

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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...But Sunday Is Coming

Antoine N. Holloway

What do we look forward to throughout the week? Many of us dread Mondays because it is the beginning of the work week and we look forward to Fridays because it is the end of the work week. Question: If Jesus had this mentality, could He have endured the cross, considering the end of His work week was the worst ever known to man? Jesus could not look forward to Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, but he was able to survive each of these days because He knew Sunday was coming. What is so special about Sunday? This question is a question many in the Lord's church ask today. For this reason, worship is forsaken on Sunday, Bible Study is ignored on Sunday, and fellowship is minimized on Sunday. Why? It is because we fail to see the significance and look forward to the first day of the week. Let us take a moment to observe the end of the Savior's work week and learn from Him, so His passion becomes our passion.

What Did Jesus Experience On Thursday (Matthew 26:17-75)?

Jesus knew He was going to die and be raised to life again. Therefore, He made preparations for His weekend on Thursday (Matthew 26:17-19). Jesus revealed the truth that everybody who follows us or walks with us is not always with us on Thursday (Matthew 26:20-25). Jesus proved there is no such thing as praying too much on Thursday (Matthew 26:36-44). Jesus was betrayed by friends on Thursday (Matthew 26:47-50). Jesus was forsaken and left alone on Thursday (Matthew 26:56). Jesus was lied on and led away on Thursday (Matthew 26:56-65). Jesus was found guilty on Thursday (Matthew 26:66). Jesus was spit on, buffeted, smitten, and teased on Thursday (Matthew 26:67-68). Jesus was denied by a close friend on Thursday (Matthew 26:69-75). This was the Thursday our Lord experienced. He could have given up, but He kept moving forward because He knew Sunday was coming!

What Did Jesus Experience On Friday (Matthew 27:1-60)?

After Thursday passed, before Jesus could get to Sunday, He had to

first go through a Friday. Jesus saw how His enemies, nemesis, antagonists, and adversaries had to call for assistance to destroy Him on Friday (Matthew 27:1-2). Jesus saw firsthand how foolishness and ignorance prevailed on Friday (Matthew 27:15-21). Jesus witnessed how boldly cowards speak on Friday (Matthew 27:22-25). Jesus was scourged, stripped naked, mocked, spit upon, humiliated, and crucified on Friday (Matthew 27:26-49). Jesus was left for dead on Friday (Matthew 27:50). Jesus was buried and put away on Friday (Matthew 27:57-60). This was the Friday our Lord experienced. he could have given up, but His soul continued to believe in God because He knew Sunday was coming!

*What Did Jesus Experience on Saturday
(Matthew 27:62-66)?*

After Friday passed, before Jesus could get to Sunday, He had to first go through a Saturday. Jesus' enemies made preparations to keep Him down on Saturday (Matthew 27:62-66). Jesus' body laid in a dark, cold, sealed, and guarded tomb by itself on Saturday. Saturday was the Lord's darkest day. There was no light at the end of the tomb on Saturday; no sign of a silver lining in the cloud on Saturday; there was complete and utter silence on Saturday; there was no word from God on Saturday; there was no sign of hope on Saturday. This was the Saturday our Lord experienced. He was dead to the world. Jesus could have stayed dead, but Jesus knew he would rise again because Sunday was coming!

What Happened On Sunday (Matthew 28:1-8)?

On Sunday, God shook things up (Matthew 28:1-2). On Sunday, God sent divine help to remove every obstacle, stumbling block, and person in Jesus' way (Matthew 28:2). On Sunday, the enemies of Christ trembled in fear (Matthew 28:4). On Sunday, God raised Jesus up (Matthew 28:7). On Sunday, joy becomes the theme of the redeemed (Matthew 28:8).

We may be experiencing a Thursday today, in which we are prayed out, betrayed, led away, lied on, forsaken, accused falsely, spit upon, beat down, slapped around, teased, and denied. We may be experiencing a Friday today, in which we are picked on, ganged on, talked about, scourged, stripped, mocked, spit upon, humiliated, crucified, left for dead and buried. We may be experiencing a Saturday today, in which we are cold, alone stumbling in the dark, hopeless, sealed up, locked in, and can't get out. Whatever we are experiencing

today, don't give up, don't give in, never surrender, hang in there, and keep holding on, we are going to make it because Sunday is coming! God promises to make our wrongs right on Sunday. God will raise us up on Sunday. God will pick us up, turn us around, dust us off, and plant us on solid ground on Sunday. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early on Sunday morning (Psalms 30:5)! No Matter what people may put us through, always remember, "At least they are not putting nails through our hands."

~via *Wildercroft Bulletin*; Riverdale, Maryland.

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

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

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Athens, Alabama

Dependence Upon God

Robert F. Turner

When the Israelites wanted a king "like all the nations" (1 Samuel 8:4-5), the problem was much deeper than the name by which the world would call their ruler, or the form of government. Moses had told them the time would come when they could have a king (Deuteronomy 17:14-20); but it was to be one that God would choose (vs. 15) and he would be the means of God's rule over them (1 Samuel 12:12-15). Their basic sin was the lack of dependence upon God.

The same fault was apparent with regard to the Jews chosen status. In Romans 9 Paul points out that Ishmael and Esau were also descendants of Abraham, but Isaac and Jacob were chosen – wholly dependent upon God. The lineage of Christ was God's business – and arguing with Him was like clay arguing with the Potter.

Paul then asks, "What if God..." chose to show mercy to the Gentiles as well as to Jews. "What if God..." made Christ the testing stone - so that He saves those who accept Christ, and rejects those who reject Christ. It is His business; who are we to complain? This chapter does not teach particular election. It emphasizes our dependence upon God - who will save those who put their trust in Him.

Salvation is a gift of God (Ephesians 2:8), something promised. (Check multitudes of "promise" in Galatians 3:8-25 and 4:21-31). A "promise" is a statement of intent which prompts expectation and hope. The Jews failed to please God when they forgot their dependent position and acted as if God owed them honor. We will likewise fail to please God if we forget our constant dependence upon Him and His gift, and begin to act as if He owed us something.

We are to beseech Him for daily bread (Matthew 6:11) and be not anxious for other needs (vs. 31-34). We may cast all our cares upon Him (1 Peter 5:6-7) but this requires that we humble ourselves "under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." There is no room for demands. We come before God as sinners, unworthy; "Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me." Without Him, we are nothing.

~via *The Northwood Messenger*; Northport, Alabama

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1. Information about the Market Street church.
2. The Market Street Messenger in .pdf format
3. Sermons preached at Market Street.

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Mot Beasley	Hazel Toone
Mary Ruth Gardner	Tim Dean
Martha Rice	Matt Poff
Brent Lowman	Barbara Ogles
Larry Owens	Gladys Sandlin
Betty Faye Holt	Una King Currier
Rhett Bailey	Randy Graviett
Phillip Harwell	Paige Phillips
Joe Collier	Sarah Collier

In The Hospital:

Rachel Grubbs; Windsor House Rehab. - rm. 300
Margaret Reed; Tallahassee Hospital; Tallahassee, Fla.
Don Osborne; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 452

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 11
 Audrey Moyers, rm. 76

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65	Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57
Curtis Fudge, rm. 24	Mary Smith, rm. 85
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

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

OUT OF TOWN: *The Coblenz*: *Tommy and Marcella* are on a vacation in Florida... *Ida Nell Griffin* has been in Ohio last week... *Helen Blankeship* has been in the mountains this past week.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: The directory updates for your directory are at the entrances to the auditorium. If you did not pick-up your update pages last week, please get them today.

PREACHING NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday, I will be in New Jersey and **Carrol Sutton** will be here to preach. He will be preaching at all three services. At 9:45 a.m. brother Sutton will preach on “*These Signs Shall Follow Them That Believe*”; at 10:30 am. – “*God Is Able*” and at 5:00 p.m. “*Strength In Weakness*”. I know you will be glad to hear him.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Westview church** in Athens is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening with services at 7:00 p.m. **Buc Chumbley** will be the speaker in this meeting...The **Trinity church** in Trinity is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening with services at 7:00 p.m. **Colby Junkin** will be the speaker in this meeting...The **Elkton church** in Elkton, Tennessee is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening with services at 7:00 p.m. **John Zellner** will be the speaker in this meeting...The **Jordan Park church** in Huntsville is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening with services at 7:00 p.m. **Maurice Bebe Isrel, Jr.** will be the speaker in this meeting...The **Helton Drive church** in Florence is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening with services at 7:00 p.m. **David McPherson** will be the speaker in this meeting...The **Chapman Acres church** in Huntsville is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Thursday evening with services at 7:00 p.m. **Jonathan Reeder** will be the speaker in this meeting.

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.

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

THE RECORD: *For the Week of October 30th*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 120
Morning Worship 177
Evening Worship..... 112

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 99

Remember Our Study Periods

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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Ronnie Locke
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Dwaine Allfrey
Assisting Stuart Wilson
Serving Kenneth Smith Keenon Carrier
..... Jerry McGlocklin Landon Adams
Closing Prayer Jordan Lovell

Evening Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 6th:

Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, November 9th:

Song Leader Todd Williams
Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 33:1-6)
..... Will Chumbley
Prayer Marty Adams
Invitation Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Sunday, November 13th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching Carrol Sutton
Lord's Supper
Presiding Terry Andrews
Assisting Tommy Coblentz
Serving Marvin Putman Nathaneil Adams
..... Brandon Griswold Ronnie Locke
Closing Prayer Jack Cannon

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Marion Mitchell
Preaching Carrol Sutton
Lord's Supper Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer Joel Hamm

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 13th:

Usher Russ Wulfekuuhl
Work Sound System Stuart Wilson