

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 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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Whose Authority?

David A. Cox

As Jesus continued his personal ministry and His teaching, we read, "And when He was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto Him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority" (Matthew 21:23). Although we later find out that the chief priests and the elders were not honest in this inquiry of Jesus, by their own admission, (vs. 25-28), it does not diminish the fact that it is a question of upmost importance. Authority means "the power or right to command, make decisions, enforce obedience." Whose authority are we following? It is a good question that all God-fearing people should ask and consider as they seek to worship and serve God pleasingly (John 4:24; Colossians 3:17).

The Misplacement of Authority

Man places authority in religion in many different things. Man places authority for what he does religiously in his own conscience and feelings; and sometimes in other men such as Joseph Smith, Martin Luther, and John Calvin. Sometimes men look to a council, convention, the majority or even his ancestors. It is when a man looks to the wrong place for his authority that division is created in the religious world. We see an example of this in First Corinthians 1. Those at Corinth were saying, "I am of Paul, and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ (verse 12). It was due to the misplacement of their authority that caused the church to be divided. Paul, seeing this division, told them in verse 10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment." Paul told them that unity was expected and that it was possible. How? As they would recognize and heed the one true authority, unity could be had.

The One True Authority Is Christ

We can see that Christ is the authority that we are to follow. Just before Christ's ascension into heaven he told His disciples, "All power

is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, he explained the position of authority that the Father had placed Christ in "when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under His feet and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church (Ephesians 1:20-22). Paul used very similar language of Christ's authority when writing concerning the end and the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:24, "Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and all power." In these passages, we are given abundant proof that Christ now has all authority. He is the one true authority and will continue to have this authority until this word comes to an end.

In John 12:48, Christ declared that the word that He had spoken would be the standard by which men will be judged. In Hebrews 5:9 the writer, speaking of Christ said, "And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all that obey Him." Salvation is conditioned upon one's response to the commands given by our authority, Christ.

Christ is our authority today. He has the right to give commands, make decisions and enforce obedience. We must then, be obedient to the gospel of Christ. For in the day of judgment, we will be judged according to how our lives measure up to the gospel given. Our destiny will be determined by whether we have been obedient or disobedient to the gospel.

Have you obeyed the gospel of Christ and submitted your life to His authority? If not, why? "Now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

God Knows Your Name

W. Frank Walton

Do you ever have problems remembering names? Many say, "I remember their face but not their name." Our Almighty Father in heaven never forgets your name. "The Lord answers, Can a woman forget the baby she nurses? Can she feel no kindness for the child to which she gave birth? Even if she could forget her children, I will not forget you. See, I have written your name on my hand. Jerusalem, I always think about your walls" (Isaiah 49:15-16).

The historical background was Isaiah's comfort to the Jewish exiles in Babylonian captivity. Far away from home, they wondered if God had forgotten them. Does God still care? Yes, Isaiah proclaims! A human mother surely remembers her infant child, yet great than this is God's concern for His people. The 70 year Babylonian captivity was ordained to purify the Jews from idolatry and to allow the land of Israel to enjoy its Sabbaths rest that the Jews failed to observe (Jeremiah 25:11-12, 50:20; Ezekiel 6:9, 2 Chronicles 36:20-21; Leviticus 26:33-36).

God's delays are not His denials. We have to patiently trust God's timetable, not our own, and wait on Him to fulfill His own good purpose in His own good time. Have you ever written something urgent on your hand to make sure you don't forget? God has written your name on His hand (metaphor for His active involvement in the world). He will not forget you! So, if you are a true child of God by obedient faith, God knows your name! You are not an afterthought in the world. You were created with a divine purpose in this world. You are at the center of God's loving concern. He remembers and cares for you! How comforting is Isaiah's message to God's captive people: "Comfort, oh, comfort my people" (Isaiah 40:1).

Do You Know God's Name?

For God to know your name in a tender, loving, saved relationship, you must come to know Him by name. "The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble; and those who know Your name will put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You" (Psalm 9:10-11).

There is salvation only in the name (person) of Jesus (Acts 4:12). Have you been baptized in the name (by the authority of His person) Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:5)? Has God enrolled your name in the book of Life? Why not obey the gospel today?

Do you sincerely strive by faith to “do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God” (Colossians 3:17, cf. 1 Corinthians 5:4, 2 Thessalonians 3:6). This is faithfully and respectfully staying within only what the Lord has authorized in His word. “We believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us” (1 John 3:23). If God knows our name, we can always take refuge in His name (Proverbs 18:10).

Does God know your name?

via *Charleston Road Bulletin*; New Albany, Indiana.



Evil Company

J. Mike Johnson

The story is told of two parrots who lived near each other. The one was accustomed to singing hymns while the other was addicted to swearing. The owner of the latter obtained permission for it to associate with the former in the hope that its bad habit would be corrected. Instead, the opposite happened as both learned to swear!

The little story reminds us of a passage in 1 Corinthians 15:33 which says, “Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’” (NKJV). A person may feel like he can associate with wicked people and not be hurt. He may think that he can be a good influence on the godless person. Perhaps he can, but influence can go in two directions, and there is a great danger of the wicked person influencing the good person. If a person thinks otherwise, he may be “deceived.” Young people, as well as older people, need to choose their friends carefully. Remember, “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

via *Seeking Things Above*; Hiuntsville, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Virginia Meyer
Doris Lovell
Ruth Legg
Jeanette Weir
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

Mary Hinkle
Marie Nave
Sherry Davis
Patsy Thomas
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 Currier

In The Hospital:

Sharon Nave; Decatur General; ICU
Tom Lovell; Hunrtsville Hospital; CCU
Dan Williams; Vanderbilt Hospital; Nashville, Tenn.
Ben Hinkle; M. D. Anderson; Houston, Texas
Cecil Cox; J. W. Sommers; Muscle Shoals

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. 43	Crutcher Harbin, rm. 77

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 two will be meeting

this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group.

GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS/LECTURES: The *Midway church* at Greenhill in Luaderdale county is beginning a gospel meeting today and it continues through Friday night. The speaker in this meeting will be *Jason Shackelford*... The *Jordan Park church* in Huntsville is beginning a Vacation bible School on Monday and it will continue through Friday morning. It will begin at 10:00a.m.... The Lectureship will begin at *Athens Bible School* begins on n Monday night. A schedule of the lectureship is on the bulletin in the back of the auditorium.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We had great Vacation Bible School this past week at Market Street. We averaged 182 for the week. We had 175 on Monday, 173 on Tuesday, 188 on Wednesday and 190 on Thursday. I appreciate all of the hard work that our teachers did in preparing and teaching the classes. Also, of the ladies who diligently worked cutting out material for the classes. Also, I appreciate the work Marion Pepper did in maintaining and cleaning the building for each morning for the VBS.

The lessons were recorded each morning of the speakers in the auditorium. They all did a great job presenting their lessons. If you would like a copy, please note that on the members card you fill out this morning.

BAPTISM: We rejoice this past Wednesday night when *Isabella Todd* was baptized into Christ. Isabella is a fine young lady from a good family. We wish a long and faithfully life for Isabella in the service of the Lord. May we all encourage her as she has and will encourage us.

OUT OF TOWN: *Magaret Carter* is in Florida this week for a wedding... *Helen Blankenship* has been in California this week... *Nancy Hardison* is in Nroth Carolina visiting.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of June 14th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 134
Morning Worship 191
Evening Worship..... 137

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 129



Pictures Are Being Made

Remember that pictures are being made or re-made of everyone. If you have not had your picture made, please do it soon in the High School Classroom.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Joel Hamm
Serving Nathnael Adams... Danny Johnson
..... Marcus Morris..... James Johnson
Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Keith Hinkle

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 21st:

Usher Paul Hasting
Work Sound System Terry Andrews

Wednesday, June 24th:

Song Leader Tommy Burns
Bible Reading..... (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)
..... Dan Reed
Prayer Marty Adams
Invitation Jordan Lovell
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Sunday, June 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Hunter Cox
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Tommy Coblentz
Assisting Kenneth Smith
Serving Landon Adams Heath Dollar
..... Cody Kennedy Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Steve Usery
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 28th:

Usher Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams