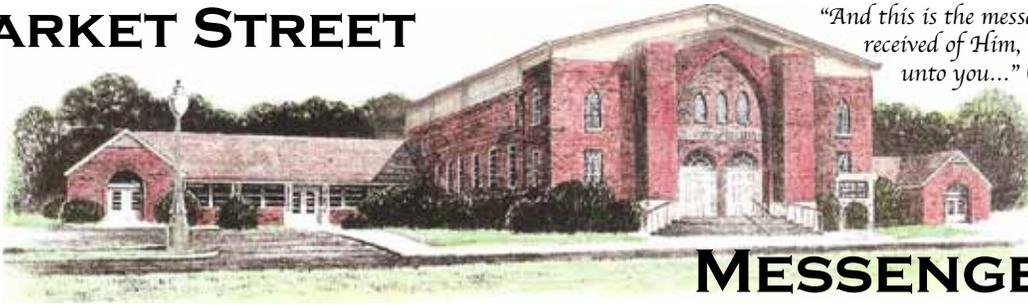


# MARKET STREET



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

# MESSENGER

## Market Street church of Christ

514 West Market Street  
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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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Please Join Us For Our

# Gospel Meeting

## April 14 - 18

(Sunday through Thursday)

### Schedule of Services

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

Evangelist - Mark W. White

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CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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# *The Mystery of Godliness*

**Mark W. White**

“Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16, NIV). Some scholars recognize this summary statement of the life of Christ to be a hymn sung by our first century brethren. But regardless of whether these words were sung or read, they express a truth so wonderful, so weighty, that the world is absolutely baffled by their import. How could God manifest Himself in the flesh? Why would God even want to do such a thing? This is a mystery of our religion – a God who comes near to man. Our God comes so near that He actually became flesh so that He could be where we are and feel what we feel.

Ancient Greeks had their “gods” who possessed fleshly attributes and appetites. In fact, Greek gods were susceptible to the same sins as their human subjects, and mythological literature is filled with examples of the sinful, fleshly exploits of these gods. The idea of a god who understood the flesh then, was not so foreign to ancient minds. The Greeks even believed it was possible for their gods to assume the “likeness of men” (Acts 14:11) and concluded that Paul and Barnabas were fleshly manifestations of Zeus and Hermes. But a god who would allow himself to suffer as a human – even to the point of being put to death by disbelievers, was unfamiliar to the Greek mind. When difficulties presented themselves, the ancient Greek gods would escape the scene and retreat to Mt. Olympus. “Confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness” (Henry Alford’s New Testament). Our God is great because, unlike the false mythological gods, He is holy and good. But that is not the only reason.

Our God was “manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up in glory.” Jesus Christ was Divine and also human. Jesus is the mind, heart, and working of God in the likeness of a man. He was not just some smart Jew who fooled the populace into thinking He was the Son of God, because His claim was vindicated by the Spirit. He

did His work by the Spirit of God (Matthew 12:28) and through the power of the Spirit God raised Him from the dead (Romans 1:4). Jesus Christ was seen by angels, possibly meaning that being superior to them (Hebrews 1), they beheld His life and work with awe and reverence. Angels not only ministered to the Son while He was in the flesh (Mark 1:13; Luke 22:43), but they also witnessed His resurrection (John 20:12). Jesus was preached to the nations – not to the Jews alone, but to all men everywhere as the Son of God (Acts 13:46-47). Such preaching produced faith in the world-faith confessed by men and women even to their deaths. Jesus Christ was received up in glory where He sits at God’s right hand (Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3,13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22). The story of Jesus begins and ends in Heaven at God’s right hand! He came as a servant; He was treated as a lawbreaker; He was crucified like a criminal; but He arose from the dead and ascended into glory! This is proof positive of His Divine nature. Although once concealed from human eyes, we can now behold “His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

John chapter one states several interesting things about this mystery of God in the flesh. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God” (verse 1). “He was in the world and the world was made by Him, and the world did not know Him” (verse 10). “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...” (verse 14). To declare that the Word became flesh is strong language. John could have said this a bit more palatably, but He did not. He might have said, “the Word became a body” or “the Word became a man.” But inspiration chose the word “flesh.” Divinity encased in human flesh! What a mystery! How unthinkable! This is an intense way of declaring that God entered this physical, human life. He came near to man. He became like men. He became flesh. Other gods must be sought, but our God seeks us. He “sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans 8:3). This God-man never sinned; yet He was tempted in every way the flesh can be tempted. Praise be to God that we can know this mystery. Our heavenly Father understands us because His Son lived where we do. He is our faithful mediator and intercessor, touched with the feelings of our infirmities (Hebrews 7:25; 4:15).

-via *Christianity Magazine*; Vol. 8 No. 7; July 1991

## *On The Run!!!*

**Dan Shipley**

Did you ever wear yourself out on one of those hurried vacation trips to some far away place? The kind where you don't take time to enjoy the beautiful scenery and points of interest along the way? The kind that makes you glad to get back to work because you need the rest. It occurs to me that many of us live like some of us take vacations: in a hurry! We are an on-the-run people, a fact the business world has capitalized upon. They have made it possible for us to eat on the run, shave on the run, and even cook while on the run. Trouble is, as with the vacation, we run past some things that deserve our time and attention.

Like, for instance, the parents who run past their children on the way to work, on the way to parties and club meetings. No time to play catch, hear their problems, help with their projects--no time to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). On the run! – no time to pray with them; help them with Bible class lessons or talk about spiritual subjects. Sure, we have spending money for them; cars for them; clothes for them — just no time for them!

On the run! Not enough time to be a dependable and active member of the Lord's church. Too rushed to prepare for Bible class and often too rushed to even attend. Or, if not, then too tired from being too rushed all the previous week. We're on the run! So, keep the sermon short, songs few and the prayers brief. No time to meet the visitors, inquire about the sick or visit with brethren. The cafeteria lines are getting longer, the ball game starts at one — gotta run!

On the run! No time for visiting and encouraging the new convert, no time to show our love and concern for those just beginning to walk in newness of life. Too busy to call on our weak brethren. We see them slowly but surely sinking in sin, getting weaker every month. Maybe someone else will go. So we keep on the run. We run past brethren who are infirmed, shut-in, aged, lonely and troubled. But we're no respecter of persons, we run past the sinners too. We pass up wonderful opportunities to teach and influence the lost as though Jesus had said nothing about the value of souls, or about

lifting up our eyes to fields white unto harvest (Matthew 16:26; John 4:35).

On the run! To busy! No time! **But is that really our problem?** I think not. I think it is a convenient scapegoat to excuse ourselves. **The real problem is not so much a lack of time as a lack of faith!** As free moral agents, we still determine what will have priority in our lives; most of us still do about what we want — and **Take** the time for what we want. What we need is to quit deceiving ourselves! Our time is not something we just happen to have or not to have — it is a resource to be invested *as we choose*. "Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time..." (Ephesians 5:15,16). Time is to be our slave, not our master! Careful and wise living means using time in view of eternity. Slow down! Take time to smell the roses--and prepare for heaven!

~via *The Light*, Birmingham, Alabama.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Rylee Lovell	Bobby McGuire
Irene Mitchell	Gwen Bullock
Wynell Casteel	Jerry Taylor
Charles Burns	Matt Poff
Una King Currier	Margan Barkdale
David Hartsell	Ronald Harrison
Phillip Harwell	Abby Gilbert
Ava Brooke Cambell	Shelia Dunnivant Douglas
Barbara Piper	

### *In The Hospital:*

Paul Thomas, Huntsville Hospital; SICU

### *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:*

Beulah Pope, rm. 100	Matty Murray, rm. 60
Harvey Pope, rm. 100	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Dyral Allfrey, rm. 80	

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B	Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B
Albert Norton, rm. 36	Frances Bower, rm 116
Jack Cannon, rm. 112	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E	

### *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

Mary Ruth Gardner, at home

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are going to begin a study on "Proverbs". All the ladies that can be invited to be a part of this class.

**TEACHERS MEETING:** There will be a teachers' meeting this afternoon at 4:00. It will be held in the West Auditorium. I hope that all of our teachers will be able to be present.

**OUT OF TOWN: The Rogers:** Mark, Kim and Peyton have been in Vernon this past week.

**MEETING INVITATIONS:** This afternoon we will be going out around town to introduce ourselves to those around the building and to invite them to our upcoming meeting. I hope that we will have a good number that are able to participate in this effort.

**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.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The *Helton Drive church* in Florence is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Lonnie Oldag* will be the speaker in this meeting.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for Week of March 31st

<b>Sunday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	132
	Morning Worship .....	208
	Evening Worship.....	104

<b>Wednesday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	103
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**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, April 7th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Assisting .....	Ronnie Locke
Serving .....	Tommy Burns ..... Marion Mitchell
.....	Harold Davis..... Brandon Griswold
Closing Prayer .....	Jonathan Keenon

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Stefan Fudge
Prayer .....	Tommy Coblenz
Preaching .....	Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 7th:

Usher .....	Delmer Carter
Work Sound System .....	Marty Adams

**Wednesday, April 10th:**

Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading.....	Isaiah 65:1-12
.....	Danny Johnson
Prayer .....	Nathaniel Adams
Invitation .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer .....	Mot Dollar

**Sunday, April 14th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Kenneth Smith
Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Prayer .....	Todd Williams
Preaching .....	Mark White
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Larry Mitchell
Assisting .....	Bonnie Sutton
Serving .....	Keenon Currier ..... Stefan Fudge
.....	Landon Adams ..... Mot Dollar
Closing Prayer .....	Keith Hinkle

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Kenneth Smith
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer .....	Norman Brown
Preaching .....	Mark White
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer .....	Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 14th:

Usher .....	Paul Hasting
Work Sound System .....	Marty Adams