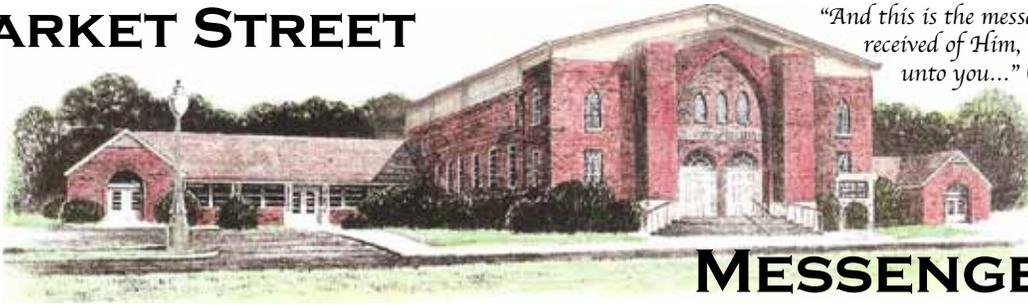


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“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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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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Does Jesus Care?

Dee Bowman

Jesus said, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly at heart and ye shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

Are you ever weary? Are you ever heavy laden?

Do you get tired of the battle, tired of fighting it, tired of having to get up again after a fall, tired of making so little gain, tired of knowing somebody knows what you did, tired of trying to be a good example only to slip and fall?

Do you get weary of the road with all its bumps, with all its sudden turns, with all its chug holes and its detours? Do you get tired of a road that seems to wind around and go nowhere?

Do you get tired of the sameness of stuff, tired of the same old routine, tired of the dullness of doing the same things over and over again, day after day, tired of the drudgery of knowing you have to do it all over again tomorrow? Do you get tired of the same old cliches, the same stale language, the same monotonous memos, the same grumbling gripes and coarse complaints, the same old boring job?

Do you get tired of trying to get better, tired of making the same mistakes, tired of praying for forgiveness, only to do the same thing again, tired of wondering why you don't make more progress than you do, just weary of trying to be a good person? Do you ever just get tired of trying to be good when seemingly everybody around you is happy being bad?

Do you get tired of your own personality? Do you wonder why you didn't get a better one? Do you wear down from the sheer weight of trying to control your own pre-dispositions and inclinations? Do you get sick of your own talent, or the lack of it, tired of the way you say things over and over in the same uninteresting way? Do you sometimes wish you could go off somewhere where there's nobody around and just cry?

Do you ever wonder “why me”? Why do I have to shoulder this responsibility? Why do I have to do it just because somebody else wouldn’t? Do you ever wonder whether it’s worth wrestling with your own feelings of mediocrity when others seem to make progress with little or no effort at all? Why is that? Do you ever wonder?

Do you ever question your spiritual stamina? Do you wonder about your ability to stand in times of duress or intense pressure from the evil one? Do you sometimes question your own ability to overcome temptation? Do you look at the road ahead and wonder if you’re going to make it? Do you ever doubt your own strength to persevere to the end?

Well, if you, do, I want you to listen to this: “We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:15-16).

And listen to this, too: “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will, with every temptation provide a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

And listen to this, too: “ For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Hebrews 13:6-7).

Does Jesus care? You’re mighty right; He does!

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

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

“Lord of Lords”

Randy Harshbarger

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him” (Matthew 2:1-3). The question of the wise men to Herod upset the king. Had the wise men read Old Testament passages such as Daniel 2:44, they would have known a king was coming. Herod had access to the chief priest and scribes—those who knew what the Old Testament said. And they quoted correctly about the place of the Messiah’s birth (Matthew 2:4-6). Thirty years later, John the Baptist arrived, announcing the nearness of the kingdom. Soon, Jesus was saying the same thing (Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17).

Jesus is king. The kingdom has arrived. But what do these things mean? Our answer would include: “Jesus is king of my life.” Is there more? As God’s Son made his advent to earth, what consequences followed, not only for you and me, but for the entire creation?

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove. The ringing affirmation from heaven said: “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased” (Luke 3:21-22). Baptism was used as a symbol of the horrendous death Jesus was to die (Luke 12:50). But it was through that baptism—the shedding of his blood, that Christ conquered sin and death and Satan (Hebrews 2:14-15).

After his baptism, Jesus was set upon by Satan. In this face-to-face encounter with the Devil, Jesus resisted each temptation. He was superior in every way to anything that would displace him as the Savior. Ancient kings, in order to demonstrate their lordship, minted images or representations of themselves, symbolizing their dominion. The first man, Adam, was made in the image of God; that first man failed. The dominion granted to him ended with his sin. It took the last Adam, Christ, to make right again the chaotic condition of sin. This He did through the seed of woman (Genesis 3:15). The first battle between Satan and Adam has been replayed over and over in the hearts of the sons and daughters

of the first couple.

Yet, Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, overcame temptation. Christ ushered in the glorious purposes of the Father. What the first Adam failed in, the second Adam was victorious in (Hebrews 2:5-9). That battle continues today. The one who is King died voluntarily for our sins. He “disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it” (Colossians 2:15). His kingdom and the peace he gives knows no end (Isaiah 9:6). The final victory has been won. The Lord of Lords and King of Kings waits to share it with all who will come to him. “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” (Revelation 11:15).

The wise men asked the question we must ask. And when we are given the answer we must then worship the Christ who is Lord of all.

~via *Stallings Drive Bulletin*; Nacogdoches. Texas.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Mot Beasley	Wayne Gooch
Virginia Miller	Marie Nave
Gladys Johnson	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:

Bobby McGuire; Madison Hospital; rm. 309
Una King Currier; East Glen Rehab; Birmingham

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 Albert Norton, rm. 36
Rosella Pugh, rm. 74 J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Billy Sutton, rm.

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 are engaged in a study called "*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. 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: *Heath Dollar* has been in Florida for a few days this past week and plans to be home this afternoon...*The Wulfekuhls: Russ, Lisa, and Ali* have been on vacation in Arizona...*Steve and Marilyn Bradley* are in Houston, Texas due their grandson, *Henry Zehner's* passing.

OUR MEETING: We had an excellent gospel meeting this past week with Brother *Buc Chumbley* preaching. The lessons were very good and lessons that are sorely needed in the day and time in which we live. The lessons are all on the website for those that would like to listen to them. We can also make CD's for those that would like to have a copy of the lessons in that format. I appreciate all those who faithfully attended the meeting and that worked inviting others to come to be with us. The song leaders all did an outstanding work in directing the singing. Singing is a very important part

of a gospel meeting and we in no way suffered in that way. Again, remember to continue to pray that the seed sown in the hearts of those who were here will produce fruit to the honor and glory of God.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Mt. Zion church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Ken Leach* will be the speaker in this meeting. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m.... The *Anderson church* in Anderson is conducting a meeting this week through Thursday. *Mark White* is the speaker in this meeting. Services are at 7:00 p.m. ... The *Ephesus church* is engaged in a gospel meeting with different speakers as follows: Sunday morning – *Brad Tate*; Sunday evening – *Matt Lannom*; Monday– *Lance Taylor*; Tuesday – *Jordan Lovell*; Wednesday – *Kasey Harbin*... The *Old Moulton Road church* in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with different speakers as follows: Sunday 9:15 a.m. – *Ben Shropshire*; 10:00 a.m. – *Scott Richardson*; 3:30 p.m. – *Steve Klein*; Monday 7:00 – *Chris Bates*; Tuesday 7:00 – *Ben Walker*; Wednesday 7:00 – *Bobby Robinson*.

SONG SERVICE TONIGHT: This evening will be the time for our regularly scheduled monthly song service. For those that would want to lead a song, please write your name, song numbers and verses on the sign-up sheets at the entrances/exits this morning. I hope everyone will be able to come tonight as we lift our voices in songs of praise to God.

CHILDREN’S BIBLE DRILL: Beginning Sunday October 7th, 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 *Steve and Marilyn Bradley* and *all the family*, in the passing of his their grandson, *Henry Zehner*, this past Thursday. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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Men Privileged To Serve:

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

Wednesday, September 26th:

Song Leader Jerry McGlocklin
 Bible Reading..... Isaiah 49:13-26
 Heath Dollar
 Prayer Bonnie Sutton
 Invitation Marty Adams
 Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Sunday, September 30th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Todd Williams
 Prayer Kenneth Smith
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord’s Supper
 Presiding Marion Mitchell
 Assisting Jerry McGlocklin
 Serving Brandon Griswold Ronnie Locke
 Danny Johnson Marvin Putman
 Closing Prayer Marcus Morris

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer Joel Hamm
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord’s Supper Marion Mitchell
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 30th:
 Usher Jonathan Keenon
 Work Sound System Marty Adams