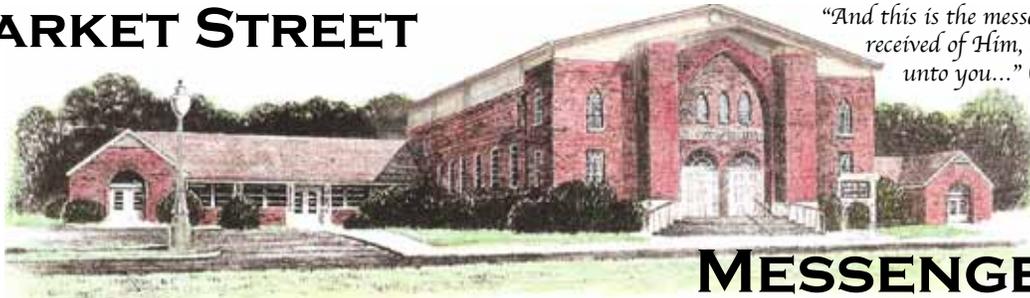


# MARKET STREET



*“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*

## *What Is A True Disciple of Jesus?*

**W. Frank Walton**

Jesus came to give us “life more abundant” (John 10:10), which is the greatest quality of life known to man. As our Creator (John 1:3), He knows how we work best. He alone offers abundant spiritual blessings of forgiveness of sins, peace with God, joy, grace, love, hope and power for living (Ephesians 1:3-14), which is accepted by obedient faith (Acts 2:38, 3:19).

Yet, what does the Lord require of us to be a true follower? “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 10:37-39). We must be devoted disciples by abandoning all to follow Him. “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33).

So the Lord Jesus Christ clearly challenges us with divine requirements in following Him as a real, committed disciple. Otherwise, He says, we “are not worthy of Him.” In the United States, which is one of the most “religious” countries in the world, one major survey shows 74% of Americans say they believe in Jesus as God’s Son who came to earth to die for our sins (Rasmussen Survey, April 2011). Yet, one major survey found that there is no major difference in the moral behavior of most regular church goers versus non-church goers (“Faith Has Limited Effect On Most People’s Behavior,” Barna Research Group, 2004). Most so-called believers are merely “fans” of Jesus, not followers.

Something is radically missing! It’s real discipleship in obeying Jesus. Will the real disciple of Jesus please take a stand to follow Him to heaven? Please note what the Lord said comprises being His true “disciple.”

**1. Becoming More Like Christ in Every Way.** Jesus said, “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher” (Luke 6:40). He offers us His yoke of discipleship. “Come to

me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30). A disciple not only knows what His teacher knows, he becomes as His Teacher is!

**2. Abiding in Christ’s Word.** “Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free’” (John 8:32-32). The “word of Christ” (Colossians 3:16) encompass the 27 books of the New Testament.

**3. Bearing Fruit for God.** “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples” (John 15:8). Anyone can give lip-service to being Jesus’ disciple, but the proof is in the spiritual fruit of our lives by abiding in Christ and lovingly obeying His Word (John 15:1-11)!

**4. Brotherly Love for One Another Like Jesus.** “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). A clear mark of the one, true church of Christ is sacrificial love for one another, learned from the sacrificial love of Jesus.

**5. Dying to Self Each Day to Live for Him.** “Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me’” (Matthew 16:24). The cross, as in Jesus’ self denial in sacrificing Himself for us, was an instrument of death. For His disciple, it is death to self-will, in order to have new life and new, God-centered perspective in following Jesus. “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 16:25).

The price of discipleship is high, for Jesus requires our “all.” Yet, in God’s grace, the price is low, because “anyone” can choose to surrender self to God and follow Jesus to heaven. Are you a true disciple of Jesus?

-via *Teaching Truth*, Madison, Alabama.

## Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## *The Good and Right Way*

**John Gibson**

“Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way” (1 Samuel 12:23). To understand the setting, note that these words were spoken by Samuel at what might be called Saul’s coronation. In 1 Samuel 8 the Israelites had informed Samuel that he was old, his children were unworthy, and they wanted a king like nations around them. It is obvious Samuel felt a certain hurt by Israel’s rejection of him (though God assured him that it was really His reign they were rejecting— 1 Samuel 8:7), yet Samuel refused to become embittered. This noble judge and prophet intended to keep on teaching and praying for the people.

What a lesson for us today when we feel that our friends, family or brethren have in some way wronged us. If we feel mistreated do we get angry, pout, stay home, etc., or do we get on our knees and pray for those who have not shown us the respect we feel we deserve? Do we continue to preach and teach the good and right way, or do we find ourselves quietly hoping something will happen so they will “learn their lesson” and appreciate us the way they should? I know that in my own experiences I have not always been like Samuel, but this is the model we should strive to imitate.

-via *The Auburn Beacon*, Auburn, Alabama.



## *Punctuality In Worship*

**Morris D. Norman**

“He’ll be late to his own funeral,” is said of the habitual late-comer. There are those who so lack self-discipline that this may be said of them, but most of us can be punctual to the things that matter. If it is a sporting event we want to see, we will even arrive early so we can get a good seat and not miss a play. We know that if we are late for work that it will go against our record for future promotions and pay raises. When

we go to social events that matter, we are among the first to arrive. Is that the way it is when it comes to the worship assemblies and other service to God? Are these less important to us than the aforementioned events?

Tardiness reflects the importance we place on things and events. Being on time for the assemblies shows that we regard the God we worship as someone special, someone who demands our best. If I show more zeal for the game, my work or social activities and I do for the worship of God, it may just reflect where the Lord is in my priorities.

Being on time for the assemblies shows my regard for others. When I am tardy I interrupt worship and study that is already in progress. I divert their attention from the important matters at hand. It is really an imposition on others. Especially do teachers need to be in their classes ahead of time to be fully ready from the first moment to give the students everything that can be given them. Besides, our tardiness is a bad example and influence on others. Tardiness can be catching. At a recent service there were a number of those who came in the building as the classes began, a teacher among them. This has got to have an effect on our overall enthusiasm. An elder once announced the time of a meeting: "The service starts at 7:30. That's not the time of arrival, arrival time is no later than 7:15. Be here and in your place before 7:30" We all can do better.

-via *The Westview Weekly*, Athens, Alabama

## *Gospel Meeting*

October 13-17, 2013

(Sunday through Thursday)

### Schedule of Services

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

Monday through Thursday- 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Hall, Speaking

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## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Mot Dollar	Betty Hastings
Wynell Casteel	Gwen Bullock
Charles Burns	Morgan Barksdale
Abby Gilbert	Jerry Taylor
Phillip Harwell	Barbara Piper
Una King Currier	Anita Willis
Elizabeth Kate Miller	Mark Hargrove
Ava Brooke Cambell	

### *In The Hospital:*

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

Beulah Pope, rm. 100	Mattye Murray, rm. 60
Harvey Pope, rm. 18	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Mable Craft, rm. 71	

#### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
Albert Norton, rm. 36	

#### *Limestone Lodge:*

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

#### *Limestone Manor:*

Jack Cannon, rm. 82

#### *Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:*

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

#### *Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:*

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

#### *Shut-In:*

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

**NEW QUARTER BEGINS OCTOBER 6th:** The new quarter in our Bible classes will begin on Sunday October 6th. I appreciate those that are willing to be a part of the Bible class teaching program at Market Street. We truly have good, dedicated teachers.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** There will be a gospel meeting beginning today at the *Danville Road church* in Decatur. The meeting will continue through Tuesday. *Joshua Tolbert of Stanley, Louisiana* will be the speaker in the meeting.

**SINGING:** There will be a singing this afternoon at

the Reunion church at 3:00 p.m.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *French Barksdale and all the family*, in the passing of his sister-in-law, *JoAnn Barksdale*, this past Sunday. Her funeral was on Wednesday afternoon at Limestone Chapel... Also, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to Brenda Jones *and all the family* in the passing of Brenda's uncle, *D. C. Waddell*. His funeral was Tuesday afternoon.

**BENTON BALL (1932 — 2013):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of brother Benton Ball. Brother Ball endeared himself to all of the people at the Market Street church. He has been sorely missed during the last several months as his health declined to the point that he was unable to be here. It was certainly a blessing that each of us had in being able to know Benton. His visitation will be tonight from 6:00 to 9:00 at the Spry Funeral Home and the funeral will be on Monday morning at 11:00 at the Spry Chapel. His body will be laid to rest in the *Dement Cemetery*. We express our deepest sympathy to *Gayle and all of the children* in his passing. May the Lord richly bless them.

**JESUS' TREVINO:** Early yesterday morning brother *Jesus' Trevino of Lake Jackson, Texas* passed away. Jesus' suffered a heart attack about two weeks ago and had returned home last weekend. He then suffered more health problems and was hospitalized. Jesus' was doing a great work in Lake Jackson and in Mexico. He was a great worker for the Lord and His people. We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Susana and all the family* in the passing of brother Trevino.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the book of "*Proverbs*". All the ladies that can be 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 Two will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group tonight.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for the week of Sept. 22nd

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 135  
Morning Worship ..... 191  
Evening Worship..... 114

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 106

## Men Privileged To Serve:

### Sunday, September 29th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Tommy Coblenz  
Assisting ..... Norman Brown  
Serving ..... Stefan Fudge..... Landon Adams  
..... David Terry ..... Hunter Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Ross Melvin

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Prayer ..... Dan Reed  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Tommy Coblenz  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 29th:

Usher ..... Delmer Carter  
Work Sound System ..... Terry Andrews

### Wednesday, October 2nd:

Song Leader ..... Marty Adams  
Bible Reading..... Mark 6:14-29  
..... Marion Mithcell  
Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Invitation ..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Ronnie Locke

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### Sunday, October 6th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Marcus Morris  
Assisting ..... Terry Andrews  
Serving ..... Dan Lovell..... Keith Hinkle  
..... Delmer Carter ..... Keenon Currier  
Closing Prayer ..... Nathaniel Adams

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Marty Adams  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Norman Brown  
Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
Lord's Supper ..... Marcus Morris  
Closing Prayer ..... Todd Williams

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 6th:

Usher ..... Ronnie Locke  
Work Sound System ..... Landon Adams