

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
P.O. Box 388
Athens, Alabama 35612
Phone (256) 232-1525

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.

Elders

Jerry McGlocklin..... (256) 232-7620
Kenneth Smith..... (256) 777-6737
Bonnie Sutton..... (256) 232-2081

Deacons

Marty R. Adams..... (256) 233-5147
Tommy Coblentz (256) 232-3312
Joel Hamm..... (256) 278-1977
Larry Mitchell (256) 230-0185
Todd Williams..... (205) 541-8304
Russ Wulfekuhl (256) 683-9396

Evangelists

David A. Cox (256) 233-8910
Cell: (256) 614-3757
Jordan Lovell..... (256) 777-8998

Visit Us On The Web
MarketStreet-church.com

MARKET STREET MESSENGER

is published in the interest of New Testament Christianity and to enhance the work of the Market Street church.

David A. Cox, Editor

Volume VI

April 20, 2014

No. 16

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

514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Intentions Won't Get It

Dee Bowman

Some of the proverbial expressions not found in the Bible are nonetheless true. Truth will always plumb with all other truth; it cannot contradict itself. Take the expression “the road to hell is paved with good intentions.” That’s not in the Scriptures, but I fear it’s true nonetheless. Nobody that I’ve ever heard of really wants to go to hell; and everybody I know intends to do something about not making that trip. But when? That’s the question.

“I intend to be more diligent.” Diligence is necessary to progress in the spiritual living. You can’t just sit around and become spiritual. Furthermore, it doesn’t come by some process of osmosis – or just because you are in close proximity to a Bible, or to others who believe it and are involved in it. Diligence is a personal, willful action: you decide to do it. In NKJV 2 Timothy 2:15 says, “Give diligence to present yourself approved to God.” The key word translated “diligence” is from a Latin word which means to give earnest persistence to a matter. The Greek word means both an earnest zeal and a burning haste to get it done. You can’t sit around and still be diligent. Peter tells us something about diligence when he uses that same term to describe what have been styled “The Christian Graces” in 2 Peter 1.

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self control, to self control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and brotherly kindness love.

You don’t add those things up in your mind and your through - it’s a life-long pursuit. And it all begins with the decision to get on with the project. That means you develop a serious conviction and a pressing urgency to the need to add all those things to your life. Intentions won’t get it; it takes work.

“I intend to get involved.” When? And what’s wrong with today? Intentions won’t get it, folks. You can only get involved when you participate with someone in something, become a part – a working part. The “someone” is other brethren and the “something” is the work you’ve decided to do together.

Paul speaks of joint participation in Romans 12: “For as we have many members in one body, but tell all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

We’re individuals who are melded together in the fight against sin and ungodliness. And we’re together in our common worship of the Father, in our desire to bring others to Him. We’re together, and being together takes work, patience, understanding; and it takes time. But it doesn’t just happen. It’s a planned action. Intentions don’t work, folks.

“I intend to tell somebody.” I seriously doubt that anybody is going to heaven alone. You will go with someone and you will take someone. Just as somebody loved us enough to tell us about the Lord and His salvation, it’s up to us to pass it on. Not just intend to, mind you, but to do it. Everybody intends to talk to their family, to their neighbor, but that won’t get it. You have to run the risk. And if you lose a friend over it, it’s no more than what the Lord did.

“As many as were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word” we are told in Acts 8:4. Not just the preachers, not just the elders, but “as many as were scattered.” Everybody has the responsibility to pass on the message of the risen Savior and His salvation. It may be that the great deficiency of the church in this age is the failure of its members to get involved in teaching others. Oh, they intend to. But intentions won’t get it.

And you don’t have to be a Bible scholar to teach the word. All you need is a note pad and a knowledge of the Scriptures broad enough to tell someone what you did to be saved. Following the great commission in Matthew 28:18, Jesus said, “...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.” What did He just command? “Go therefore and teach all nations,” that’s what. Maybe you intend to do it but you don’t have the ability? Then help someone else do it. Be a part. One thing is certain: it needs to be told. And intentions won’t get it done; you have to get on with it.

When it’s all said and done and you stand before the bar of judgment, can you say to the Lord, with a clear conscience, “Lord, I intended to”?

-via *The Cornerstone*, Richmond, Virginia.

Remember Our Service This Afternoon at 4:00.

Is Sincerity Enough?

David A. Cox

“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” (Hebrews 5:8,9).

The Hebrew writer speaks of Christ learning obedience, then says that Christ is the author of eternal salvation to all that obey Him. Jesus stressed the importance of obedience in the sermon on the mount as He said, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). Jesus emphasized that the thing which will determine whether a man will be saved is dependent on doing the will of God or obeying God.

However, many believe and teach that obedience is not necessary to salvation. They believe that man is saved “wholly of grace” by faith in Christ and that man does not need to do anything to be saved from his sins. But what do the Scriptures say? As we have noticed, Jesus and the Hebrew writer taught that obedience accompanied salvation. Without obedience there is no salvation, but eternal destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). In James 2:14-26, James, talking about faith and works (works of obedience), says that “faith without works is dead.” The point is that if faith does not have the obedience required; then faith will not produce life. Obedience to the commands of God is what causes us to be born again (John 3:3-5).

As we think of obedience, we must understand that it is not merely doing certain things, but involves doing the things God has commanded; being prompted to submit to the will of God. Obedience must be based upon faith in God through Christ (Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 28:18). Noah, by faith, built an ark to the saving of his house (Hebrews 11:7). And by faith Abraham pleased God as he obeyed the commands of God even attempting to offer his only son upon the alter according to the command of God (Hebrews 11:17-19).

When Peter told those at Jerusalem to “Repent and be baptized” in Acts 2:38, he spoke the will of God to men. He told those gathered there that they needed to obey the command of God (Luke 13:3; Mark 16:16).

Even though these were religious people that had perhaps traveled great distances to be at Jerusalem for a religious observance, they lacked obedience to the command of God to be saved. They were similar to those in Matthew 7 that claimed to be workers of many wonderful works, but were lacking in doing the will of the Father.

We must understand that in order to be saved we must obey the commands of God to receive forgiveness. To do the will of God we must do what the Lord has told us in His word, then we will be saved by faith, but we are not saved by faith short of our obedience to God and His will. Noah, Abraham, and all the great men of faith were saved after they obeyed the commands of God. Have you done what the word of God teaches us to do? If not, obey him today for those that “obey not the gospel... shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Marjorie Dunnivant	Mary Hinkle
Sarah Collier	Ruth Legg
Fay Ferguson	Robert & Mot Beasley
Buddy Pepper	Crutcher Harbin
Gwen Bullock	Essie Hardison
Matt Poff	Sam Pepper
Charles Burns	Elizabeth Howard
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	

In The Hospital:

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
Jack Cannon, rm. 95 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

OUR MEETING BEGINS TODAY: Out gospel meeting with *brother Dee Bowman* is beginning today. It is good to have *Dee & Norma* with us and we look forward to hearing the lessons that Dee preaches. Remember to pray Remember to pray for brother Bowman and the meeting as the word is preached.

The songleaders for the meeting will be: Monday night—*Joel Hamm*; Tuesday night — *Hunter Cox*; Wednesday night — *Tommy Burns*; Thursday night — *Stefan Fudge*.

OUT OF TOWN: *Jewel Dean Kennmer* is back after being on vacation with family last week...*Ida Nell Griffin* has been away this week...*Joe Hinkle* is back home after being in Michigan this past week.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS: Beginning Sunday May 4th, there will be a young adult class beginning. *Jordan Lovell* will be teaching the class. All of the young adults need to see Jordan about this class this week, if at all possible.

CONFESSION: We rejoiced last week as *Steve Usery* asked for prayer for unfaithfulness in his life. We appreciate his desire to please God. May we all encourage Steve as he has and will encourage us in our lives as Christians. May the Lord bless Steve in his life.

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 the week of April 13th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 144
Morning Worship 190
Evening Worship..... 110

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 117

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 20th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Tyler Cox
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 Todd Williams
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

Wednesday, April 23rd:

Song Leader Marty Adams
Bible Reading..... (No Reading)
.....
Prayer Marcus Morris
Invitation Dee Bowman
Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Sunday, April 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Bonnie Sutton
Assisting Larry Mitchell
Serving Mot Dollar Kenneth Adams
..... Paul Hasting..... Bart Brown
Closing Prayer Ronnie Locke

Evening Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Ross Melvin
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 27th:

Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams