

MARKET STREET



“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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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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*Join Us As We Look At
“If The Foundations Be Destroyed”*

Gospel Meeting

September 16-20

(Sunday – Thursday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 a.m.: *Amazing Grace*
10:30 a.m.: *A Beautiful Mind*
5:00 p.m.: *How Long, O Lord?*

Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Protecting Our Children From Dragons

Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Perverts On Parade

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

Paul’s Message From Mars

Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

When Good Men Do Nothing

Evangelist – Buc Chumbley
of Hueytown, Alabama

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The Kingdom of God Within You

Michael W. McLemore

Christ, in replying to the Pharisees' misunderstanding of the nature of the kingdom said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, lo, here! or, lo there! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21).

It is obvious that the nature of the kingdom is misunderstood by the religious world today. It is likewise abundantly obvious that many within the kingdom have no clear conception as to what it is all about – verily, some think it is "eating and drinking", unsuitably called *fellowship*. We can further narrow the view and find "faithful members of the "faithful" churches who do not seem to have the foggiest notion of what it means to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly," and who seem totally unaware of the importance of Hebrews 8:10: "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and on their mind, and on their heart also will I write them and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." I was asked some time ago about the meaning of this passage, thus this piece arose from my deeper consideration of it.

The Savior expressed it in these words to the woman at the well: "...whosoever drinketh of the water that, I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life" (John 4:14). Paul's words in Ephesians 6:6 also have bearing upon the subject as he urged Christians to serve their employers "not as men-pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart..."

It is admitted that not all of these passages are dealing with the same subject in their context. But, I want us to notice that whatever subject is discussed, the inner most feelings and motives of man are considered. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." How sorely needed is the disposition of members of the church to have the kingdom of God within them, and to have God's commandments in their hearts. How superficial and shallow is the kingdom in the lives of so many. We must understand, the kingdom of Christ is a "kingdom of souls."

Consider the person who absents himself from the assembling together of the saints to go fishing, to entertain company, or to voluntarily work for a little more money. Is the kingdom of God really within that person? Does the word of Christ dwell so richly within him that his every thought and deed is regulated by the will of the one who gave His own life for us? Is this the joyful expression of that well of water springing up within him unto eternal life? Is this the result of the fervent desire within that person to do the will of God from the heart? We know that it is not!

It is hard to express the thought that came to me that very day as I contemplated what it would be like if all the members of the kingdom really and truly had the kingdom of God within them. Think of the tremendous saving of time, energy and effort that could then be put to use toward those who have not the gospel, and who have absolutely no hope of everlasting life!

Consider it seriously, brethren. Does the word of Christ dwell richly in your hearts? Is the kingdom of God really with you? Do you love the Lord, or are you creating more work for others to do? Are you helping to solve problems, or are you a part of the problem? Are you working to save others, or are you helping them to be lost because time has to be taken from teaching them in order to keep you on the track? Consider it well, for your eternity depends upon it.

~via *The Weatherly Weekly*; Huntsville, Alabama.

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Whose Slave Are You?

Jeremy Crump

You're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed
You're gonna have to serve somebody
It may be the devil or it may be the Lord
But you're still gonna have to serve somebody

Bob Dylan was at the height of his career when he realized this eternal truth. All the money, fame, and respect in the world couldn't shake the reality that he (like everyone else) was someone's servant. It was this realization that caused him to pen these song lyrics.

Paul asks us this rhetorical question in Romans 6:16: “Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?” This is a rhetorical question because he assumes that we already know the answer. You and I are someone’s slave. the question is, whose slaves are we?

The great lie of Satan is that sin brings freedom. In reality, nothing could be more enslaving. Peter says this of false teachers who are enticing Christians: “They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved” (2 Peter 2:19).

Jesus said that he had been sent “to proclaim liberty to the captives...to set at liberty those who are oppressed” (Luke 4:18). But the freedom he gives us is not a license to sin! (How ridiculous would that be? To set us free from sin only to turn us loose in it?) It is a freedom to have a relationship with God and to serve him “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24) As Joshua told his people, “choose this day whom you will serve” (Joshua 24:15).

~via *What Is True?*; Little Rock, Arkansas.

his left arm. The remaining part of his arm was quickly amputated, but during his time in the field hospital Jackson contacted pneumonia and died on May 10th. While Jackson lay dying, General Lee sent a message to his old friend which said, “you have lost your left arm, but I my right.” Friendly fire had taken his life.

As friendly fire has been a constant problem among combat troops for centuries, too often we find friendly fire within the ranks of the “Lord’s Army”. It has been said that the “Lord’s Army” is the only army in the world that shoots its wounded. I believe that is true.

We destroy one another by words which have not been seasoned with salt (Colossians 4.6) or spoken out of love (1 Corinthians 13.4). Words which do not edify and encourage, but seek to demean and destroy a person’s character and faith. Paul commands in Ephesians 4 to put away all evil speaking and instead speak the truth in love.

Instead of destroying one another with friendly fire, why don’t we practice the type of speech that is “peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men” (Titus 3.2).

~via *Hueytown Bulletin*; Hueytown, Alabama.



Friendly Fire

Buc Chumbley

One of the most beloved southern generals, during the War between the States, was Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson. When war broke out in 1861, Jackson answered the call of his native Virginia, and was appointed to command regiments of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 27th and 33rd Virginia Infantry. After Robert E. Lee was appointed commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, Jackson became one of his most trusted corps commanders.

As distinguished a leader Jackson would prove to be, he was not invisible. On the night of May 2, 1863 while inspecting troop placements, General Jackson was accidentally shot by one of his own pickets, shattering

News & Notes

THE SICK:

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| Marion Mitchell | Wayne Gooch |
| Gilbert Hardy | Wynell Casteel |
| Abby Gilbert | Yvonne Sherbert |
| Mary Ruth Gardner | Scott Sandusky |
| 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:

Eli Williams; St. Jude’s Hospital; Memphis, Tenn.

Athens Convalescent Care:

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| 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
Billy Sutton, rm. 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 have begun a new study 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 one will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group one, 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 Burns: Tommy and Susan are back home after being in Orlando, Florida last week-end... **The Putmans:** Marvin and Irene were in Texas last week... **The Rogers:** Mark, Kim and Peyton have been in Orlando, Florida this past week... **The Coblentz:** Tommy and Marcella are on vacation in Colorado.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Beginning the first Sunday in October, we will begin a Bible Drill for children. The Bible drill will begin at 4:40 and last about 15 minutes. It will be in the auditorium and will end about 5 minutes prior to the beginning of our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to be present.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Ronnie Locke** and *all the family*, in the passing of his sister, **Irene Daniel**, this past week. The graveside service and burial was Thursday morning... Also, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Bonita Dollar** and *all the family*, in the passing of her cousin, **Judy Ham**, this past week. Her funeral was Wednesday afternoon.

THE RECORD: For the Week of August 26th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 118
Morning Worship 163
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 102

Men Privileged To Serve:

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 Paul Hasting..... Marion Pepper
..... Heath Dollar Dan Lovell
Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements Wayne Vaughn
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching Marty Adams
Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 9th:
Usher Delmer Carter
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, September 12th:

Song Leader Todd Williams
Bible Reading..... Isaiah 49:1-12
..... Jordan Lovell
Prayer Nathaniel Adams
Invitation David Cox
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Sunday, September 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper
Presiding Larry Mitchell
Assisting Jonathan Keenon
Serving Hunter Cox Landon Adams
..... Marcus Morris..... Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer Ronnie Locke

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Jordan Lovell
Preaching Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 16th:
Usher Mot Dollar
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams