

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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Let The Word Dwell Richly

Mark Mosley

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father" (Colossians 3:15-17).

Twice in this section of Scripture Paul urges us to "let" something take place. Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart and let the word of Christ richly dwell within (your heart). If you do that you will find your heart will be full of thanksgiving to God.

Christ's peace and Christ's word live and reign in our hearts because we allow it. We permit it. Those who serve Jesus do so freely and voluntarily.

How does the peace of Christ "rule" in our hearts? By being the final arbiter of any decision that we make. When choices are presented before us, Christians ask the question, "How will this impact my relationship with Jesus?" I will do nothing that destroys the peace of Christ that I enjoy. On the other hand, I will do whatever promotes that peace.

How do I discern between choices? By allowing the word of Christ to dwell within my heart. It is only by following the word of Christ that I can do all things in the name of Christ.

Here's the challenge of the day – do I allow the word of Christ to dwell in my heart, richly?

This isn't hard to grasp. If a CPA advised, "You need to let money richly dwell within your retirement account", we would have no problem understanding the implications of that statement. For that to happen we must invest! The more we invest, the more richly our money will dwell!

Here's the thing, Jesus has already granted us everything that pertains

to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him (2 Peter 1:3). The “unfathomable riches” of Christ have been made known in the gospel (Ephesians 3:8). And Jesus asks us to permit Him to fill up our hearts with this treasure.

If you are living a sad and thankless life (I’m not talking about being ungrateful because you don’t acknowledge God, I’m talking about being unable to find a reason to be thankful), have you ever considered that your heart may be empty? If you are living a life full of turmoil and indecision could it be the result of not allowing the peace of Christ to reign in your heart?

If our hearts are empty, if our hearts are impoverished, if our hearts are without direction and discernment - it is certainly not because Christ refuses to supply what we need.

Open the Book and let Him invest His word into your heart richly!

“The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.” (Psalm 19:8-10).

~via **Hueytown Bulletin**, Hueytown, Alabama.



A Church Kitchen In Jerusalem?

Frank Himmel

I was asking for help in responding to a brother who defends church kitchens on this basis: how do we know Jerusalem church didn’t have one to use in the daily serving of food to its widows (Acts 6:1-6)?

First, the question is not, “How do we know they didn’t have a kitchen?” It is, “How do we know they did?” We can only follow the apostolic pattern (Philippians 3:17) by observing what the Bible says the early

Christians did. Guessing about things they might have done, but about which the Bible says nothing, opens the door to endless innovations.

Second, it is not at all likely that the Jerusalem church even had a building at this point in its existence, much less a kitchen! There was so much poverty in the group that many were forced to sell land or houses just to meet the physical needs of their brethren (Acts 4:34-35). Given that, and the fact their number quickly swelled into the thousands (Acts 2:41; 4:4), where would they have gotten funds to build a meetinghouse sufficient for so many? Luke (in Acts 2:46) points to the temple courts as their meeting place.

Third, the only justification for a local church having any facility is it is a means of carrying out the work God has assigned the church (collectively). A building is authorized because we are commanded to assemble for worship (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 20:7; etc). Classrooms for education/instruction in God’s word might be included (Ephesians 4:11-12; etc). If one is going to argue in favor of a gym, they must show that recreation is a local church function. If one is going to argue in favor of a kitchen and eating hall, they must show that eating is a church function. Facilities for doing unauthorized things are themselves unauthorized. If the New Testament contained any commands or examples that made dinners and recreation the church’s work, brethren would not resort to arguments such as the one we are considering. Not only are there no positive statements to support such things, Paul’s prohibitions in 1 Corinthians 11 explicitly place eating in the realm of the home, not the local church. “What! Do you not have a house in which to eat and drink?... If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home” (vss 22, 34).

Fourth, what church has so many members lacking food and cooking capability that a kitchen in the meetinghouse is legitimately the most practical way to provide for them? And more to the point, in what congregation is preparing meals for indigent members the exclusive, or even the primary, use of such facilities? It is dishonest to justify building a facility for one purpose, then switching (perhaps all the while planning) to use it for others. By such tactics we might console ourselves, but God is not deceived.

~via **The Melrose Memo**; Richardson, Texas.

Remember Our Service This Afternoon at 4:00.

Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath

Chuck Bartlett

I couldn't help but notice the sign as I drove by the Seventh Day Adventist group this week and read, "Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath." This is taken from Matthew 12:8. That seems to solidify their belief that Christians should be worshipping on the Sabbath. However, as we take a closer look, it actually doesn't.

As we look at the text of Matthew 12, we find that Christ's disciples plucked heads of grain to eat on the Sabbath (vs.1). Our Lord pointed out that they were guiltless in what they did (vs.7). In the end, He stated He was the Lord even of the Sabbath. So how does this prove the need to worship on the Sabbath today?

There is no question that Jesus kept the Sabbath when he lived on earth (Mark 1:21; 6:2 etc.). The fact that our Savior defended Himself numerous times when accused of violating the Sabbath means one could be guilty of doing unlawful things on the Sabbath, but Christ didn't! Does this mean we are to keep the Sabbath? No.

The reason why is because Jesus lived and died under the Old Law. This is why you find Jesus telling the ten lepers that He healed to first go show themselves to the priest (Luke 17:14). They were told this because the Law of Moses required the priest to pronounce people as clean, once they do the rituals contained in the Law (Leviticus 14). Do we do this today? Obviously not! Especially since there is no Levitical priesthood today.

To make this clear, Jesus nailed the Old Law to the cross (Colossians 2:14). In order to have a new testament there needs to be the death of a testator (Hebrews 9:16). Prior to the death of Jesus the Law of Moses was still in force (Hebrews 9:17). Therefore, being under the gospel of Christ that Sabbath is no longer binding. This is why you find Christians coming together to worship God on the first day of the week- Sunday (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

Yes, Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, but also of the harvest (Matthew 9:38), and everything else, since He has all authority (Matthew 28:18).

-via *Pepper Road Bulletin* Athens, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Lona Faye Jackson
Lona Killen
Carol Dean
Mot Dollar
Doris Lovell
Buddy Pepper
Patsy Thomas
Essie Hardison
Gwen Bullock
Al Pollard
Ann Bush
Michael Vaughn
Pat Goodin
Gene Carpenter
Dorothy Casteel
Eli Williams
Irene Mitchell
Helen Rushing
J. T. Collins

Bonita Dollar
Virginia Meyer
Alvis McLemore
Patsy Thomas
Irene Inman
Marjorie Dunnivant
Robert & Mot Beasley
Carl Hargrave
Crutcher Harbin
Charles Burns
Ava Brooke Campbell
Anita Willis
Analynn Tegg
Una King Currier
Elizabeth Kate Miller
Phillip Harwell
Gabriel Brown
Dorothy Casteel

In The Hospital:

Fay Ferguson, Athens-Limestone Hosp. – ICU

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Paul Hasting, rm 70	Nelva Reed, rm. 111
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Gayle Mills, rm. 15
Mable Crafts, rm. 100	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 42	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 4??

Limestone Health Facility:

Albert Norton, rm. 36 Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E
Moveline Thomas, rm. 109-A

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86
Jerry Gilbert, rm. 84

Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

Shut-In:

Wynell Casteel, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUTOFTOWN: *The Hamms:* Joel, Sharma, Clayton and Ragan have been in Atlanta this weekend... *The Bradleys:* Steve and Marilyn are in Houston, Texas.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Tommy Greene* in the passing of his brother, *George Greene*, this past Sunday. His funeral was Thursday afternoon at the McConnell Funeral Home.

RESTORATIONS: We rejoiced Sunday morning as *Lora Crabtree* came forward asking for prayers for forgiveness in not being faithful in her service to God. We want to encourage Lora in her serving the Lord... After the morning service, *Greg Stanford* let it be known that he had not been faithful in his service to God and wanted renew his commitment to the Lord. We want to encourage Lora and Greg in their service to the Lord as they have encouraged us.

BAPTISM: We rejoiced Sunday morning after service as *Angel Stanford* expressed her desired to be baptized into Christ and was baptized. We wish for Angel a long and faithful life in serving God. May we all encourage Angel.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE KINGDOM: Remember there will be a Bible study at the *Gathering Place* on Sunday evening, February 8th, following our afternoon service. We will be Studying the *Kingdom of God*. I hope everyone will be able to be present.

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 three will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of January 25th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 124

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 1st:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer	Joel Hamm
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Larry Mitchell
Assisting	Norman Brown
Serving	Keenon Currier
.....	Heath Dollar
.....	Marvin Putman
.....	Jason Conn
Closing Prayer	Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Tyler Cox
Prayer	Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching	Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper	Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 1st:

Usher	Danny Johnson
Work Sound System	Marty Adams

Wednesday, February 4th:

Song Leader	Stefan Fudge
Bible Reading.....	Romans 13:1-7
.....	Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer	Steve Usery
Invitation	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Adams

Sunday, February 8th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer	Tommy Coblentz
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Keith Hinkle
Assisting	Terry Andrews
Serving	Ronnie Locke
.....	David Terry
.....	Cody Kennedy
.....	Kenneth Adams
Closing Prayer	Mot Dollar

Evening Worship

Announcements	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Tommt Burns
Prayer	Larry Mitchell
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer	Norman Brown

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 8th:

Usher	Steve Usery
Work Sound System	Nathaniel Adams

Fourth Annual Singing

February 27, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Steve Klein



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