

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

Beginning Today

Gospel Meeting

September 21-24

(Sunday – Wednesday)

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

Kasey Harbin, Speaking

Monday – 7:00 p.m.

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Do You Presume?

David A. Cox

Recently, as I was listening to a radio program I heard a man talking about something that was penned in a book say, “I presume that you will find in the book...” Hearing that statement, I thought, how many people do exactly that when it comes to the Bible, God’s Word? They presume the Bible teaches something that, in fact, it does not teach.

In Numbers 14, after the children of Israel had sent spies to spy out the land, the Lord told them that all that were 20 years old and older (excluding Joshua and Caleb) would not be able to go up and possess the land of promise. They arose afterward to go up and possess the land and Moses warned them that God was not with them and that they would be defeated. “But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill and smote them” (Numbers 14:44-45). When Moses addressed the children of Israel after their wandering in the wilderness for forty years, he told of the Lord raising up a prophet from among them. “But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die” (Deuteronomy 18:20). These two passages should impress us of God’s displeasure when men presume things that are not so.

Do you presume what in the Bible teaches? Some presume that the Bible teaches salvation at the point of faith. The Bible teaches we are saved by faith, but only when that faith is prompted to act according to the will of God (Acts 2:36-38). Faith is necessary, but obedience is also required for there to be the forgiveness of sins and to be justified before God (James 2:24). Some presume to worship God in ways that he has not prescribed. Many use musical instruments in worship as they sing in worship to God, but the New Testament (which we now live under, Colossians 2:14) nowhere mentions the use of musical instruments in worship to God. Singing is the only type of music mentioned in worship to God (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12). Some presume that is not necessary to take the Lord’s Supper

each and every first day of the week. They presume that it will be more special and significant if it is observed less often. The Bible says the first-century church took the Lord’s Supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). Each week has a first day, so we must conclude from the scriptures that it includes every week. Perhaps you presume that these are minor details and God will not be bothered by them.

In 2 Corinthians 13:5 we read, “Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith.” Paul commended the Bereans because “they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11). These passages impress us with the importance of doing the things God has commanded us to do. Do you presume what God wants you to do? Or, are you examining your lives with the scriptures making sure that you are acceptable of God. Do not be like those Christ mentioned in Matthew that presume to be doing the Father’s will, but were in actuality workers of lawlessness (Matthew 7:23).

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The Praise of Men

Mike Thomas

A truly sad scene is described in John 12 when it says, “Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (vv. 42-43). These people had a “front row seat” to the works and teachings of Jesus, yet they chose to follow the opinions of men instead because “they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” How sad. They traded living water for dust and dirt.

Unfortunately, the decision to live for the praise of men did not die with those who rejected Jesus during His ministry. We are tempted to do the same with the opinions and traditions of our time. In doing so, we are setting ourselves up for the inevitable disappoint-

ment because...

Men are unreliable. The prophets of old issued this warning: "Do not trust in a friend; do not put your confidence in a companion; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom. For son dishonors father, daughter rises against her mother, daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own household. Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me" (Mark 7:5-7). Jesus repeated this principle in His teachings (Matthew 10:34-36). It refers to the imprudence of choosing men over God because of the division can occur at any time between humans. Every earthly relationship is vulnerable to betrayal and disappointment, especially in matters pertaining to God's will, because every relationship is influenced by opinion. Even the best of friends can be divided by slander and gossip (Proverbs 16:28). God is the only One incapable of betraying or misunderstanding us.

Men do not last. Even when earthly ties are so great that no division can sever them, which should be the goal of every Christian (Colossians 3:14), in every relationship (vv.12-13, 18-21), the fact that no man can remain in the flesh is another reason not to live for the praise of men. We all live in a temporary body that was given to us by God. Thus, "Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish" (Psalm 146:3-4). Everything we see and hear is but for a moment, including human approval. "All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust" (Ecclesiastes 3:20).

We must answer to God. Suppose it is possible to live without criticism and rejection, what will it profit us in the Day of Judgment? Will it change the fact that we each must give account of ourselves to God (2 Corinthians 5:10)? Then why choose the approval of men over the approval of God? Will human approval change the way God views us (1 Corinthians 4:3-4)? Then why treat God like an irrelevant opinion in dismissing Him for men?

In all that we say, think, and do, let us live for the approval of the only opinion that matters: God's. For 'the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever' (1 John 2:17).

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

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM - 92.5 FM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Mot Dollar	Fay Ferguson
Shelia Barrett	Carol Dean
Betty Pepper	Buddy Pepper
Carl Hargrave	Marjorie Dunnivant
Crutcher Harbin	Robert & Mot Beasley
Gwen Bullock	Michael Vaughn
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
Dianna Ritter	Marcelino Ordonez-Zetino
Shawn Felker	

In The Hospital:

Matt Poff; Vanderbilt Hospital; Nashville, Tenn.
Sandi Wagner; Athens-Limestone Hosp.; rm. 253
Stacy Franklin Mathis; Huntsville 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 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

OUR MEETING: Our meeting is beginning this morning and will continue through Wednesday evening. *Kasey Harbin* will be preaching today, *Andrew Roberts* on Monday; *Carrol Sutton* on Tuesday and *Daniel Tucker* on Wednesday. Remember to tell others about the meeting and invite them to join us.

NURSING HOME SINGING: 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.

BAPTISM: We rejoice last Sunday afternoon in *Destiny Scruggs* decision to be baptized into Christ. We appreciate *Destiny's* good heart and desire to please God. May we all encourage her as she has encouraged us in her commitment in serving the Lord. May Lord bless her with many days to faithfully serve Him.

CONFESSION: We rejoiced Sunday morning as *Keneth Hinkle* came forward and confess unfaithfulness in his life as child of God. May we all encourage him as he faithfully serves the Lord.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: We rejoice that the *The Ogles: Mike, Nikki and Drew* have decided to join us in the work here at Market Street. May we extend to them a warm welcome.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Vaughns: Phillip and Margaret* are in Houston, Texas this week.

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. 14th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 146
Morning Worship 191
Evening Worship..... 130

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 118

Men Privileged To Serve:

unday, 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

Wednesday, September 24th:

Song Leader Tommy Burns
Bible Reading (No Reading)
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Prayer Dan Reed
Invitation Daniel Tucker
Closing Prayer Terry Andrews

Sunday, September 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Joel Hamm
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Keith Hinkle
Assisting Steve Usery
Serving David Terry Marvin Putman
..... Dan Lovell Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Steve Usery
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 28th:

Usher Keenon Currier
Work Sound System Landon Adams