

# MARKET STREET



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

## MESSENGER

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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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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## *Is Jesus My Lord?*

**David A. Cox**

In Acts 2, on the day of Pentecost, Peter concluded his sermon by proclaiming that “God hath made this same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ” (v. 36). All who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ surely must admit that He is Lord! The Jews who gathered at Jerusalem on that occasion believed that Jesus was Lord and became followers of Him. But what does it mean to say “Jesus is Lord!”

First, the word “Lord” means “master, sovereign.” The word then carries the idea of ruling with power and authority (Matthew 28:18). God demonstrated this power by fulfilling the prophecy of David in Psalm 16. God did not leave Jesus in grave, but raised him up to sit on the throne of David (Acts 2:27-30). Therefore, Christ is Lord, sitting on the throne and ruling over His kingdom. So today, when people profess that Jesus is Lord, they are proclaiming that Jesus is on the throne ruling and they are subject to His rule and authority. Whether men profess this or not does not change the fact that Jesus is Lord.

The obvious question now is, “If followers of Christ claim Jesus as Lord, then why are there so many different beliefs among His followers?” The fact is there should not be. Jesus once asked, “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46). The point Jesus was making is that to be a follower of His means more than just calling Him Lord. In order to serve Jesus acceptably as Lord means doing what he says (Luke 6:47; cf. Matthew 6:21-23). Recognizing Jesus as Lord, we must give our lives wholeheartedly to Him, presenting ourselves to Him as a living sacrifice and doing the things He has commanded.

In Acts 2, the Jews that Peter had convinced that Jesus is Lord and Christ, asked the question “what shall we do?” They understood that since Jesus was Lord they must submit to His will to be pleasing to God. Serving God as a Jew was no longer acceptable. Jesus was and is the Lord and the only way to be pleasing to God is to do His will.

Now each one of us must ask ourselves the question, "Is Jesus My Lord?" The answer will be determined by what you and I do, just as it was in Acts 2. Let us all determine that we will confess Jesus as Lord and follow and obey Him in all things. Let there be no misunderstanding that Jesus is Lord. We will all confess it one day (Philippians 2:9-11). Let's confess it now and do His will on this side of eternity.



## *What If You Were John Mark?*

**Blake Edwards**

Would you like to have a reputation of being a deserter? That is exactly how Paul remembered John Mark in Acts 15. While Barnabas desired to take John on their trip again, Paul was adamantly opposed to this idea. He was so opposed to it that he decided to take Silas and travel to Syria while Barnabas took John with him to Cyprus. What if you were John Mark? Two men just had a disagreement because of **you!** These two companions split up because of what you have done. Would you feel ashamed and down? Or would you possibly be defensive and angry? What would you do if this disagreement was over something you had done?

First let's remember that in Acts 13, John Mark did leave Paul and his companions while they were spreading the Gospel. He returned to Jerusalem for some reason, leaving his companions to do all the work, and this apparently didn't go over too well with Paul. This left a bad taste in Paul's mouth and in Acts 15 the issue is exposed. Here is Mark wanting to travel and work with these men again and Paul was not alright with it. Many of the details are not recorded for us, details that seem to matter to you and me. For example, what was so important that he had to run back home and take care of? The fact that it isn't told to us may be our first lesson.

This story isn't recorded so we can be judge of who is in the right and who is in the wrong. It's not as if we need to sit back and make a judgment call on whose side we are on. For us, there is only one side. All of these

men wanted to work for the Lord and spread the kingdom. That cause supersedes everything else. Let's not get caught up in the politics or deciding who is right in this situation, this is all about the gospel being spread.

I want you to notice what John Mark does in the aftermath of this disagreement. He gets to work. He had apparently made a mistake, but there was still work to do in the kingdom. So he went with Barnabas to continue working even after Paul had no desire to take him. We may feel rejected like this because of mistakes in our past, but we can still get to work like Mark did. He could have run away and gone back home, but he didn't. He could have been so mad at Paul and told everyone around how much of a jerk he is, but he didn't. He got to work in whatever way he could. Find a work to do.

Also, the story of John Mark wasn't finished yet. We can read in 2 Timothy 4:11 Paul brings him up again. This time Mark is useful, though. What a drastic change in how Paul views Mark. Through Mark's hard work and successful travels, Paul sees his old companion in a different light. He went from deserter to useful. Our story isn't finished either. All we have to do is dedicate ourselves to working hard in the kingdom like John Mark did and those that rejected us will see things differently eventually. Even if they don't, what does it matter? God is glorified with what we do, that's all we need. Keep working hard and show your maturity and true character.

We may feel like Mark at times, but our response may not be the same as his. Don't allow others to impact your work as a disciple, but rather get to work. Also, remember that the end of your story isn't written yet if you are dedicated to growing as a Christian. As proof of what can happen if we rededicate ourselves and get to work, look at the second book in your New Testament. This same man, John whose surname was Mark, wrote an account of the life of Christ. John Mark is a great example to us for what to do when people have had a bad perception of us and what we can accomplish after possible mistakes.

-via *College View Columns*, Florence, Alabama.

## **Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## *A Richly Blessed Family*

**Bill Hall**

“Pity the Smith family. Poor things, they have to keep the preacher every time the church plans a meeting. And Christians are always stopping in at their place. And they are about the only people in the church that ever invite people in after services. I just wouldn't put up with it myself...”

Spare your pity! The Smiths are a richly blessed family. Oh, occasionally they entertain some ungrateful scoundrel, but the blessings of hospitality far outweigh the problems.

The Bible speaks of some wonderfully blessed people along these lines. For instance, we do not pity Mary and Martha for “having” to have Jesus in their home; we pity those who, not wanting Jesus, were deprived of this blessing. We do not pity Mary the mother of John Mark, in whose home “many were gathered together praying;” we pity those homes where Christians never assemble for Bible study and prayer. We do not pity Philemon who was to prepare Paul a lodging; we would love to have Paul as a guest in our home. Christians need to learn the joy and blessing which come to those who are hospitable.

“We are hospitable,” someone says; “we often have friends from church in our home for get-togethers and parties.” That’s fine! We encourage this! But Bible hospitality goes beyond having friends in for an evening which is at least partially for our own selfish enjoyment. “I was a stranger, and ye took me in,” Jesus will say in the judgment (Matthew 25:35). Gaius was commended for helping “brethren” and “strangers” who were traveling for the Lord's name's sake, and was told by John, “whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well” (3 John 5-7). Further, the Bible teaches that we become partakers in evil deeds of false teachers when we receive them into our houses (2 John 9-11). But does this not infer that we become partakers in the good deeds of faithful teachers when we show them hospitality?

A Christian will want to make friends with other Christians, and consequently will plan enjoyable evenings with close friends in his home. But the hospitable

Christian will also use his home for conducting Bible classes, entertaining visiting preachers and other workers for the Lord, getting acquainted with newcomers in the church, comforting the bereaved and troubled, and for every good work.

Our homes are blessings from the Lord. We must not use them selfishly, but rather to His glory. The result will be an occasional scratch on a chair, or a stain on the carpet, or a chipped glass – really a small price to pay, though, for the warmth that comes to the home from new friends, good influences, rich Bible discussions, participation in the Lord's work, and the satisfaction of knowing that one is pleasing God and preparing himself for eternity. No, it's not the Smiths whom we pity; it's those who do not know the joy of hospitality.

-via *Light*, Birmingham, Alabama.

## *Vacation Bible School*

June 10-13, 2013 — 10:00 a.m.

Sunday June 9th

Sunday 9:30 a.m; 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Ed Harrell, Speaking

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## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Mot Beasley

Frances Bowers

Betty Hastings

Abby Gilbert

Jerry Taylor

Ava Brooke Cambell

Matt Poff

Morgan Barksdale

Phillip Harwell

Mot Dollar

Gwen Bullock

Wynell Casteel

Morgan Barksdale

Charles Burns

Barbara Piper

Una King Currier

David Hartsell

***In The Hospital:***

Charles White, Park Ridge Medical Ctr.; – Chattanooga  
Elizabeth Kate Miller, St. Jude’sHospital; – Memphis  
Eddie Simmons, HealthSouth Rehab; – Huntsville

***Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:***

Beulah Pope, rm. 100 Mattye Murray, rm. 60  
Harvey Pope, rm. 107 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 J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E  
Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

***Limestone Lodge:***

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 29-E

***Limestone Manor:***

Jack Cannon, rm. 91

***Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:***

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

***Shut-In:***

Reba Adams, at home  
Lola Colwell, at home  
Mary Ruth Gardner, at home  
David & Martha Rice, Mobile, Alabama  
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Tommy Coblentz** and *all the family*, in the tragic passing of Tommy’s cousin, **Griggs Rose**. His funeral will be this afternoon at 2:00 at the McConnell Funeral Home.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** The Ladies’ Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the books of “Proverbs”. All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Remember **Mitzi Carruth’s** son-in-law, **Joel Smith**, who is in Afghanistan serving the U. S. military. Keep him in your prayers.

**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.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for Week of May 12th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 136  
Morning Worship ..... 182  
Evening Worship..... 110

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 105

**Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.**

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

***Sunday, May 19th:***

***Morning Worship***

Announcements ..... Keith Hinkle  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
Lord’s Supper  
Presiding ..... Kenneth Smith  
Assisting ..... Marion Mitchell  
Serving ..... Paul Hasting..... Brandon Griswold  
..... Russ Wulfekuhl ..... Dan Lovell  
Closing Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell

***Evening Worship***

Announcements ..... Keith Hinkle  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Terry Andrews  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord’s Supper ..... Kenneth Smith  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

**Other Assignments for Sunday, May 19th:**

Usher ..... Marus Morris  
Work Sound System ..... Landon Adams

***Wednesday, May 22nd:***

Song Leader ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Bible Reading..... Mark 1:12-16  
..... Nathaniel Adams  
Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Invitation ..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey

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***Sunday, May 26th:***

***Morning Worship***

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Ronnie Locke  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord’s Supper  
Presiding ..... Keith Hinkle  
Assisting ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Serving ..... Landon Adams ..... Stefan Fudge  
..... David Terry ..... Marvin Putman  
Closing Prayer ..... Mot Dollar

***Evening Worship***

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Dan Reed  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord’s Supper ..... Keith Hinkle  
Closing Prayer ..... Jonathan Keenon

**Other Assignments for Sunday, May 26th:**

Usher ..... Danny Johnson  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams