

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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David A. Cox, Editor

Oh, The Things We May Do

Dee Bowman

Responsibility is the lot of every normal person. Things that have no purpose have no right to exist. When Jesus came across the fig tree that bore no fruit, he cursed it and it died. Why did He curse it? It was not performing according to its purpose. Just as “to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1), there is a purpose for man. His primary purpose is to “fear God and keep His commandments” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

You have individual purpose, personal responsibility. Your purpose and responsibility is measured by several things: your native personality, your peculiar abilities, your station in life, your opportunities. In fact, all responsibility is ultimately measured by ability and opportunity. Obviously, you can't do what you have no ability to do, nor can you do what there is no opportunity to do. But when you can, you must.

Here are some things all of us can do.

I can pray often. A strong prayer life is lacking in the lives of many Christians. We know we ought to pray more. We admit it. But we get involved with other things and forget. Would we forget to stay in touch with our children or grandchildren? Would we let our friendships deteriorate because of a lack of attention? See what I mean? It indicates a lack of interest when we don't pray like we ought. “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) may not be saying we ought to pray continually, but it does say we should do it regularly. Are you? I can be present. I seriously doubt there is one person who actually can't do more than be present at every service possible, but I have no doubt at all that it's one thing we all can do. Sometimes you feel tired on Wednesday night and you say to yourself, “I just don't think I can make it tonight,” but instead of giving in to the temptation to stay home, you force yourself and get up and go. After the stimulating Bible study, after the refreshment of spirited singing together with those who love God and having shared

the other good things of so rich an association, you feel great. I've had it happen lots of times. Being together is what the local assembly is all about. It stimulates, it refreshes, it edifies. And everybody who has not been hindered by something over which he has no control can be here. Will you?

I can make a contribution. "Oh, now we have to talk about money," you say. No, let's talk about time. How much can a person give to the Lord? Can you give Him more than the three or four hours you spend each week at the building? And let's talk about talent. How much of that have you given to Him? And let's talk about sacrificial giving, giving where you actually have to make an extra expenditure of time, effort, ability to help someone. There's lots of giving to be done that has little to do with money. Do you?

I can do my best. Now there's something everybody can do, his best. What is my best? Do I really know? Many of us don't. We've never stopped and asked the question, "can I do better?" That's hard, isn't it? But it must be done. Can you give God less than your best? Will He be satisfied with paltry service, with abbreviated time, with less than you can give? We best think about that. God deserves the best we have to offer and we dare not give Him second place in anything we do. "Give diligence to show thyself approved to God," Paul said (1 Timothy 2:15). If I can do better, I must. Can you?

I can watch my tongue. How many problems could be prevented if people would learn to watch what they say, how they say what they say, where they say what they say, and to whom they say what they say. "What they say" is the operative phrase. Every person should made sure that whatever he says about anything, is true. Not hearsay, not what someone said someone said, but truth. James says, "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity (James 3:6), and "behold how great a forest a little fire kindles!" (James 3:5). Huge conflagrations are started by little, uncontrolled sparks. We best be careful that our one little remark doesn't start a huge rumor that eventually spreads out of control. Will you?

Well, those are some things each of us can do. Isn't it good we can be together today, together to warn and admonish one another, together to enjoy our common faith in Jesus, together to benefit from each other's warmth and friendliness. Let us love one another, for love is of God.

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

True Discipleship

Tim Smelser

We hear the word "disciple" used quite a bit in the religious world today. There are those who call themselves the Disciples of Christ; those who are a part of the Discipling Ministries; and many churches offer discipleship classes. Such usage should cause us to seek a better understanding of discipleship.

In John 8:31 Jesus said, "If you abide in my word, then are you truly my disciples." This better helps us define disciple as one who is a learner or a follower. If we are going to follow Jesus and learn from him then we need to study and learn from his word. Once that word is learned, then we must not stray. We must "abide in it."

There were those in the New Testament who epitomized the attitude of discipleship. The Bereans, in Acts 17, received Christ's message with "great eagerness" and then they "searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so" (17:11). We need to do this today if we are to be true disciples.

A true disciple will also strive to follow the example of Jesus' life. Peter wrote that we should follow in the steps of Jesus because He suffered for us and left us an example (1 Peter 2:21). Far too many times we make men our role models when in fact, the Christian should emulate and imitate the actions of the Savior.

As one considers the many people in the religious world today who claim to be disciples, or who call themselves disciples, it is readily apparent that not all of them teach, believe, or practice the same things. This is disheartening to the sincere seeker of truth and it is distressing to our Creator.

As we seek to be learners, followers, disciples of Christ, we should always keep John 8:31 in the forefront of our minds. "If you abide in my word, then are you truly my disciples." Jesus considers us His disciples only if we remain in His teachings and forsake that which is innovative and from man. John adds that if we so remain, we have the Father and the Son (2 John 9). This is what it means to be a true disciple.

~via *The Parchment*; Indianapolis, Indiana.

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

Me and My House

Phillip Mullins

Fathers and mothers, it is up to you to create the home environment that will be best for the growth and development of your children. It is in your hands to provide them with the proper foundation on which to start life.

With the frustrations that so often go with parenting, it is easy to think you have no control over your home. The truth is you do. The rules you lay down or don't lay down, the discipline or lack of it to back those rules, the goals you establish or don't establish, and the reactions you have to difficulties and crisis will determine the type of atmosphere that will shape your child's attitude and character.

What is the best possible direction to take to guarantee your children the best possible home environment? A home based on belief in and service to God. Joshua made the choice to have that kind of home for his family (Joshua 24:15).

While physical, mental, and emotional development is very important, the foundation to the proper growth of a human being is spiritual development. A child needs to know where he came from, why he is here, and where he is going.

He needs to know the source to turn to for help with this life's dilemmas and problems. By introducing your children to God and teaching them, by word and example, to obey God, you supply your child with those very things.

Never mind how that God and His word are ridiculed by so many. Never mind how strong the forces of evil seem in this life. Put your confidence in God and put your family in the arms of God. If you do so, you would have fulfilled your duty as a parent and given your children the greatest gift that a parent can offer.

~via *Messages*; Kingsport, Tennessee

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

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Frances Bowers

Gwen Bullock

Mary Ruth Gardner

Shelby Isbell

Carrie Miller

Betty Faye Holt

Ava Brooke Campbell

Phillip Harwell

Matt Poff

Eli Williams

Jordan, Rylee & Aiden Lovell

Gilbert Hardy

Wynell Casteel

Wayne Gooch

Abby Gilbert

Charles Burns

Marie Bates

Jeffery Miller

David Hartsell

In The Hospital:

Una King Currier; East Glen Birmingham

Athens Convalescent Care:

Hazel Toone, rm. 16

Beulah Pope, rm. 100

Matty Murray, rm. 60

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B

Albert Norton, rm. 36

J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

Billy Sutton, rm. 37

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 29-E

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 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. Please come participate in this good work.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy

to *Russ Wulfkuhl and all the family*, in the passing of Russ' uncle, Mike Wulfkuhl, this past Wednesday morning. His funeral will be Monday morning in Bioloxi, Mississippi.

ANNIE MAE BRAGG (1914-2012): This past Sunday morning we were saddened to learn of the passing of sister Mae Bragg. Sister Bragg had endeared herself to the church at Market Street since moving to Athens several years ago from her home in Florida. We have missed her in the last couple of years at our services, but we are better because of the good influence she exhibited while among us. May the Lord bless the *Glass' and all her family* as they mourn her passing. Her funeral was Thursday in Auburndale, Florida.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Pettusville church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. They will have different speakers each evening. I will be preaching in the meeting this evening... The *Holland's Gin church* in Ardmore is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Jeff May* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Westview church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Lowell Sallee* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Lacey's Spring church* in Lacey's Spring is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Nick Woods* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Jordan Park church* in Huntsville is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Chad Sychtysz* will be the speaker in this meeting.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: The Children's Bible Drill is each Sunday afternoon at 4:40 and lasts about 15 minutes. It meets in the auditorium and will end about 5 minutes before the beginning of our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to be present this evening for the Bible drill.

THE RECORD: *For the Week of November 4th*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 123
Morning Worship 164
Evening Worship..... 110

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 88

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Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 11th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Terry Andrews
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Marty Adams
Assisting Jerry McGlocklin
Serving Tommy Coblentz .. Keenon Currier
..... Brandon Griswold Stefan Fudge
Closing Prayer Jonathan Keenon

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Bonnie Sutton
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 11th:

Usher Delmer Carter
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, November 14th:

Song Leader Todd Williams
Bible Reading Isaiah 53:1-12
..... Hunter Cox
Prayer Kenneth Adams
Invitation David Cox
Closing Prayer Joel Hamm

Sunday, November 18th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Bonnie Sutton
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Ronnie Locke
Assisting Joel Hamm
Serving David Terry Nathaniel Adams
..... Tommy Burns Landon Adams
Closing Prayer Marcus Morris

Evening Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Marty Adams
Preaching Joel Hamm
Lord's Supper Ronnie Locke
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 18th:

Usher Marvin Putman
Work Sound System Marty Adams