

# 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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## *How To See "Eye to Eye" Religiously*

**Mark W. White**

Why do some people not see religious things the way we see them? Why is there so much difference between what we teach and what the denominations profess? Do we not all have the same Bible? Are we not all trying to serve the same God? Do we not all believe in the same Savior? These are perplexing questions, and they are not easily answered to everyone's satisfaction.

Basically, our understanding of the Scriptures differs from the majority of the religious world because we operate on a different principle of interpretation. To most religious people "truth" is relative, adjusting freely to different times and circumstances. For us, however, truth is truth. It is unalterable, unchangeable, and everlasting. But did "we" just arbitrarily decide this would be our regard for truth? Not at all. God's own word boldly claims "thy word is truth" (John 17:17) and "the word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth" (Psalm 33:4). While there are scoffers at the idea of absolute truth, we accept Bible teaching that such does exist, and we are determined to know it. Pilate's piercing question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) was prompted by these words from Jesus "I have come into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

This then, is the basis upon which we may come to see religious matters alike. There must be a commitment to the same standard of truth. No one would ever attempt to use differing standards of measurement if building a house, marking off a football field, or sewing a garment. This would guarantee error and disaster. Twelve inches must equal one foot on all our rulers if we desire uniformity. There must be a healthy regard and respect for the Bible on the part of every religious person in order for understanding to occur. Without this common devotion to God's word, all efforts to see things the same will fail. In order to come to agreement on matters essential to salvation, we must begin where we agree. From this point we must study the Scriptures, resolving differ-

ences as we go along. Major problems of difference are solved in small steps, and then we can be united in Christ. But we will never see things the same if we cannot agree on the existence, necessity, and location of the truth.

No Bible discussion is profitable unless every participant is a truth seeker. If everyone concerned really wants the truth, then coming to an agreement and an understanding of truth will be achievable. Believe it or not, it is possible to discuss religious differences without becoming rude or creating hurt feelings. People who love the truth are not concerned with who is right, but with what is right. Every truth seeker is willing to surrender any position if it is false. There is no other honorable course for an honest man. An honest man will seek the truth, and when he finds it he will believe it. "Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding" (Proverbs 23:23).

~via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama.



## ***Renewing The Mind***

**Clark Dugger**

Certainly our mind controls our actions, for all that we do or say must first come from our mind. But the word "mind" can refer to more than just thought process. The apostle Paul uses the word "mind" on many occasions to refer to the attitude and disposition that an individual has towards life, and uses the word to indicate purpose, inclination and intent. He speaks of those at variance with God as having "reprobate minds" (Romans 1:28), "corrupt minds" (1 Timothy 6:5), "defiled minds" (Titus 1:15), and says that such individuals "walk in the vanity of their mind" (Ephesians 4:17).

For one to be converted to the Lord there must first be a radical change in mind or attitude toward God and His will. His change of mind will manifest itself in a change of behavior. But conversion is more than external reforms. It is a transformation of character, a change of heart or mind from which flow the issues

of life. The wise man says: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). As people of God we are concerned exclusively with serving and pleasing Him so that we might be able to "dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

We therefore reflect the Divine viewpoint in life. We set our "minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth" (Colossians 3:2). Being spiritually minded rather than carnally minded we have the mind of Christ who emptied self, took the form of a servant and "humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

But such transformation is not a one time occurrence. It is rather, a continuing process that must be constantly renewed. And so Paul writes, "And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). This renewing process is essential to the new man, the man of God who is striving to become more like his Lord. And so we "have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of Him that created him" (Colossians 3:10). May God help us to continue this renewing of our mind so that we may be truly transformed unto His image.

~via *The Auburn Beacon*; Auburn, Alabama



## ***Chance or Providence?***

**Ben May**

There are some things we clearly know from scriptures because God has chosen to reveal them to us. We know exactly what God would have us to do to be saved because He has clearly told us through His word. We know that God hates divorce, a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood and many other sins that we might commit against each other (Malachi 2:16; Proverbs 6:16-19).

But when it comes to knowing how God interacts

in our every day life, we cannot be as sure. Things happen in our lives and in the lives of others that cause us to wonder, is this God's providence or just something that is happening by chance? The wise man made this observation in Ecclesiastes 9:11-12, "I returned and saw under the sun that—the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all. For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, like birds caught in a snare, so the sons of men are snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them."

God not only has spiritual laws through Christ which are always true but He also has natural laws which are always true. Heat will burn you, electricity can kill you and gravity will bring you back to earth. Often a persons interaction with these laws brings about serious harm or even death. Sometimes this occurs because of our own actions and we suffer the consequences. But at other times we suffer the consequences of the decisions of others who violate God's laws of nature.

But herein lies our uncertainty. Are there times when God's providence enables us to avoid situations that could have terrible consequences? Yet when tragic things happen we can't help but second guess our own actions and maybe even ask God, "why?" The wise man, by inspiration said "For man also does not know his time:" (Ecclesiastes 9:12). To these questions we simply do not have the answers to the "why".

Let us not forget some other great truths that we know about our great God. Hear Peter's words in 1 Peter 3:12, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." The conclusion that I have reached in my own life is this, it doesn't really matter whether things happen by chance or through God's providence. You see our God is able to see us through anything this life can bring our way. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you..." (2 Corinthians 9:8). Paul reminds us in Romans 8:28 that "...all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

I believe that we have seen God's grace and mercy in action among our own number over the last few weeks. Two precious souls have rendered obedience to

the gospel of Christ. One was granted some eight years and the other over thirty years to hear the gospel, believe it, repent of their sins, confess Jesus as the Christ and be buried with Him in baptism for the forgiveness of their sins. Yet, tragically we have lost a dear sister in a terrible accident. I believe she was ready to stand before the Lord and give account for her life.

Can't we rejoice in God's goodness in that He allowed time for the lost who could have suffered tragedy in their own lives during the time they waited. Yet when tragedy struck, we do not have to grieve as "those who have no hope" (1Thessalonians 4:13).

We do not know what the future holds but we know who holds the future. While we aren't given to know all the "why's" we can be assured that God works in the lives of His children. He will not allow more to be demanded of us than we can endure. Not even "chance" will be allowed to do so. God's providence and promises will see to that.

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." (1Corinthians 10:13)

~via *Stanley Avenue Bulletin*; Andalusia, Alabama.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Albert Bowers	Hazel Toone
Mitzi Carruth	Mary Ruth Gardner
Tim Dean	Martha Rice
Charlotte Kellum	L. D. Cary
Matt Poff	Tim & Cathy Taylor
Don Osborne	Patsy Burroughs
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  
*Ava Brooke Campbell*; Children's Hospital, – B'ham  
*Faye Cary*; Good Shepherd Hosp. – Longview, Tex.  
*Curtis Fudge*; Athens-Limestone Hosp. – rm. 306

### *Athens Convalescent Center:*

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

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65      Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57  
Rosella Pugh, rm. 74      Mary Smith, rm. 85  
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

**OUT OF TOWN: *The Reeds:*** Dan and Scottie are in Tallahassee, Florida this weekend with family.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT: *Greg Roark*** was here Wednesday evening and gave us a report on the work in *Panama* and *Venezuela*. It is always encouraging to hear the work our brethren are doing in other areas of this country as well as other countries.

**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 November 20th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 125  
Morning Worship ..... 169  
Evening Worship..... 95

### **Wednesday:**

Bible Classes..... 106

### *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*

### **Men Privileged To Serve:**

#### ***Sunday, November 27th:***

##### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Assisting ..... Kenneth Smith  
Serving ..... Tyler Cox ..... Nathaniel Adams  
..... Will Chumbley ..... Ronnie Locke  
Closing Prayer ..... Jack Cannon

##### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Terry Andrews  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Closing Prayer ..... Todd Williams

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 27th:

Usher ..... Keenon Currier  
Work Sound System ..... Danny Johnson

#### ***Wednesday, November 30th:***

Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 33:20--24)  
..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
Prayer ..... Landon Adams  
Invitation ..... Marty Adams  
Closing Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell

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#### ***Sunday, December 4th:***

##### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Preaching ..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Larry Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Marcus Morris  
Serving ..... Marion Mitchell ..... Hunter Cox  
..... Stefan Fudge ..... Marvin Putman  
Closing Prayer ..... Terry Andrews

##### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Stuart Wilson  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Larry Mitchell  
Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 4th:

Usher ..... Keenon Currier  
Work Sound System ..... Stuart Wilson