vickie Brown
Gayle Ball	Rachel Grubbs
Earl Davis	Gilbert Hardy
David Gardner	Mary Ruth Gardner
Bertha Johnson	Mary John Thomas
Martha Rice	Patsy Burroughs
Jeff Waddell	Jim Currier
Una King Currier	Phillip Harwell

Joe Collier	Sarah Collier
Matt Poff	Don Bowling
Robbie Shoulders	Randy Graviett

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: If you would like to purchase some memorial songbooks, today is the last day. 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 information needed for the songbooks. The books are \$11 each.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Jeanette Stinnett* in the passing of her brother, *James “Buddy” Webb*, this past Sunday morning. His funeral was Wednesday morning at Spry Funeral Home and his burial in the Athens Memory Gardens...Also, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Gayle Lanier* in the passing of her brother, *Thomas Wayne Holt*. He passed away Thursday morning. His visitation will be this afternoon at New Fellowship Baptist church in Elkmont from 1:00 to 3:30. His funeral will be at 4:00p.m.

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Jackson Drive church* will be engaged in a gospel meeting this week. The speaker will be *Bob Hutto*... The *College View church* in Florence will have their lectureship this week. They will have

morning and evening sessions. The speakers will be: *Dee Bowman, Bill Hall, Kenny Moorner, and David Thomley*. A schedule with all the times/topics is on the bulletin board in the vestibule... The **Elkton church** in Elkton, Tennessee is beginning a VBS/Meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. *Ken Weliever of Tampa, Florida* will be the speaker... The **4th Street church** in Cullman is beginning a meeting today and will continue through Friday evening with services at 7:00 p.m. *Joseph Casimier* will be the speaker... The **Brookhill church** in Killen is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services beginning at 7:00 p.m. *Tim Henderson of Wheeling, West Virginia* will be the speaker.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our Vacation Bible school is scheduled to begin in the morning at 10:00. I hope everyone has planned for this event and has invited others to be with us. I appreciate the work that our teachers have done and will do this week in preparing and teaching these classes. If you have not expressed your appreciation to them, please do, for without their work and dedication, the VBS would not be possible. Continue to pray for the efforts that we will make for the cause of Christ and come to these classes if at all possible.

THARPTOWN MEETING: This past week it was my privilege to be with the *Tharptown church* in Franklin county in a gospel meeting. The meeting was well attended and the brethren were a great encouragement. It was good to see many of the good brethren in that area. It was good to be with church at Tharptown and to see the good work that is going on with the church there. Brother *Shane McGregor* is their preacher and is doing an excellent work. It was good to work with him and to get to know him better.

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

THE RECORD: *For the Week of June 5th*

- Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 151
- Morning Worship 188
- Evening Worship..... 120
- Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 103

Remember Our Study Periods

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

Men Privileged To Serve:

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 Mithcell
- Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 12th:

- Usher David Terry
- Work Sound System Danny Johnson

Wednesday, June 15th:

- Song Leader Tommy Burns
- Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 24:1-13)
- Will Chumbley
- Prayer Marty Adams
- Invitation Stuart Wilson
- Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Sunday, June 19th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
- Song Leader Stuart Wilson
- Prayer Tyler Cox
- Preaching David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding Marion Mithcell
- Assisting Kenneth Smith
- Serving Nathaniel Adams..... Tommy Burns
- Mark Rogers Paul Hasting
- Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

- Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
- Song Leader Stuart Wilson
- Prayer Bonnie Sutton
- Preaching Rusty Brand
- Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
- Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 19th:

- Usher Ronnie Locke
- Work Sound System Marty Adams