

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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Join Us As We Look At

"If The Foundations Be Destroyed"

Gospel Meeting

September 16-20

(Sunday – Thursday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45a.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
Hueytown, Alabama

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ATHENS, ALABAMA

Justified By Faith?

David A. Cox

In Romans 5:1 Paul writes, "Therefore being justified by faith." Paul states this after writing to the Romans reminding them what the prophet said, "the just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17). Surely, there should be no one that would question the fact that men are justified by faith before God. The question arises, "What is the faith that justifies?" Is it just a fact of feeling good, "a better felt than told" faith that no one can explain or a faith based upon the instruction from God?

Faith Defined

The scriptures do not leave us to guess as to what faith is and how it is received. In Romans 10:17 we read, "So faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Here we learn that faith comes by hearing the word of God. But is simply hearing the word of God faith? No! Jesus taught that hearing alone would not result in man being justified. In Luke 6 we read that Jesus said, "But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of the house was great" (Luke 6:49). Jesus describes the one who hears, but does not activate himself in what he hears as receiving great ruin. In this case one hears, but does not develop within himself the faith to be pleasing or justified by God. Faith, then, is more than hearing. Although it comes from hearing the word of God, faith causes one to act or do what he has heard (James 2:26).

When Is Man Justified By Faith?

Many believe that man is justified or saved by faith when he hears. But God's Word teaches that man is not justified when he hears only. If that were the case then Jesus would have not taught that man should do anything else after hearing the word of God. In Hebrews 11, we have a record of the many great men and women who lived their lives and pleased God or were justified by faith. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sara, etc. all pleased God by faith. In order to please God we must have faith (Hebrews 11:6). Those mentioned in Hebrews 11 had faith that caused them to do something God had told them to do.

Abraham is mentioned in Hebrews 11 and Paul

also mentions Abraham in writing to the Romans as he speaks of being justified by faith. Abraham left his homeland not knowing where he was going. He was promised to have heirs when he and Sara were old and past the normal age to have children. But Abraham believed (had faith) in God and did what God told him to do. Paul writes concerning Abraham's faith saying, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he (God, DAC) had promised, he was able to perform" (Romans 4:20-21). It was with that attitude that Abraham exhibited his faith by doing what God commanded. Even after Isaac was born God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering in the land of Moriah. Abraham did exactly as the Lord commanded him and would have offered his son if the angel of the Lord had not stopped him (Genesis 22:1-12). Could Abraham explain and give answers for how the Lord was going to fulfill his promises to him? No, but upon hearing the word of God Abraham did what he was told and was then was justified by faith.

We must recognize that justification by faith is not based on how one might feel about a matter. Feelings can be deceptive. Remember Jacob's feeling of remorse when he saw Joseph's coat that had been dipped in blood? He thought Joseph was dead (Genesis 37:32-35). Jacob thought, believed, and felt that Joseph was dead but it was not the truth.

May we all look to the truth recorded in the word of God; Allowing that truth to develop an active and living faith in our lives. Recognizing that we are justified by faith as we look for, receive and obey the truth of God's word.

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

“One Nation Under God”

Buc Chumbley

The late great comedian Red Skelton on his TV show in 1969, told the story of one of his high school teachers named Mr. Laswell. It seems that Mr. Laswell felt that his students had forgot what the words of the Pledge of Allegiance really meant, and so one day Mr Laswell explained to the class the real meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Red Skelton used this story, and in an award-winning performance, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, defining each phrase with a striking clarity that put life into phrases that have often been passed over. That evening “America’s clown,” reminded the nation of the meaning of “Old Glory” and of “the republic for which it stands.” That wherever it flies, it silently testifies to the fact that we are “one nation under God.”

In the seventeenth chapter of John’s Gospel, Jesus, just prior to his arrest and crucifixion, can be seen in His prayer to God. In the closing hours of His ministry, Jesus Christ prayed for the very thing that our world has reduced to mottos for currency and political slogan’s, rather than a model for living. He prayed that we be a nation “under God.” A nation, which acknowledges God’s sovereign Will and His all seeing eye. A nation who is not bent on trying to flee from His Divine presence, but instead, seeks to draw nearer to Him every day. A people in whom God’s Word dwells richly.

Maybe if we started living the words of the pledge again, especially the phrase “one nation under God” our nation might begin to find its way out of the pit of despair and moral despondency that we find ourselves in.

~via *Hueytown Bulletin*; Hueytown, Alabama.



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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Mot Beasley	Wayne Gooch
Gilbert Hardy	Wynell Casteel
Abby Gilbert	Yvonne Sherbert
Mary Ruth Gardner	Scott Sandusky
Betty Faye Holt	Charles Burns
Mike Wulfekuhl	Ava Brooke Campbell
Jeffery Miller	Matt Poff
David Hartsell	Reverie Barksdale
Marie Bates	Phillip Harwell
Eli Williams	Carrie Miller

In The Hospital:

Una King Currier; St. Vincent’s Hospital; Birmingham
Henry Zehner; Texas Children’s Hospital;

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
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 two will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group tonight.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. This is a good work and the residents express to me everytime I am at the nursing home how much they

appreciate the singing. If it is where you can come, please come participate in this good work.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Wulfekuhl:* Russ, Lisa, and Ali are on vacation in Arizona... *Marilyn Bradley* is in Houston, Texas due to her grandson's hospitalization... *The Coblentz:* Tommy and Marcella are home after being on vacation in Colorado.

OUR MEETING: We are beginning our fall gospel meeting today. Brother *Buc Chumbley* is with us and we are glad to have him and his family with us. I hope that everyone has made your plans to be at all the services of the meeting. I know that as brother Chumbley is speaking on the theme of "If The Foundations Be Destroyed" that all will be benefitted that come and hear the lessons from God's Word. Remember to invite others to come and join us and to remind those that you have already invited about the meeting. Also, remember to prayer for the meeting and for brother Chumbley that the word will find "lodging in good and honest hearts." The meeting will continue through Thursday evening.

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 *Gayle & Benton Ball* and *all the family*, in the passing of his three great-grandchildren, *Hazen Chris Sides*, this past weekend. The graveside service and burial was Tuesday morning.

THE RECORD: *For the Week of September 9th*

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 121
 Morning Worship 168
 Evening Worship..... 108

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 105

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, 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 Carrier
 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

Wednesday, September 19th:

Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Bible Reading No Reading
 Gospel Meeting
 Prayer Wayne Vaughn
 Invitation Buc Chumbley
 Closing Prayer Marion Mitchell

Sunday, September 23th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Terry Andrews
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Dwaine Allfrey
 Assisting Tommy Coblentz
 Serving Delmer Carter Nathaniel Adams
 David Terry Wayne Vaughn
 Closing Prayer Todd Williams

Evening Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Kenneth Smith
 Preaching Song Service
 Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 23rd:

Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
 Work Sound System Marty Adams