

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 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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Please Join Us For Our

Gospel Meeting

April 20 – 24

(Sunday through Thursday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 am; 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Monday – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist – Dee Bowman

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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What It Means To Serve Christ

Dee Bowman

Serving Christ is what Christianity is all about. Jesus said, “He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me” (John 12:25-26). To serve Christ means that you actually give yourself to Him; you follow Him. It means you subordinate your will to His, give Him the command of yourself. He thus becomes the main focus of your life. And believe me, that’s not easy.

The implications of that service to Christ are several. May I cite a few for your consideration?

To serve Christ is to make Christ your personal manager. This action of service relates to every area of a man’s life. If he is a Christian, he must necessarily be a good father. And if he is a good Christian, he is a good neighbor, a good worker, a good citizen. You can’t pick and choose, either. Leave one off and you’re no longer serving Him like you ought. Christ’s religion cannot be partial; it must entirely transform man (Romans 12:1-2).

To serve Christ is to make your life like His. When you read about Jesus in the gospels you are immediately arrested by His greatness, His goodness and benignity, His total dedication to His mission, His love for all. To know Him is to love Him, and to love Him is to live Him, too. To love Him is to want to be more like Him. And isn’t it so that if you love someone sincerely, you want to be near them? Regular worship, regular association with His word, a burning desire to serve Him and His people— all are indications of seeking to reproduce the example of Christ in our lives. These actions will result in your handling life’s activities as He would—even in times of difficulty. All that comes of a revolutionary act of self-denial. “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 8:23).

To serve Christ is to recommend Him to others. How can we say we are dedicated to Him and His teachings when we seemingly have little inclination to recommend Him to others? It seems to me unthinkable that we could consider ourselves to be His disciples if we are not willing to confess Him before our fellows (Mat-

thew 10:32). We are always anxious to recommend to others what we use and what we think is best— our car is the best, so is our brand of cereal, our kind of ipad or iphone— but what about Jesus? Are we somewhat timid about recommending Him to others, about inviting them to a service where His life and His word are to be discussed? How can we truly be servants when we are embarrassed about Him whom we serve? Listen to Paul. “For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day (2 Timothy 1:12). If you would serve Him, you must recommend Him.

To serve Christ means a separation from the world. There can be no middle ground with Jesus. If we don’t give Him our all, we don’t give Him anything. Is that not the meaning of His saying in Matthew 6:21? “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.” The point is single-mindedness. If the eye is focused on Christ, the illumination needed for such service can proceed from it; if not, there can be no real service. In fact, in the next verse He says, “No man can serve two masters...” Please note that separation from the world does not imply isolation, for such is not possible; but it does mean a sanctified heart, a mind set apart from the mundane, a focus that is higher than mere fleshly satisfactions. No person can serve Christ who is not willing to be different from the world; it’s part of who and what he is. “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God” (Colossians 3:1). In verse three, he cites the reason. “For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God.” Dead to the world, alive to Christ!

To serve Christ, you must have your eyes fixed on heaven. This world is not fit for much dedication. ‘Tis foolish indeed to place undue affections on it, “for the world passeth away with the lusts thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever” (I John 2:17). Hope of heaven is a permanent fixture to the Christian. It propels him. It delights him. It excites him. Hope means he will not let go. It means he knows what’s over there. He understands that life here is but a sojourn; but there’s something infinitely better over there. No person is the true servant of Christ who has his hopes fixed on what’s here and not on what’s there, for what’s

there is far superior to what's here.

“And whatever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men, knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ” (Colossians 3:23-24).

-via *Southside Sunday*, Pasadena, Texas.

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The Excitement of Salvation

Terry Benton

Remission of sins was preached in Jesus' name in Jerusalem, and this came about by means of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. The apostle Peter preached quite a powerful and fact-filled lesson on the evidence that the very Jesus they (the Jews) had crucified was now both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). If there had been no evidence of Jesus' actual resurrection, Peter would have been laughed out of town, and the church would never have gotten started. All that would have been necessary to stop the church from getting started would have been to present the evidence that Jesus was still very dead, his body still in the tomb.

The truth was that Jesus was indeed raised and the evidence was indisputable. When those in Jerusalem heard this (the evidence Peter presented) they were “cut to the heart.” But when they learned that there was a way to remove their sins from their record and be acceptable to God, it made for a very exciting, very powerful time for those who had “gladly received his word” (Acts 2:38,41).

Imagine the opportunity those in Jerusalem saw in this! Imagine how relieved and excited all the 3,000 were when they buried their old, sinful life in baptism and rose up from the watery grave to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-5). Now, imagine that you also “gladly received” that same word and responded in the same way! How exciting! How wonderful! As the eunuch later asked Philip, “...what hinders me from being baptized?” (Acts 8).

What hinders you?

-via *Stanley Avenue Church Bulletin*; Andalusia, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Marjorie Dunnivant	Mary Hinkle
Reba Byram	Kathleen Wales
Fay Ferguson	Robert & Mot Beasley
Buddy Pepper	Crutcher Harbin
Gwen Bullock	Essie Hardison
Matt Poff	Sam Pepper
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Joey Hinkle	Bob Richter
Ray Kennedy	Joan Stanford
Eli Williams	Elizabeth Kate Miller
Carol Locke	Ava Brooke Campbell
Abby Gilbert	David Holt
Jerry Taylor	Una King Currier
Phillip Harwell	Elizabeth Howard

In The Hospital:

Jack Cannon; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 305

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 75	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Dorothy Draper, rm. 97	Matty Murray, rm. 2
Mable Crafts, rm. 100	Gayle Mills, rm. 15
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Mildred Franz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 63	John Smith, rm. 16

Limestone Health Facility:

Albert Norton, rm. 36	Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E	

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

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
Wynell Casteel, at home
Lola Colwell, at home
Mary Ruth Gardner, at home
David Rice, Mobile, Alabama
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Pettusville church* is begins a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday night. The speakers in this meeting will

be as follows: *Sunday morning – Ben Holt; Sunday evening – Jordan Lovell; Monday – Berry Kerchville; Tuesday – Murphy Priestly; Wednesday – David Watson...* The **Jones Road church** will begin a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Seth Mauldin*...The **Jordan Park church** is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Phillip Mullins*...The **Danville Road church** in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Tim Sutton*...The **East Florence church** in Florence is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Dan McMahan* will be the speaker.

OUR MEETING BEGINS IN A WEEK: Out gospel meeting begins a week from today. Remember to continue to invite people that you come in contact with to join us for our meeting. *Brother Dee Bowman* will be here to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and it will do all, who will come and hear, good. Remember to pray for the meeting as the word is preached. Remember to pray for brother and sister Bowman as they travel here and home. The meal list is on the bulletin board in the vestibule at the back of the auditorium.

OUT OF TOWN: *Joe Hinkle* is in Michigan this weekend with family for the memorial and burial of his brother that passed away several months ago.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Lenna Ruth Bates and all the family* in the passing of Lenna Ruth's sister, *Joan Craig*. Her funeral was on Wednesday at Limestone Chapel and she was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery.

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.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of April 6th*

- Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 123
- Morning Worship 174
- Evening Worship..... 112
- Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 105

Remember Our Study Periods

- Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.
- Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- Come Join Us As We Study Together*

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 13th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Dwaine Allfrey
 Assisting Keith Hinkle
 Serving Marvin Putman Keenon Currier
 Paul Hasting Russ Wulfekuhl
 Closing Prayer Norman Brown

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Hunter Cox
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 13th:

Usher Delmer Carter
 Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, April 16th:

Song Leader Marty Adams
 Bible Reading Mark 13:24-37
 Nathaniel Adams
 Prayer Hunter Cox
 Invitation Todd Williams
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Sunday, April 20th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
 Song Leader Todd Williams
 Prayer Kenneth Smith
 Preaching Dee Bowman
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Joel Hamm
 Assisting Marty Adams
 Serving David Terry Delmer Carter
 Danny Johnson James Johnson
 Closing Prayer Ross Melvin

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer Joel Hamm
 Preaching Dee Bowman
 Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 20th:

Usher Heath Dollar
 Work Sound System Landon Adams