

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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David A. Cox, Editor



June 16-19, 2014 — 10:00 a.m.

Speakers for the Adult Class:

Monday — Colby Junkin
Tuesday — Alton Bailey
Wednesday — Jason Shackelford
Thursday — Ben Walker

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Lead Me To Some Soul Today

Larry W. Rouse

One of the first thoughts bursting from the heart of a new Christian is how he might personally reach others for the Lord. Words cannot fully express the joy of salvation and the impact that joy has in creating a crystal clear sight of the real condition of this world. Just as our Lord did 2000 years ago, anyone today can see this world as lost, dying and desperately in need of the gospel of Jesus Christ. “Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you. Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together” (John 4:34-36).

One of my favorite songs is “*Lead Me To Some Soul Today*.” This song reflects the thoughts of every Christian who sees these white fields. “Lead me to some soul today; O teach me, Lord, just what to say; Friends of mine are lost in sin, And cannot find their way. Few there are who seem to care, And few there are who pray; Melt my heart and fill my life; Give me one soul today.” How are you doing in this great work of harvest? Is your sight clear to see what this careless world cannot?

When I first became a Christian, I was blessed to be associated with a young man of great faith. Immediately after my baptism I was placed in a class he was teaching on evangelism. That class met three times each week and every student was expected to memorize 10 passages of scripture before the next week. We practiced together how to teach the lost. Within two weeks I was off and running. That semester a good friend obeyed the gospel. Within a few months my brother took the great step of putting the Lord on in baptism. These first steps led me to a life of talking with others with the goal of getting hearts opened around the world of God.

How can we today accomplish having more Christians involved in this great work? The answer is found in the ministry of Christ and that answer may disturb you.

Jesus had just encountered a man who was possessed by such a great number of demons that when Jesus asked the name of the demon they replied: “My name

is Legion; for we are many” (Mark 5:9). The people of that area knew this man as one who “had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones” (Mark 5:3-5).

Jesus has mercy on this man and cast out the demons that afterwards went into a nearby herd of swine who immediately ran into the water and drowned.

The people of this area, having heard these things, immediately went to Jesus and begged Him to leave. They did this because they did not know Jesus and now they feared Him (Mark 5:17). How was Jesus ever going to reach this community?

The formerly demon-possessed man, was now “in his right mind” and very thankful to our Lord. This man seemed to have no future here, having a reputation that surely would keep him from having any significant relationship. He naturally began to beg that Jesus would let him into the same boat that He was departing on. Jesus had a plan for this man, a plan that you or I would have thought ridiculous and unworkable. Jesus instructed him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you” (Mark 5:19). Did this man not need further instruction? How would he be effective without special classes on speaking, overcoming objections and the many other possible challenges that such a work might bring? How could a man with this little ability and with such a work might bring? How could a man with little ability and with such a bad reputation accomplish anything?

Who would hear this man? “And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled (Mark 5:20).” Did these men need to hear more than this new convert could give? They did, and when Jesus returned He had an audience that was ready to hear Him. “So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him (Luke 8:40).”

There are some disturbing conclusions for us to draw from this account. First, the driving force behind one who is effective in evangelism is the realization of “what great things the Lord has done for you.” A genuine un-

derstanding of that will melt the heart, put our bodies in motion and give us a message that will be effective. When these things are lacking in a Christian, you can rest assured that his heart is not filled with the joy and love of what Christ has done for him. One of the hard lessons I have learned over the years is that many of those who have their names on the church rolls have become cold and stale. They are like the tongue-tied preacher who, while trying to quote Matthew 20:16 which reads "many are called, but few chosen," instead said "many are cold but few frozen." Sadly, I have discovered that there is no point in even mentioning evangelism to these people. they need to be converted themselves!

How about you? Do you have a clear view of what the Lord has done for you? It is time to get to work. By the way, remember to pray for more laborers!

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



Living On The Bread of Life

Mike Thomas

Jesus said something about bread that is a challenge for anyone to consider. When Satan tempted Him to misuse His powers to turn stone into bread, Jesus said, "it is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God'" (Luke 4:4). He was referring to what Moses told the Israelites after God had given them bread from heaven (manna) to satisfy their hunger. He "fed you with manna...that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3). The manna was to demonstrate to the Israelites God's love for them and ability to meet their needs. This should have convinced them to love and trust Him no matter the circumstance - even above physical sustenance. As long as they followed Him, they had everything they needed. Jesus understood this principle and remained true to God's word when confronting the devil. We must do the same with our temptations. Nothing should be more important to us than following God and keeping His word. Nothing.

What Moses and Jesus said about bread is a bold

statement. Bread is a staple in most societies and has been for centuries. In America, grocery stores have entire aisles and sections dedicated to it. Nevertheless, even it cannot meet our greatest need. James said, "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). If we want to be saved from sin, we must learn, understand, and obey God's word (Romans 10:13-17). Nothing else in the world has that power or ability. No medicine, no exercise, no currency, no administration, no person, no thing, and not even food and water can provide us with forgiveness. The only thing on planet earth that can save us from sin and cause us to be raised from the dead is the word of God. Specifically, this hope is found in the teachings of Christ, who said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever" (John 6:51).

Our physical body is going to die, no matter how well we feed and care for it, but if we are wise our souls will last forever because we fed our spiritual man with the bread of life. "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8). God gave the Israelites daily bread to teach them to depend on Him. He has given us the Bible so we might live "by every word of God." Do we?

-via *Standing Firm*; Beaver Dam, Kentucky.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Lona Killen	Joe Hinkle
Robert & Mot Beasley	Crutcher & Joyce Harbin
Gwen Bullock	Gene Carpenter
Charlotte Kellum	Matt Poff
Dorothy Casteel	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	David Holt
Joey Hinkle	Charles Burns
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Eli Williams	Elizabeth Kate Miller
Carol Locke	Baylor Ritter
Abby Gilbert	Dianna Ritter
Jerry Taylor	Alex Reed

In The Hospital:

Shelly Scruggs; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 212

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 75 Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Dorothy Draper, rm. 97 Mattye Murray, rm. 2
Mable Crafts, rm. 100 Gayle Mills, rm. 15
Robert Johnson, rm. 18 Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 63 Cecil Cox, rm. 77

Limestone Health Facility:

Albert Norton, rm. 36 Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E
Ruth Lawson, rm. 94

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

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
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUT OF TOWN: *Ronnie Locke* is at the Gulf this week on vacation.

ASKING FOR PRAYERS: Last Sunday we rejoiced that *Jason Conn, Angie Hinkle, Bonita Dollar and Marie Nave* came forward and asked for prayers for forgiveness and strength. We are thankful for good hearts that were exhibited by each one. We are thankful for the God we serve and the forgiveness and help that is always available for us. We are thankful for the people that make up His church and the good attitude seen in the people here at Market Street. May the Lord bless them all.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: *Jason Conn* let it be known that he desires to be a member here at Market Street. Jason was baptized here several years ago. We are glad to have he and Kaleigh with us.

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 June 1st*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 144
Morning Worship 178
Evening Worship..... 131
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 109

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 8th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Marcus Morris
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Dwaine Allfrey
Assisting Keith Hinkle
Serving Keenon Currier Danny Johnson
..... Bart Brown James Johnson
Closing Prayer Norman Brown

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Bonnie Sutton
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 8th:

Usher Steve Usery
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, June 11th:

Song Leader Joel Hamm
Bible Reading Mark 14:66-72
..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer Dan Reed
Invitation Jordan Lovell
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Sunday, June 15th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Terry Andrews
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Tommy Coblentz
Assisting Norman Brown
Serving David Terry Hunter Cox
..... Tommy Burns Paul Hasting
Closing Prayer Mot Dollar

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Nathaniel Adams
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 15th:

Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Marty Adams