

# 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  
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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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## *The Necessity of Baptism*

**Randy Harshbarger**

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). Why do we have to be baptized? The shortest answer and perhaps the best answer is: Because Jesus said so! Baptism was certainly an important part of His last words directed to His apostles. And from reading the book of Acts we can learn that baptism was an integral part of the apostolic message.

Practically, all "*Christian*" churches (read into that phrase a cautious tone and notice the italics) practice some kind of rite known as baptism. They do so because Christ's words are so clear in His Great Commission. The command to be baptized is really not the dispute. The real controversy is concerned with: (1) What is the meaning of baptism? (2) Who are the proper subjects of baptism? (3) What is the mode of baptism? (immersion, sprinkling, etc.)

Catholicism teaches that baptism itself, as a sacrament, imparts grace to the one being baptized. That is, a person is really transformed by the act itself; that person is moved from death to life. Lutheranism teaches that baptism is not effectual unless faith is present. But, if you are baptizing an infant, as Lutherans do, how can that child have faith? Adults could come to the Lord and they could have faith; that we can understand. But how can a little baby possess faith? And why be baptized if you are saved by faith alone, anyway? Of course, infant baptism is tied to the teaching of "original sin." The taint of Adam's sin makes it necessary for babies to be baptized, even though they are incapable of exercising their own faith.

Many believe infants and children in the New Testament were baptized because, after all, households generally had children in them (cf. Acts 11:14). It may or may not be true that households in the New Testament had children in them; that is not the point. The point is: Who

needs to be baptized. To baptize an infant scripturally, one must demonstrate that the infant is a sinner, that the infant has heard and believes the gospel, made the good confession, and understands what he or she is doing. That is a long stretch!

The people on Pentecost knew they were sinners and knew they needed to do something in order to have their sins forgiven. That is why Peter told them: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Let the Word of God tell us what we should do to be saved.

~via *Stallings Drive Bulletin*; Nacogdoches, Texas.



## *Jesus Is Lord*

**Dennis Carrow**

There is one profound truth that is at the heart of the faith- Jesus is Lord! But what does that mean? The word "Lord" means "master, having power or authority. He to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has the power of deciding; master, lord. One who has control of the person, the master." (Strong's Greek #2962-kurios).

When we profess Jesus is Lord we are saying we are subject to His will. Much of the apostolic writings to New Testament Christians is confirming and defending the Lordship of Jesus. From the book of Acts to the Revelation letter the message is "know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ." "For he is Lord of lords and King of kings" (Acts 2:36; Revelation 17:14).

It is because Jesus is Lord we humbly turn to Him for guidance and direction. We realize He has all power and authority - He holds the answer to questions of life. "All things were created through Him and for Him... in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16-17).

When we submit to His will we enter into the light of life. The confusion and conflict we can experience

in this life is replaced by peace and joy and love. Sadly there are those who seek to rob us of the abundant life that is ours in Christ. So, how can we prevent this from happening?

### **Jesus Has Preeminence**

Regardless of what may happen in our lives we must remain steadfast in the faith and be faithful to Him. This is done through acknowledging that as long as we serve Jesus, He will provide for us every spiritual blessing. We must never allow our relationship with Christ to be conditioned upon external circumstances or the behavior of others. The apostle Paul was emphasizing this in his letter to the church at Philippi. He instructs us not to have our minds set on earthly things, but on heavenly things. In hope - we "await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him... to subject all things to Himself" (Philippians 3:17-21).

### **Jesus' Spiritual Provisions**

While we anticipate the life to come and victory over death because of the resurrection, we also enjoy blessings in this life. This life is temporary, but with Jesus as Lord we have unique blessings that allows us to obtain rest. Consider the invitation of our Lord Jesus, "Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-29). The preceding verses of this invitation reveals that only those who humble themselves as little children before God can accept this invitation. It is from this perspective we can learn from Him. "We have a high priest who can sympathize with our weakness, and we can with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (ref. Hebrews 4:14-16).

We find the two-fold nature of the blessing of recognizing Jesus as Lord in Mark 10:29, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time..., with persecutions, and in the life to come eternal life."

### **Why Would Anyone Reject Jesus as Lord?**

In light of these benefits and blessings why do men

reject Jesus as Lord?

1) **A lack of humility.** Desiring the preeminence for themselves, John 12:42 speaks of those who would not confess Jesus as Lord for fear of losing social or political preeminence.

2) **A desire to serve fleshly lust.** We can choose to pursue sexual impurity, drunkenness, etc. In so doing we are denying Jesus as Lord of our life. However, we must be reminded these are the "passing pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:25).

3) **Materialism.** In a society plagued with the desire to have more, we live with the danger of allowing material things to take precedence over the will of God - thus we reject Him as Lord (1 Timothy 6:10).

4) **We can be deceived!** One of the more frightening realities we must face is deception. 2 Peter 2 warns of those who would "promise liberty," but through their deception we become slaves of corruption.

5) **Altering God's word - to fit our own selfish desires.** This is done in an effort to justify ourselves. As the lawyer asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" His purpose in questioning Jesus was to reject the idea of being merciful and accepting personal responsibility.

When we profess Jesus is Lord we must remove selfish worldliness from our lives. We must hold to God's word, and reject any form of altered gospel. Jesus is Lord, but the question we must ask is Jesus Lord of my life?

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and no man comes to the Father but through Him (John 14:6).

It is His word that will judge us in the last day (John 12:48).

Jesus Is Lord!

~via *What Is True?*; Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Bible Study



### Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## 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:

Nancy Abernathy

Irene Inman

Lona Killen

Carol Dean

Betty Pepper

Gwen Bullock

Crutcher Harbin

Michael Vaughn

Pat Goodin

Ruth Lawson

Gene Carpenter

Dorothy Casteel

Eli Williams

Phillip Harwell

Shawn Felker

Kim Pressnell

Anita Willis

Margaret Carter

Mot Dollar

Fay Ferguson

Marjorie Dunnivant

Carl Hargrave

Robert & Mot Beasley

Ann Bush

Una King Currier

Adam Davidson

Matt Poff

Marcelino Ordonez-Zetino

Elizabeth Kate Miller

Ava Brooke Campbell

Charles Burns

Dianna Ritter

Analynn Tegg

### In The Hospital:

Albert Norton; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 217

Amy McGuire; Huntsville Hospital; rm. 497

Larry Jenkins; Huntsville Hospital; ICU

### Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111 Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102

Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 Dorothy Draper, rm. 97

Matty Murray, rm. 2 Gayle Mills, rm. 15

Robert Johnson, rm. 18 Mildred Frantz, rm. 31

Judith Groce, rm. 42 Mable Crafts, rm. 100

### Limestone Health Facility:

Albert Norton, rm. 36 Buddy Pepper, rm 113

Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

**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

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the book of "*Proverbs*". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

**GOSPREL MEETINGS:** The **Elkton church** in Elkton, Tennessee is engaged in a gospel meeting this week through Wednesday night. *Gary Sandusky* will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Jordan Park church** in Huntsville is having their meeting this week through Wednesday with *Paul Earnhart* preaching... The **Jackson Heights church** in Columbia, Tennessee will be engaged in their fall meeting with *David Banning* preaching. The meeting will continue through Wednesday night.

**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..

**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:** *Average Attendance for October*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 141

Morning Worship ..... 180

Evening Worship..... 126

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 112



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**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, November 2nd:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Keith Hinkle  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Jerry McGlockin  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Norman Brown  
Assisting ..... Marcus Morris  
Serving ..... Russ Wulfekuhl ..... James Johnson  
..... Heath Dollar ..... Jason Conn  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ogles

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Keith Hinkle  
Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
Lord's Supper ..... Norman Brown  
Closing Prayer ..... Joel Hamm

**Other Assignments for Sunday, November 2nd:**

Usher ..... Paul Hasting  
Work Sound System ..... Landon Adams

**Wednesday, November 5th:**

Song Leader ..... Marty Adams  
Bible Reading..... Romans 7:1-12  
..... Danny Johnsons  
Prayer ..... Dan Reed  
Invitation ..... Jordan Lovell  
Closing Prayer ..... Nathaniel Adams

**Sunday, November 9th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Ronnie Locke  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Assisting ..... Tommy Coblenz  
Serving ..... Bart Brown ..... David Terry  
..... Paul Hasting ..... Marvin Putman  
Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Landon Adams  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Closing Prayer ..... Marcus Morris

**Other Assignments for Sunday, November 9th:**

Usher ..... Larry Mitchell  
Work Sound System ..... Nathaniel Adams