

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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If God Said It, It Matters

Mark W. White

We believe the Bible is God's word in written form. God's word, whether oral or written — matters — as far as we are concerned.

But everyone does not share this view. Some do not believe that "all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16,17, ESV). They think that when they read the Bible, they are just reading Paul's words, or Isaiah's thoughts, or Peter's writing. We believe that when Paul, Isaiah or Peter wrote that they were not simply creative geniuses, they were men "moved by the Holy Spirit" as they wrote (2 Peter 1:21).

If we believe this, it affects how we receive the words of Scripture. The Thessalonians received apostolic words as the words of God Himself (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

Some people charge us with "bibliolatry" for holding this high view of Scripture. They claim we worship the Bible instead of God. But this charge is ridiculous. We want to please God, and if God has said something to us, we want to heed it. We do not just love a leather-bound book of rules; we love the words of our God! We want to know what he has said to us in Scripture.

This view of the Bible is the fundamental difference between true Christians and other religious people. The Bible is God speaking to us, so everything He says matters.

We believe baptism for the remission of sins matters because Jesus and the apostles taught it. We believe gathering to eat the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week matters because the New Testament writings teach it. It matter to us that the early Christians sang praises and hymns to God without instrumental accompaniment, because this is what we read in the word of God. Simply put, if God said it — it matters!

-via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama

Don't Confuse Me With Facts

W. R. Jones

Sometime ago I saw a little sign in an office upon which was printed the following words: "Don't Confuse Me With Facts! My Mind Is Made Up!" I found it both amusing and provocative. This perfectly describes the attitude of many people concerning religious matters. The prevailing attitude seems to be something like this: "I have been taught a particular doctrine and my mind is settled on this idea and it is not open for further investigation." This attitude assumes that all the facts are in and then shuts the gate solidly forevermore.

In religion, the Word of God is the one and only book of facts. If we are to be pleasing in God's sight, we must constantly seek to know the facts which are so plainly set forth in the Holy Word...even if it upsets cherished beliefs that we have previously entertained. Too many are afraid of having our boats rocked regarding such matters as the soul. If the Word of God "shakes you up," you may be sure, you needed "shaking"!

Jesus, in describing some people in his day: "for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them" (Matthew 13:15).

Regardless of whether we want to or not, here are some Bible "facts" we need to face. We may choose to ignore these facts now, but we may be sure they are to be faced. If not now, then in judgment!

1. **We Must Face The Fact Of Death:** We read in Hebrews 9:27, "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment."
2. **We Must Face The Fact Of The Judgment:** Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:10, "For all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."
3. **We Must Face The Fact That If We Obey Not The Gospel, We Shall Be Lost:** In 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, Paul wrote, "and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus

will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

My friend, it is possible that these facts disturb you, but this is God's law and you must face it, either now or later. If you wait until the judgment, it will be too late! Let's fact the facts while there is still time and opportunity.

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

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Before The Sun Sets

Mike Thomas

God has always instructed His people to do certain things in relation to the setting of the sun.

The Jew was to offer his Passover sacrifice at sunset (Deuteronomy 16:6). Whenever he received a person's garment as part of a pledge, he was to "return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment" (Deuteronomy 24:13). In hiring a worker he was told, "Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it" (v.15).

The sun sets by the word of God. "He appointed the moon for seasons: The sun knows its going down" (Psalm 104:19). As long as God allows life on earth there will be a rising and setting of the sun. It is the only sun this world has known. When Adams was in the Garden, he looked at the same sun we gaze at today. It's the same one Noah saw when he viewed a rainbow for the first time, and that Jesus felt as he hung on the cross. Once we are gone, the same sun will be here to set time and sustain life for the next generation. It will be as Solomon said, "One generation passes away, and another generation comes; but the earth abides forever. The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it arose" (Ecclesiastes 1:4,5).

If we're going to obey God we need to do so before

the sun sets...even today! It is a mistake to think that just because the sun dawned this morning that it will do so again. God says, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). The time to live right is today.

Before the sun sets, either on this day or on our earthly life, let us repent of any sin in our life. We may not get another day to make that choice (Acts 24:25). If we haven't obeyed the gospel, let us do so today while we can still act, even if it is at night (Acts 16:33). If we are holding a grudge or seething in anger, let us "not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil" (Ephesians 4:26,27). If we haven't told our family how much we love them, let us do so before the sun sets for we may not get another chance.

The time to walk with faith in and love for God is today. The time to demonstrate a fearless zeal in doing His work is now, while the sun still shines upon us. For the time is coming when it will set for the last time.

-via *Standing Firm*; Beaver Dam, Kentucky



The Fawn

Frank Richey

Yesterday, a boy from across the street knocked on my door. "Can you come help! We have found a baby deer and don't know what to do with it." The boy and his brother were going fishing in the creek behind my house when they walked upon a doe and her fawn. The doe became frightened and ran off, leaving the fawn. The little fawn was so small, so fragile, and so scared. I told the boys that it would probably be best to take the fawn back to the place where they first saw it and let it go, thinking the mother would come back for it. We don't know what happened to the fawn, but the incident got me to thinking.

Spiritually, we are like the little fawn. Just as the fawn was dependant on its mother for food and protection, we are dependent on our God for strength and sustenance. We look to His word for direction and guidance. As that fawn looked to its mother for milk, we look to our Father for spiritual milk. Peter said,

"As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). Just as that fawn looked to its mother for protection, we look to our Father for protection. The psalmist said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of by salvation, my stronghold" (Psalm 18:2).

I sure hope the little fawn was found by its mother and is safe from harm.

-via *What Does The Bible Say?*; Florence, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Gayle Ball	Marjorie Dunnivant
Rachel Grubbs	Bobbie Adcock
David Gardner	Mary Ruth Gardner
Martha Rice	Wayne Gooch
Tim Dean	Matt Poff
Una King Currier	Brent Lowman
Rhett Bailey	Gladys Sandlin
Phillip Harwell	Paige Phillips
Joe Collier	Sarah Collier
Barbara Ogles	Randy Graviett

In The Hospital:

Jack Jones; Vanderbilt Hospital - Nashville, rm. 7014

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17
Hazel Toone, rm. 93

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. 98

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

SONG SERVICE: This evening we will be resuming our 4th Sunday song service. We will be spending our time in singing songs of praise to God and teaching and admonishing another in songs and hymns. I hope that everyone will make their plans to be present for this service and invite someone to join us.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Somerville Road church** in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Frank Himmel* will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Hanceville church** in Hanceville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Robert Harkrider* will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Anderson church** is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday evening. The speakers will be as follows: *Sunday – Ken Chapman; Monday – Norm Webb, Jr.; Tuesday – Bobby Graham; Wednesday – Jeb Reaves; Thursday – Jeff May...* The **Ephesus church** is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speakers are as follows: *Sunday morning – Kevin Harbin; Sunday evening – Jeremiah McElyea; Monday – Lance Taylor; Tuesday – Kasey Harbin; Wednesday – Isaac Munoz.*

FLO PARLIER (1917- 2011): We are saddened to report the passing of sister **Flo Parlier**. She passed away Sunday in Kingport, Tennessee. Sister Parlier was a longtime member of the Market Street church, but had moved a few years ago to Tennessee to be near her son. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all the Parlier family in her passing. Her funeral was Friday afternoon at Limestone chapel and she was laid to rest in the Roselawn cemetery.

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

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

THE RECORD: *For the Week of September 18th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	125
	Morning Worship	157
	Evening Worship.....	108
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	101

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 25th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Tyler Cox
Prayer	Kenneth Smith
Preaching	Warren Glass
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Bonnie Sutton
Assisting	Joel Hamm
Serving	Paul Hasting..... Ronnie Locke
.....	Hunter Cox..... Marion Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Jack Cannon

Evening Worship

Announcements	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Stuart Wilson
Prayer	Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Marcus Morris

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 25th:

Usher	Ronnie Locke
Work Sound System	Danny Johnson

Wednesday, September 28th:

Song Leader	Tyler Cox
Bible Reading.....	(Isaiah 30:23-26)
.....	Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer	Marty Adams
Invitation	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Sunday, October 2nd:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Stuart Wilson
Prayer	Terry Andrews
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Jerry McGlocklin
Serving	David Terry
.....	Will Chumbley..... Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer	Hunter Cox

Evening Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer	Jonathan Keenon
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer	Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 2nd:

Usher	David Terry
Work Sound System	Marty Adams