

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

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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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What If There Is Still No Water

Kent Heaton

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis. 1:1). It is unfathomable to imagine the power found in Genesis 1:1. How can we measure the magnitude of the creation of the world by the word of God? He spoke and the world came into existence. "God said, "Let there be light, and there was light" (Genesis. 1:3). He divided the portions of the earth, formed the planets and established their order in the universe and caused the land to produce vegetation and animals by the power of His word.

The great wonder of God's power is found in the story of the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. Sending the plagues upon Pharaoh and the wicked nation of Egypt was a sign of the immense power of God that concluded with the death of the firstborn among the people of Egypt (Deuteronomy. 6:22). When Job contended with Jehovah the reply out of the whirlwind came with the might and force of the omnipotent presence of the Creator. "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fasted? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38: 4-7).

How can one compare the work of God in His divine supremacy over man? He destroyed the whole earth (save eight souls) by a flood in Genesis 6. The vengeance of the Lord destroyed the cities of the plain including Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 19. Nations rose and fell under the command of God (Zephaniah 3:8) and kings were displaced by the will of God. The miracles of Jesus lay testimony to His power over every dominion and power known to man and the greatest of miracles was His birth. We stand in fearfulness of how great our God is.

On the road to Gaza, the Holy Spirit instructs the evangelist Philip to find a man traveling back to his home in Ethiopia. Luke tells us the area Philip would find his prospect was a "desert" (Acts 8:26). Joining the

man of Ethiopia, Philip began at Isaiah 53 and “preached Jesus to him. Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?’” (Acts 8:35-36). Imagine that – a desolate place where two men found water to be baptized.

The critics of water baptism would suggest that baptism cannot be necessary for salvation because “what if there is no water to baptize the person”? This kind of theology is suggesting that God is omnipotent in everything but providential care of those who want to obey His will. The Lord can create the world and destroy the world but helping two men find water to be baptized is out of His power. To deny the will of God (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Peter 3:21). To deny the necessity of baptism because someone somewhere in the world will not find sufficient water to be baptized is to treat the Creator with great contempt.

Detractors of water baptism are much like Naaman (2 Kings 5) who “thought” he had a better way than the will of the Lord. Until he humbled himself he remained a leper. Until men humble themselves they remain in their sin. You provide the faith and God will provide the water.

~via *Reunion Reflections*; Athens, Alabama

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It's In Your Hands

Blake Edwards

“And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into Your Hands I commit My Spirit’” (Luke 23:46).

This is one of the final sayings of Jesus on the cross. Some say it is **the** last thing He said before breathing His last. He has already expressed His care for those that are crucifying Him and love for His mother. He has cried out in suffering as well as victory. Now, it's the end. This morning I want you to think on these sayings, but in particular His final saying as we engage in the memorial feast of the Lord's Supper.

He cries out with a “loud” voice. As He cries out,

it is for all to hear. His Father heard Him, but those who had mocked and cursed Him heard as well. We often say that as Jesus said, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me,” their minds would have gone back to Psalm 22. Here, would their minds have gone back to Psalm 31? As David says in verse 5, “Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth,” now Jesus takes their mind back to this Psalm. They would remember the great dependence David had on the Lord for strength, rescue, guidance and escape. So Jesus relies on His Father for the same. He wants them to know God is with Him it's not really over.

He cries to the Father. No matter what has happened between the Father and the Son during this time, one thing is certain, Jesus is still in communication with God. As He is about to give up His spirit, He commits or commands it to the Father. He has been in the hands of His killers, but He commits His spirit to the hands of the Father. His body is all but taken at this point. His spirit, He gives up willingly to His Father. He is ready and content.

The Son of God shows us that we too can depend on God for strength and rescue. He is showing us that contentment is found when we give ourselves over to the Father. So, like Jesus poured Himself out and put it all in God's hands, we devote ourselves to the Father. We do this knowing that Jesus did breathe His last, but He would be raised once again. Jesus committed everything, both body and spirit, to the Father, will you?

~via *Family Report*; Florence, Alabama

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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Are Few Saved?

Mike Thomas

Jesus taught things that challenged even the most devout follower of God. One particular statement He made lead a listener to question His reasoning: "Then one said to Him, 'Lord, are there few who are saved?'" (Luke 13:23). It was a statement that was just as troubling then to hear as it is now - "Lord, are only a few going to heaven?"

We can know several things about the phrase "few are saved":

1. **It was taught by Jesus.** The concept of a small percentage of people actually making heaven is not a statement founded in men. Jesus introduced this thought when He said few people walk the narrow path of God's word (Matthew 7:13-14).
2. **It is God's will.** Though it is God's will that all men hear that the path to heaven is straight, narrow, and confining, it is not His will that most people not walk in it. He has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33:11). He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).
3. **It has painful implications.** When Jesus said few are saved, He was essentially saying most people will go to hell. That was the impact of His statement! God's word teaches that He will render eternal life to those who obey Him, "but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth" will receive "tribulation and anguish" (Romans 2:6-9). Since few are willing to walk with God in righteousness, most will suffer the eternal consequences of sin in a place of "outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 22:13).
4. **It does not have to describe you.** Jesus' response to the man who questioned Him on few being saved was this: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 12:24). It was as if He was telling the man, "Don't worry about other people, you need to make sure you live on the path that leads to eternal life!" We may not be able to prevent most people from disobeying God, but we can control how we respond to His will. Hence, "Save yourselves from

this untoward generation" (Acts 2:40, KJV).

~via *Standing Firm*, Beaver Dam, Kentucky

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Doris Lovell	Buddy Pepper
Irene Inman	Mot Dollar
French Barksdaale	Carl Hargrave
Gwen Bullock	Carol Dean
Marjorie Dunnavant	Robert & Mot Beasley
Crutcher Harbin	Ann Bush
Al Pollard	Michael Vaughn
Jimmy Stanford	Matt Poff
Pat Goodin	Analynn Tegg
Gene Carpenter	Una King Currier
Dorothy Casteel	Elizabeth Kate Miller
Eli Williams	Ava Brooke Campbell
Phillip Harwell	Charles Burns
Shawn Felker	Dianna Ritter
Anita Willis	

In The Hospital:

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
Ruth Brackeen, rm. 61	

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

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.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Lona Killen**, in the passing of her daughter, **Brenda Payne**, this past Monday... We also express our sympathy to **Jewel Dean Kennemer**, in the passing of her nephew, **Cushman Alfred Roberson**. His funeral was on Monday... We also want to express our sympathy to **Rebecca Sims**, in the passing of her sister, **Macon Clark**. Her visitation and funeral was Saturday... We also want express our sympathy to the family of **Marcelino Ordenez-Zetino**. He passed away late Thursday night. There will be a funeral service this afternoon at Spry Funeral Home at 2:00.

BARBADOS: In July, there will be a Vacation Bible School in Bridgetown, Barbados on July 6-18. I will be going down for the VBS, July 6-10. If you would like to go that would be great. I am looking for people that would have an interest in going to help teach the VBS. We would probably plan to leave July 3 or 4 and return July 11th. If you would be interested in doing this and helping the brethren in Barbados, please let me know. I know the week would be a very rewarding experience for you.

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: Attendance for week of December 7th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 141
Morning Worship 188
Evening Worship..... 141
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 116



Fourth Annual Singing

Friday, February 27, 2015 — 7:00 p.m.

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, December 14th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Norman Brown
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Joel Hamm
Assisting Tommy Coblentz
Serving Mike Ogles James Johnson
..... Keith Hinkle Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Ronnie Locke
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 14th:

Usher Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System Terry Andrews

Wednesday, December 17th:

Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Bible Reading Romans 9:14-33
..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer Bonnie Sutton
Invitation Marty Adams
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Sunday, December 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Terry Andrews
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Ronnie Locke
Assisting Larry Mitchell
Serving Bill Claxton Cody Kennedy
..... Bart Brown Jason Conn
Closing Prayer James Johnson

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Todd Williams
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Ronnie Locke
Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, December 21st:

Usher Keith Hinkle
Work Sound System Landon Adams