

# 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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P.O. Box 388  
Athens, Alabama 35612  
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#### Schedule of Services

##### Sunday

Bible Classes ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.

##### Wednesday

Bible Classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

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## *What Did Paul Find at Corinth?*

**Robert F. Turner**

It was on his second great journey that the apostle Paul came to Corinth. What did he find during the year and six months that he remained in that important commercial center? First, he found a Jew and his wife who were tentmakers by trade. Paul abode with Aquila and Priscilla because he was of the same craft. He worked with them in making tents (Acts 18:2-3). Second, he found a synagogue of the Jews. It was the custom of the Jews to build places of worship called synagogues wherever there might be enough Jews to justify the erection of such a house. Paul went into the synagogue each Sabbath to reason with the people and to try to persuade them to follow Jesus (Acts 18:4). Third, he found strong opposition. When the people who assembled at the synagogue opposed and blasphemed, he said, "Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles" (Acts 18:6). Fourth, he found some who were willing to obey the gospel. Crispus, chief ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house, and many of the Corinthians heard, believed, and were baptized (Acts 18:8). Fifth, he found encouragement. Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia. Their arrival gave new impetus to Paul's efforts. Furthermore, the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and said, "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: For I have much people in this city" (Acts 18:5, 9-10).

#### Later Developments

After Paul took his leave of the newly established Corinthian church, Apollos went there from Ephesus and was a great help to the new converts (Acts 18:27-28). Many problems arose in the months that followed. A factional spirit was in evidence, discipline was neglected, brethren became involved in lawsuits against one another, dissension arose over eating meats sacrificed to idols, the Lord's supper was perverted, some began denying the resurrection of the dead, and there were abuses in connection with the exercise of spiritual endowments. Paul wrote a letter (1 Corinthians) designed to correct, instruct, and edify the church at Corinth. That letter

was penned during the time that Paul was at Ephesus on his third journey.

From Macedonia another letter (2 Corinthians) was written by Paul to the Corinthians. In it he expressed uncertainty as to what he might find when he returned to Corinth. "For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: Lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults: And lest when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed" (2 Corinthians 12:20-21).

### **What He Might Find**

Note what Paul was fearful that he might find if he paid another visit to the brethren at Corinth:

(1) Debates. This refers to strife, wrangling, or contentions growing out of enmity. It is sad when God's people are found wrangling rather than working; contending against each other rather than contending for the faith.

(2) Envyings. "Jealousy" is the word used here in some translations. Paul told the Corinthians in the first letter that envying, strife, and division's were proof that they were carnal or fleshly (1 Corinthians 3:3).

(3) Wraths. This term points to hot anger or keen indignation. There were heated animosities growing out of the opposing factions in the church.

(4) Strifes. Thayer defines the word as meaning a courting of distinction, the desire to put one's self forward, or a partisan spirit. "Disputes" is a good synonym.

(5) Backbitings. The reference is to evil speaking especially slandering someone behind his back.

(6) Whisperings. This applies to secret gossip that is repeated in hushed tones to defame someone.

(7) Swellings. Vine says the word denotes "a puffing up, swelling up with pride." Some preachers are troubled with this kind of swelling.

(8) Tumults. The thought is that of disorder, confusion, and disturbance. One can catch a glimpse of the commotions in the Corinthian church by reading Paul's first letter.

It would be humiliating to Paul to find such evils as these in the church at Corinth. It would be more disheartening if he visited them and found that they had not yet repented of other sins to which their attention

had been called previously. What would Paul find in your community or mine, particularly among members of the church, if he could pay us a visit today? Would he commend, or rebuke?

~via *The Eastside Enlightener*; Athens, Alabama

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## ***Progress In Prayer***

**Carl Witty**

Almost every Christian will admit his or her need for more effective and consistent prayer. Prayer is the avenue by which we talk to God of the universe. That we should have this privilege in an act of God's mercy and grace almost beyond comprehension! To have an audience with those counted great on this earth is the highlight in the life of many people; we can talk to our Father in heaven.

God communicated His will to us through the book of the word - His marvelous universe, and His word - the Bible (Psalm 19). We communicate with Him through our worship, the living sacrifice of our lives (Romans 12), and especially through prayer.

There is a sense of "oughtness" to prayer. Luke says that Jesus spoke a certain parable to His disciples, "that men ought always pray, and not to faint" (lose heart). Our efforts to pray ought always to remind us that we can grow in our ability (and enjoyment!) in prayer, and that such growth is to be expected and joy-enhancing. God certainly knows our needs - our real needs - better than we, and even before we ask. Yet, He wants us to ask (Matthew 6:31-32; 7:7; James 4:2 - "ye have not, because ye ask not").

We need prayer as a means of expressing gratitude to a loving and benevolent God. Ingratitude toward the one who has given us so much is among the meanest things we can do. David (Psalm 75:1) cried out, "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks." This expression has gone from the lips of those with grateful hearts throughout all ages. Timothy is reminded by Paul that "every creature of God is good, and nothing to be re-

fused, if it be received with thanksgiving.” We should take nothing for granted, because we have so much for which to be thankful. Paul therefore teaches that we should “abound” with thanksgiving, Colossians 2:7.

Most of Paul’s letters begin with a prayer of thanksgiving. He continually reminds Christians to “give thanks” for a variety of things. He beautifully expresses this attitude in Philippians 4:6 – “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

Christians certainly need prayer for help in times of need. We especially need Him in the moment of temptation, remembering the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13; “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

We pray for so many things: our basic needs (Matthew 6:11), the sick (James 5:13), the bold preaching of the gospel (Ephesians 6:18), the progress of the gospel in the hearts of men and women around the world (2 Thessalonians 3:1), and for “all men; for Kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honestly” (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Among the many statements that commend prayer, none is more appealing than Hebrews 4:16: “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” This wonderful promise in Hebrews is based on the qualifications of Jesus as our High Priest. He can intercede on our behalf because he was tempted as we are, and is therefore merciful and faithful.

It is truly amazing to observe how much time Jesus, the apostles, and early Christians engaged in prayer. Jesus prayed before all the major events in His life, including His baptism (Luke 3:21), the calling of the twelve (Luke 6:12), before Peter’s confession (Luke 9:18), and at the transfiguration (Luke 9:29). The course of His life is marked by intervals of prayer: Before the conflicts with religious leaders (Luke 5:16), before giving the model prayer to His disciples (Luke 11:1), when the Greeks came to see Jesus (John 12:27), at the time of the raising of Lazarus (John 11:41), and accompanying other miracles (Mark 1:41; 6:41; 7:34). Jesus prayed earnestly for His disciples and for us (John 17:6-19). He thanked God for His food (Mark 8:6).

The apostles and the early church are seen in the scriptures in frequent prayer (Acts 1:4,14; 10:9; 13:1-3; 16:25; 20:36), and in many other passages. Jesus, the apostles, and early Christians viewed every incident in life as worthy of prayer. They truly prayed “always” and “without ceasing.” They used prayer to keep in constant contact with their heavenly Father. Will we learn from the abundant evidence the exceeding value of prayer? may God help us to progress in prayer.

~via *Teaching The Truth*; Madison, Alabama.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Beverly Sutton	Addison White
Sarah Collier	Buddy Pepper
Barbara Allfrey	Lona Killen
Irene Inman	Essie Hardison
Marjorie Dunnivant	Gwen Bullock
Carl Hargrave	Ray Kennedy
Linda Ordonez	Ava Brooke Campbell
Michael Vaughn	Pat Goodin
Al Pollard	Elizabeth Kate Miller
Anita Willis	Dan Williams
Matt Poff	Una King Currier
Charles Burns	Gene Carpenter
Ann Bush	Analynn Tegg
Helen Rushing	Phillip Harwell

### In The Hospital:

*Eli Williams*; M.D. Anderson – Houston, Texas

### Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Dorothy Draper, rm. 97	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Matty Murray, rm. 2
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Mable Crafts, rm. 100	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 21	Terry Camp, rm. 91

### Limestone Health Facility:

Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E	Elizabeth Ann Gray, r. 104
Earl Davis, rm. 109	YuVawn Blakley, rm. 92

### Limestone Manor:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 84	Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86
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### Floyd E. “Tut” Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

### Shut-In:

Wynell Casteel, at home

Yvonne Sherbert, at son's home  
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**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.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Brookhill church* in Killen is having a gospel meeting this week with *Tony Mauck* preaching. The meeting will go through Wednesday night...The *Marion Street church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with *Russ Bowman* preaching...The *Jackson Heights church* in Columbia, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with *Max Dawson* preaching.

**OUR MEETING WITH BILL HALL:** This past week we have been engaged in a gospel meeting with brother Bill Hall preaching. The attendance for the meeting averaged 193. The lessons that brother Hall preached with very good, clear and timely. I appreciate the good work that he did in the meeting.

Also, I appreciate the work that each of you did in for the meeting does not go unnoticed. The clearing of your schedules, inviting others to come and praying for the efforts teach the gospel of Christ. Also, I appreciate those that led the singing. For the work that did in selecting their songs in advance and directing the congregation in singing praises to God. Good singing is a big help in setting the attitude of people to hear the word of God, and I am thankful for their work.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of April 26th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 133  
Morning Worship ..... 184  
Evening Worship..... 165  
**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 162



**June 15 – 18, 2015**

(Monday through Thursday)

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

**MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
514 WEST MARKET STREET  
ATHENS, ALABAMA

## Men Privileged To Serve:

### Sunday, May 3rd:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Larry Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Ronnie Locke  
Serving ..... Landon Adams ..... Jason Conn  
..... Terry Andrews ..... Steve Usery  
Closing Prayer ..... Arvid McGuire

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Marcus Morris  
Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
Lord's Supper ..... Larry Mithcell  
Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 3rd:

Usher ..... Marvin Putman  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams

### Wednesday, May 6th:

Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Bible Reading..... (1 Corinthians 2:1-16)  
..... Danny Johnson  
Prayer ..... Dan Reed  
Invitation ..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... James Johnson

### Sunday, May 10th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer ..... Joel Hamm  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Assisting ..... Terry Andrews  
Serving ..... Keenon Currier ..... David Terry  
..... Bill Claxton ..... Kenneth Adams  
Closing Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Closing Prayer ..... Ronnie Locke

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 10th:

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