

MARKET STREET

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



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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

Come Join Us For Our

Gospel Meeting

September 21-24

(Sunday – Wednesday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Kasey Harbin, Speaking

Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Andrew Roberts, Speaking

Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Carrol Sutton, Speaking

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

Daniel Tucker, Speaking

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Preparing or Predicting for the End

W. Frank Walton

Harold Camping is a radio preacher who predicted the so-called “rapture” of the church would happen by Jesus’ return on May 21, 2011 at 6 p.m. The so-called “tribulation” would then allegedly extend to October 21st and so the end of the world would happen. He and his supporters purchased expensive billboard and internet ads saying, “Judgment Day: May 21st. The Bible Guarantees It.”

If you’re reading this now, we now see Mr. Camping is completely wrong in this foolish prediction. In fact, he made a prior prediction that this would happen on October 28, 1992. He said afterward that he made a miscalculation somewhere.

1. Jesus’ Return Date is Unknown and Unknowable. The Bible certainly guarantees that Judgment Day is coming with Christ’s return (John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 20:11-15). Yet, the exact time is unknown and unpredictable. Note these clear Bible statements:

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone” (Mark 13:31-32). It is a grave error to claim to know something that Jesus Himself said He does not know.

“For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2ff; cf. Matthew 24:43). A thief comes unannounced, at a time you expect it the least. So, Jesus uses this illustration to clearly show that it is wrong to try and predict when He will return.

“You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect” (Luke 12:40).

2. Prepare for His Return, Not Speculate Upon it. Despite clear Bible teaching, men through time have foolishly speculated on trying to predict the end of the world.

1284: Pope Innocent III predicted Christ’s second coming would occur in this year. He based his prediction on the date of the inception of the Muslim faith, then added 666 years to that.

1524: On Feb. 1st, Dr. H.L. Willmington noted that

some 20,000 people abandoned their homes and fled to high ground in anticipation of a second great flood that was predicted to start from the Thames. This panic was due to predictions the world would soon end.

1844: Baptist preacher William Miller predicted Jesus would return to upstate New York on October 22, 1844. Believers dressed in white robes and waited all day for Christ’s return. This became known in American history as the “Great Disappointment.”

1914: Jehovah’s Witnesses have set several dates for the prophetic end: 1914, 1915, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1925, 1941, 1975, and 1994. In fact, 1975 saw many Jehovah’s Witnesses duped into selling their homes because they were deceived that the end would happen.

1988: Hal Lindsay had predicted in *Late, Great Planet Earth* (1970) that Christ would return 40 years (one generation) after the 1948 establishment of the state of Israel (p. 58). In 1988 there was even a major book titled *88 Reasons Why Christ Will Return in 1988*. The following year he published *89 Reasons Why Christ Will Return in 1989*, claiming to have been slightly off on his calculations. Make that twice! I remember him rationalizing his error away by saying, “If it helps people get ready, then this is worthwhile.” No, twisting the Scriptures makes people in the world mock the Bible as an unreliable guide and that Bible believers are dupes.

Rather, since the end of the world is unpredictable, Jesus says we should prepare to be ready to meet him: “It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert. Therefore, be on the alert – for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or...in the morning – in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. What I say to you I say to all, ‘Be on the alert!’” (Mark 13:34-37). Jesus wants faithful obedience and spiritual sobriety, not idle speculation, which is an erroneous distraction. Neither should we have spiritual apathy about the time of His return. Are we alert and ready to meet Him?

-via *Teaching Truths*; Madison, Alabama.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

“How Are We Going To Tell Dad?”

Ross Melvin

The young physician entering my office to discuss a business problem appeared tired and bothered - even more than many physicians often do because of the long, demanding hours of their profession. After he sat down and relaxed for a few moments the conversation turned into something like this: “Ross, I have just experienced one of the most touching situations of my medical career.” The situation, as he went on to explain it, was that of a teenage girl upon having her suspicions of pregnancy confirmed, embraced her mother who had accompanied her into his office and cried, “Mom, how are we going to tell dad?” The unsuspecting father of the girl was in the reception room supposedly unaware of the seriousness of this visit to the family physician.

At this point it appeared that this “private” sin became a far-reaching one, affecting supposedly innocent parties - or were they totally innocent? Further discussion with the physician revealed that upon questioning as to why she did what she did the girl stated that she did it to “get even with” her mother who had said or done something to her.

Not to minimize the sin committed by the girl, I have had the admonition of Paul to the Ephesians, “And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4) come to mind every time I think of this situation. What could this mother have said or done to so provoke her daughter to such a serious mental state? How careful we as parents must be to be able to teach and guide our children without “provoking them to wrath” – this, however, is not to be confused with allowing them to do and act in any way they please so as to not make them mad or go against their desires. What an awesome responsibility!

Further reflections, aside from the most damaging—the fact that sins had been committed, bring to mind the other questions that now faced the once innocent young girl. Some of the other questions she must now answer are “Should I have an abortion?” (God forbid.) “Should I try to get the father of the child to marry me and try to make a home for all of us at this young age?” “Should I expect my parents to raise the child for me?”

“Should I put the baby up for adoption?” “Should I stay at home, in school, and have the baby or should I go to another city?” The list continues on and has no easy answers. Questions also arise to be answered by the young mother-to-be’s parents, the father-to-be and his parents also.

To those who have taken the attitude that “it’s my body, I’ll do what I want to with it” or “if it feels good - do it” may these thoughts cause you to stop and think of the real significance and reasoning behind Paul’s exhortation to those at Thessalonica that they should “abstain from fornication” (1 Thessalonians 4:3) and his instruction to Timothy to “Flee also youthful lusts...” (2 Timothy 2:22).

Think, young girls and boys - do you have an answer to “How are we going to tell dad?”

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Mot Dollar	Betty Pepper
Janice Cagle	Fay Ferguson
Philip Williams	Buddy Pepper
Carl Hargrave	Marjorie Dunnivant
Crutcher Harbin	Robert & Mot Beasley
Gwen Bullock	Dianna Ritter
Ruth Lawson	Una King Currier
Gene Carpenter	Dorothy Casteel
Ava Brooke Campbell	Alex Reed
Phillip Harwell	Charles Burns
Eli Williams	Analynn Tegg
Elizabeth Kate Miller	Kim Pressnell

In The Hospital:

Michael Vaighn; Clear Lake Med. Ctr.; Webster, Tex.

Matt Poff; Vanderbilt Hospital; Nashville, Tenn.

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 Frantz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 63	Deannie Britton; rm. 66

Limestone Health Facility:

Albert Norton, rm. 36	Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E
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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:

Wynell Casteel, at home

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

NURSING HOMESINGING: Remember the singing on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the **Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care**. Come to sing, you will enjoy it and you will encourage the residents there.

OUT OF TOWN: The Coblenz: Tommy & Marcella are in Birmingham this weekend with family... **The Reeds:** Dan and Scottie are in Idaho on vacation... **The Vaughns:** Phillip and Margaret are in Houston, Texas this week.

NEW DIRECTORY: The new directories are out this morning. Please get your copy today. If there are any errors, please let us know, so they can be corrected.

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 Sept. 7th

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	134
	Morning Worship	185
	Evening Worship	138
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	125



Bible Study — At the Gathering Place

Roles in the Home

Focus on the Women's Role

This afternoon, September 14th
Following the afternoon service

Come Join Us As We Study Together

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 14th

Morning Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer	Kenneth Smith
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Norman Brown
Serving	Russ Wulfekuhl
	Ronnie Locke
	Cody Kennedy
	Kenneth Adams
Closing Prayer	Dwayne Allfrey

Evening Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer	Dan Reed
Preaching	Marty Adams
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Tommy Burns

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 14th:

Usher	Danny Johnson
Work Sound System	Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, September 17th:

Song Leader	Marty Adams
Bible Reading.....	Romans 4:1-12
	Danny Johnson
Prayer	Landon Adams
Invitation	Tommy Coblenz
Closing Prayer	Bonnie Sutton

Sunday, September 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer	Norman Brown
Preaching	Kasey Harbin
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting	Marcus Morris
Serving	James Johnson
	Keenon Currier
	Bill Claxton
	Stefan Fudge
Closing Prayer	Steve Usery

Evening Worship

Announcements	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Todd Williams
Prayer	Ross Melvin
Preaching	Kasey Harbin
Lord's Supper	Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 21st:

Usher	Paul Hasting
Work Sound System	Terry Andrews