

# 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  
P.O. Box 388  
Athens, Alabama 35612  
Phone (256) 232-1525

### 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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*David A. Cox, Editor*

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## Come Be With Us For



**June 15-18, 2015 — 10:00 a.m.**

### Adult Class Speaker:

Monday – Frank Walton  
Tuesday – Aaron Andrews  
Wednesday – Tim Sutton  
Thursday – Brandon Trout

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

## *Too Little Too Late*

**Mark W. White**

Why is it we get interested in the right things when it's just too late?

A young couple marries, but they take one another for granted. He abuses his position as husband, and she resists everything he says or does. Years pass with such neglect, abuse, and mistreatment. They end up in a divorce court. In the process of working out a settlement, the husband decides he wishes to repent and reconcile with his wife. Why now? Where was this penitent disposition when it would have saved the marriage? She may resist his offer, deciding that it's no use trying anymore. For her, it's a case of "too little, too late."

A foolish and immature son becomes estranged from his parents. He never calls, never visits, never shares his life with them. The parents agonize, but there is little they can do to have a relationship with a child who wants nothing to do with them. Years pass. Age takes its toll on the parents. One day the son receives a call. His mother is dead. He attends the funeral, weeps loudly and uncontrollably – but for what? The opportunity to love his mother and develop a relationship with her is gone forever. He may now see his immaturity, his selfishness, his ungodly character. He may repent and do better in the future, even caring for his widowed and aged father. But as far as his mother is concerned, it's "too little, too late."

A man lives an immoral and profligate life. He has no time for spiritual things, and has never made preparation for eternity. God is in none of his thoughts. He disdains the "holy Joes" that do their best to serve God. The Day of Judgment comes, and he knows it is "too late." He never prepared himself to meet God. Now he confesses Christ (as all will do, Philippians 2:11) but it is too late. Why didn't he do it in life when he had time and opportunity? He now receives the consequences of choices he made, and his penitent spirit is just a little bit "too little, too late."

Perhaps some personal offense was never corrected and the person to whom you needed to apologize has since died. It's too late to right a past wrong under such circumstances, but does it have to be a "forever failure"? No! Pray to God for His forgiveness, and make whatever

restitution you can for the wrong you committed. As long as the world stands and life is in your body, it is never too late to do the right thing, whether that is little or much.

As a youth, serious mistakes may have been made and sins committed which have followed you into adulthood. Don't let the past keep you from repentance immediately. God will accept you, even now. "Today" is the day of salvation (Hebrew 3:15). Let's use it before it is "too little, too late."

~via *Elgin Hills Enlightner*; Elgin Alabama.

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## *A Nation of Reform*

**Shane Williams**

Josiah became a king when he was just 8 years old, a seeker of God at 16, one who purged Idolatry at 20, and a humble servant of God at age 26. His great spiritual growth and leadership resulted from listening to God's Word and obeying what he heard.

While the temple in Jerusalem was being repaired and purified, the Book of the Law was found and read aloud to young King Josiah. It had been lost! When he heard it, he humbled himself, tore his robes, and wept in the presence of God (2 Chronicles 34:19, 27).

vs19 - "Thus it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his clothes."

vs27 - "because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the Lord."

Josiah realized the great sin of those who had ruled the nation before him. He decided if there would be lasting change, it had to begin with him. This renewal of the covenant and His commitment to follow the Lord and keep His commands ignited an entire nation to serve God and not turn from Him (vss. 31-33).

*"The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord - to follow the Lord and keep his commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book. Then he had everyone in Jerusalem and Benjamin pledge themselves to it; the people of Jerusalem did this in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. Josiah removed all the detestable idols from all the territory belonging to the Israelites, and he had all who were present in Israel serve the Lord their God. As long as he lived, they did not fail to follow the Lord, the God of their fathers."*

I know there is a lot wrong with our nation today. Greed? Violence? Corruption? Indifference toward God? How long has it been sinking into moral and spiritual decay? Although we would love to see our leaders do something similar as Josiah, we can still do our part to change what is within our capabilities. We do not need to feel too young, too old, or too powerless to serve God with all our strength. If there are to be changes made, it will begin with us.

Josiah - a seeker of God, reformer, God's servant, a king in his 20's who wept for his people - has shown us a powerful example.

-via *The Sutton Lane Sower*; Mayfield, Kentucky.

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## 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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Athens, Alabama

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### Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Doris Lovell  
Marie Nave  
Jeanette Weir  
Patsy Thomas  
Irene Inman  
Buddy Pepper  
Carl Hargrave  
Gwen Bullock  
Linda Ordonez  
Gene Carpenter  
Ray Kennedy  
Phillip Harwell  
Ann Bush  
Michael Vaughn  
Al Pollard  
Analynn Tegg  
Matt Poff

James Adams  
Ruth Legg  
Sherry Davis  
Nathan Smith  
Lona Killen  
Marjorie Dunnivant  
Essie Hardison  
Donna Todd  
Bennie Pepper  
Elizabeth Kate Miller  
Pam Perry  
Eli Williams  
Ava Brooke Campbell  
Pat Goodin  
Charles Burns  
Helen Rushing  
Una King Currie

### In The Hospital:

*Crutcher Harbin*; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 201  
*Dan Williams*; Vanderbilt Hospital; Nashville, Tenn.  
*Ben Hinkle*; Houston Hospital; Houston, Texas  
*Cecil Cox*; ECM Hospital - Florence; rm. 573

### 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
Helen Trousdale, rm. 63	

### Limestone Health Facility:

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

### Limestone Manor:

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

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

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

### Shut-In:

Hazel Brooks, at home  
Wynell Casteel, at home  
Yvonne Sherbert, at son's home  
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**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.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS/LECTURES:** The *Pepper Rd. church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday night. The speaker in this meeting will will *Jeremy Diestelkamp*... The *College View church* in Florence will be having their annual lectureship beginning on Monday morning. The lectures will continue through Thursday with morning and evening sessions. The morning sessions will begin at 9:30 and the evening sessions will begin with a period of singing at 6:30. The speakers in the lectureship will be: *Dee Bowman, Russ Bowman, Roger Shouse & Ralph Walker*.

**A TIME TOGETHER:** As we announced Wednesday evening that *The Userys* are inviting everyone to come to their house on Saturday, June 13th at 6:30 for a hotdog roast, etc. Make your plans to attend.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Gayle Ball* in the passing of her sister-in-law, *Bette Cozart*. She passed away late Saturday night. Her visitation and funeral services was Wednesday at the Germantown church of Christ. She was laid to rest in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *Landon* and *Nathaniel Adams* have been in Florida visiting family this past week... *The Smiths: Kenneth and Peggy* were in Tennessee this past week on vacation with family... *The Coblentzs: Tommy and Marcella* have been in the mountains this past week on vacation.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of May 31st

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 143  
Morning Worship ..... 185  
Evening Worship ..... 138

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 115



**June 15 – 18, 2015**

(Monday through Thursday)

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

## Men Privileged To Serve:

### Sunday, June 7th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer ..... Joel Hamm  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Larry Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Ronnie Locke  
Serving ..... Russ Wulfekuhl ..... Steve Usery  
..... Kenneth Adams ..... Jason Conn  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Terry Andrews  
Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
Lord's Supper ..... Larry Mitchell  
Closing Prayer ..... Dan Reed

### Other Assignments for Sunday, May 31st:

Usher ..... Heath Dollar  
Work Sound System ..... Landon Adams

### Wednesday, June 10th:

Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
Bible Reading ..... (1 Corinthians 5:1-13)  
..... Mike Ogles  
Prayer ..... Kenneth Adams  
Invitation ..... Dan Reed  
Closing Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey

### Sunday, June 14th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Keith Hinkle  
Assisting ..... Mike Ogles  
Serving ..... Hunter Cox ..... Stefan Fudge  
..... David Terry ..... Keenon Currier  
Closing Prayer ..... Ronnie Locke

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer ..... Marcus Morris  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Keith Hinkle  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

### Other Assignments for Sunday, June 14th:

Usher ..... Heath Dollar  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams