

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 We View The Bible

Garreth L. Clair

If the Bible is from God, as I believe it is, all people in the world are personally responsible for the way they respond to it.

If the Bible is from God, as I believe it is, someday everyone in the world will be judged by its contents.

If the Bible is from God, as I believe it is, all people in the world should look at its contents and make life choices about how they will react to it.

If the Bible is from God, as I believe it is, everyone will one-day bow to Jesus Christ Who is "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

If the Bible is from God, as I believe it is, all of humanity must follow whatever God has said about any subject named in it, unless there are exclusions contained within the instruction.

If the Bible is from God, as I believe it is, the first two verses in the Book of Genesis are true. Therefore, mankind is composed of simply created beings that God has blessed beyond expression.

If the Bible is from God, as I believe it is, I will obey, live accordingly, love God, love my neighbor, and do as He instructs me. I will thank Him continually for my life; for my mind and bodily health; for Jesus Christ, His great gift for my sins; indeed, for everything. I will be a Christian because I believe in God, the Bible, and everything about God's Book.

If the Bible is from God, because I made a personal choice in my life to believe and obey Him, someday all the promises He has made to me will become reality. I will gain victory, the thought of which encourages me to continue faithfully day by day seeking to do God's will. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is

your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:54-58).

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



God Is Not Mad At You No Matter What, Really?

Jonathan Reeder

Many churches these days put inspirational messages on their signs. Occasionally these are uplifting. Often they inspire laughter more than godly living. Sometimes, however, they are simply wrong. In Huntsville, Impact Ministries has a sign which reads, "God is not mad at you no matter what." Is that teaching found in the Bible?

What would Nadab and Abihu say if they saw this sign? These two sons of Aaron had experienced events the likes of which the world had never seen nor will see. They had seen the might of God in plaguing Egypt and parting the Red Sea. They had been given water, food, and protection by God in the wilderness. They saw God's glory on Mount Sinai and ate and drank before Him (Exodus 24:9-11). In Leviticus 8-9, they were consecrated as the first priests of Israel. What amazing experiences these men had! Even more amazing then, was their act of disobedience in chapter 10 of Leviticus. For this error God destroyed them by fire. Take the time to read the first seven verses of this chapter. Again I ask, what would they say about this church's sign?

What would Moses say? Moses truly was one of the greatest men ever to have lived. He knew God more closely than perhaps any other human being. He spoke with God at the burning bush and later spent

over a month on Mount Sinai talking with God. Due to his request, God allowed Moses to see some form of His glory pass by. Once God rebuked Miriam and Aaron, noting how He spoke with Moses "face to face" (Numbers 12:1-8). But we read in chapter 20 of the book of Numbers that God punished Moses severely for disobedience. Despite all this man had done to lead Israel from Egypt to Canaan, because of his sin he was not allowed to enter the Promised Land he had been dreaming of his entire life. As he later said, "**The Lord was angry with me...**and swore that I would not cross the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance" (Deuteronomy 4:21). God was angry with Moses. Imagine if he had an opportunity to speak with this church.

What would Uzzah say if he saw this sign? This man lived in the days of King David. The Ark of the Covenant was being brought in Jerusalem with great honor and celebration. One thing was wrong: they weren't transporting the ark as God commanded. He had given strict instructions on how to carry the ark. It was made with rings on the four corners and was to be transported by two rods inserted through the rings on either side. These people, however, were moving it on a cart. When the ox stumbled, Uzzah touched the ark to steady it. Instantly, he was dead. "Then the anger of the Lord as aroused against Uzzah..." (1 Chronicles 13:10).

What would Ananias and Sapphira say if they saw this sign? This married couple was among the first Christians to be converted. The church had been planned in the mind of God before time began. He exerted His power and providence throughout all history to bring about the church. Just to think that Ananias and Sapphira were among the first to become God's spiritual people! They were among the first people to truly enjoy the grace and forgiveness of the Lord. However, we read in Acts 5:1-11 of their pride and how they lied to God. For this sin they were instantly struck dead. Oh, if they could speak to the Impact Ministry of Huntsville!

In the New Testament we read of a day that is coming on which God will execute His fierce, righteous wrath against all sin and ungodliness (2 Thessalonians 1:6-10). More Scriptures could be examined to show that God, at times, is clearly angry with sin. The error

of this church's sign has been exposed. But there is more under the surface.

You see, this sign is not just the result of ignorance of the book of God, but an indication of what many people want to believe. More and more these days God is seen as a kind, doting grandfather who just wants you to climb up in his lap and would never do anything to punish you. Life is easier with no guilt or fear or punishment. This is not what the Scriptures teach and is a lie of our Adversary. This belief perverts what the Bible says about God and attempts to make Him what we want Him to be. There is no God but one and we have no choice of gods. We cannot change Him, so why not learn to love and respect Him?

God warns us of this deception: "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived..." (1 Corinthians 6:9). And again, "For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience." (Ephesians 5:5-6). The idea that one can live his or her own sinful lifestyle and not be punished is false.

God is merciful and loving. All you have to do is read through the old Testament to see that. Many times Israel deserved to be annihilated, but God repeatedly displayed His mercy and love. But we cannot close our eyes to His justice. God is merciful, God is just. Love and fear Him. "therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off" (Romans 11:22)

~via *Pepper Raod Bulletin*; Athens, Alabama.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

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

Market Street church of Christ

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Marucs Morris	Bobbie Adcock
Wayne Vaughn	Wayne Gooch
Gilbert Hardy	Wynell Casteel
Yvonne Sherbert	Mary Ruth Gardner
Betty Faye Holt	Charles Burns
Dempsey McLemore	Ava Brooke Campbell
Jeffery Miller	Henry Hobbs
Matt Poff	David Hartsell
Mary Holt	Reverie Barksdale
Marie Bates	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	

In The Hospital:

Scott Sandusky; Carolina's Rehab. Center
Eli Williams; St. Jude's Hospital; Memphis, Tenn.

Athens Convalescent Care:

Hazel Toone, rm. 10 Beulah Pope, rm. 100
Mary Holt, rm. 98

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B Mae Bragg, rm. 57
Albert Bowers rm. 115-B Frances Bowers, rm. 37
Albert Norton, rm. 36 Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
Irene Daniel, rm. 35 J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
Lola Colwell, at home
Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74
Ruby Davis, Valley View Health, Madison, rm. 51-A

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. They began a new study this past Tuesday morning on the "*The Barnabas Factor*". If you are a lady, and are able to meet with them, please join them in this study. It will do you good.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group three will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group tonight.

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

OUT OF TOWN: *The Curriers: Kevyn, Mary Gelinna*

and Keenon were in Birmingham last weekend... *The Putmans: Marvin and Irene* are in Texas this weekend.

WILLIAM DAVID GARDNER (1930 – 2012): It is with sad ness that we report the passing of brother *David Gardner*. Brother Gardner passed away Tuesday afternoon in Huntsville. Brother Gardner's health had been failing for some time and we have missed having him here at our services at Market Street. Brother Gardner was a longtime member the of the Market Street church. He was active throughout the years in teaching Bible classes and active in many ways to build up the church here. Without doubt, brother Gardner loved the Market Street church and expressed that to me on a number of occasions. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Mary Ruth Gardner* and *all the family* in the passing of brother Gardner. May the Lord bless them.

THE RECORD: For the Week of August 26th

Sunday:

- Bible Classes..... 139
- Morning Worship 180
- Evening Worship..... 117

Wednesday:

- Bible Classes..... 115



Gospel Meeting

September 16-20, 2012

(Sunday through Thursday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday 9:30 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Thursday– 7:00 p.m.

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 2nd:

Morning Worship

- Announcements Terry Andrews
- Song Leader Hunter Cox
- Prayer Bonnie Sutton
- Preaching David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding Joel Hamm
- Assisting Jordan Lovell
- Serving Harold Davis Tommy Burns
- Mot Dollar Russ Wulfekuhl
- Closing Prayer Jonathan Keenon

Evening Worship

- Announcements Terry Andrews
- Song Leader Todd Williams
- Prayer Jack Cannon
- Preaching David Cox
- Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
- Closing Prayer Benton Ball

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 2nd:

- Usher Ronnie Locke
- Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, September 5th:

- Song Leader Marty Adams
- Bible Reading Isaiah 48:16-22
- Marcus Morris
- Prayer Dan Reed
- Invitation Jerry McGlocklin
- Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Sunday, September 9th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements Wayne Vaughn
- Song Leader Tommy Burns
- Prayer Marty Adams
- Preaching David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding Kenneth Smith
- Assisting Bonnie Sutton
- Serving Harold Davis Tommy Burns
- Mot Dollar Russ Wulfekuhl
- Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Evening Worship

- Announcements Wayne Vaughn
- Song Leader Marty Adams
- Prayer Jack Cannon
- Preaching Marty Adams
- Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
- Closing Prayer Benton Ball

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 9th:

- Usher Ronnie Locke
- Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams