

MARKET STREET

"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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History Repeats Itself

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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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David A. Cox, Editor

Numbers 13 & 14 provide us with some relevant and valuable lessons concerning our service to God. It was after leaving Egyptian bondage and arriving at the south end of Canaan that God sent the Israelites into the land where they were to live. After their prayer for freedom, the awesome miracle at the Red Sea, and God's provision on their march, one might expect them to march into the land and possess God's gift. Instead, there were three reactions.

First - there was doubt. Their vision immediately focused on the city fornications and the giants in the land. Their acknowledgement that the land truly was a land of milk and honey was almost a side note.

Second - there was fear. Numbers 14:1 indicates that the people cried all night over their situation. Not exactly the thankful victory march that God might have expected from an appreciative people.

Lastly - there was stubborn rebellion. They just sat down in the childish "I can't, and you can't make me" position. They wanted to stone Caleb and Joshua for even trying to encourage them. And what was the result of all the above? Punishment and death.

It strikes me that those people were not really that different from us today. Every Christian has at one time been enslaved to sin. God sets you free and leads you out of that bondage by the agency of a prophet like Moses: Jesus, our Lord. And then God sends us today into the place where we are to live.

He sends us into our homes with directions for taking possession of them. He gives us roles and responsibilities and expects dedication to our spouse and training and discipline for our children.

He sends us into our jobs, schools, and assorted contacts with the world. He tells us not to form "alliances" that will overcome us but instead to be lights and examples in the darkness. God expects us to use our tongues, our behavior in holiness, and our good works to defeat Satan on that plain of battle that is just outside the walls of our home.

And He sends us into the fellowship of the church. He calls us to be participators, not spectators. The affairs of a nation should be handled by that nation — whether it was Israel then, America now, or the Kingdom always. God calls us to partnership in volunteering, leading, serving, teaching, hospitality, cleaning, greeting, visiting, inviting, writing, folding, helping, and otherwise actively loving one another.

Sadly, our response is not always that different from Israel's either. **Some doubt** and continue to hang back without having the faith in God that this is for our good. **Some fear**, not believing that the Lord already has the battle won so that it does not hinge on our own particular talents. And others even go so far as to **stubbornly rebel**. "I won't. Period," is their response. Sometimes one excuse and sometimes another is given, but basically, "I can't," is understood as, "I won't," and Israel's stubborn refusal to trust God and grow into His blessings is repeated four thousand years later.

Don't allow history to repeat itself in your life. God will not call nor lead you anywhere that He Himself is not already present. The victory belongs to Him, not you, so don't worry about your inadequacies. The battle is for your growth, not to showcase your talents. Go into the place where you live and possess all that the Lord has offered to you.

-via *Family News & Notes*; Cypress, Texas.



Addicted To Chapstick

Gene Taylor

I smile when I think about it. As a matter of fact, I am grinning while I am writing this. I had overheard some of the young people at church talking. No, I was not eavesdropping on their conversation. They were talking loud enough for all around them to hear. One thing they said, though, did make me listen a little closer to what they were saying.

I heard one of them say something about me. They said that I must be addicted to Chapstick. At first I

thought what an odd thing to say. I wondered what made them come to such a conclusion. Then I realized, about the only time they see me is when we are at services together. So nearly every time they see me I am putting Chapstick on my mouth. You see, I apply it to my lips before I get up to preach so that it will moisten them and keep those pesky "dry spit" globules, which are disgusting to look at and distracting to say the least, from forming in the corners of my mouth. But addicted to Chapstick? Not hardly. Such a charge is unfair because the only time I use the stuff is before or after I preach or teach a class. The rest of the week I never apply it. but what those young people were saying made me think about some timely lessons for all of us.

First, all of us must realize that people are watching us - even in the little things. We must be careful to conduct ourselves properly. Though I do not think I would cause someone else to become a "Chapstick addict," my influence and the power of my example, if erroneously exerted in other areas, might cause one to stumble. The apostle Paul said he would even abstain from lawful things if engaging in them would cause another to stumble so as to fall (1 Corinthians 8:13).

Secondly, we must all be careful not to jump to conclusions when we do not know all the facts. Some people who only see me at worship services, for example, might conclude that I always wear a coat and tie. But those who see me on a day-to-day basis know that is not the case.

We must never make any judgments about others until we know the facts. The Jews during the time of Jesus had done just that in regards to Him. They were ready to arrest and condemn Him early in His ministry. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who had come to Him by night, was a voice of reason in the council. He asked this august group of scholars, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" (John 7:51). Sadly, there are many, even some who claim to be Christians, who are quick to judge and condemn others without knowing the facts. Let us all use influence for good and let us not judge others too quickly.

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

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Why Seven Days?

Kyle Butt

Have you ever wondered why, all over the world, in civilization after civilization, we find people scheduling their lives based on a seven-day week? The origins of other units of time are easy to understand. For instance, a year is the amount of time it takes for the Earth to orbit the sun. A day is the amount of time it takes for the Earth to make a complete rotation on its axis. A month is the approximate time between new moons. And seasons are determined based on an equinox or solstice. But no celestial, lunar, or planetary movement or system accounts for our seven-day week.

A brief look back into history shows that the seven-day week has prevailed as the paramount routine for humanity in general as far back as historical records can go. Although some societies and cultures did use weeks other than the seven-day week, it still has stubbornly maintained its preeminence. Today, the seven-day week is universally accepted, even though the French attempted a five-day week during the French Revolution in 1791, and the Soviet Union, as late as the early 1900's, attempted a five-day week to no avail.

Where did the seven-day week originate? The most plausible explanation comes from the book of Genesis. The first chapter of Genesis explains that God created the entire Universe in six, literal twenty-four hour days. The beginning of chapter two states, "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done" (2:2).

Exodus 20:8-11 gives an explanation as to why God framed His creative activity according to a seven-day week. This passage teaches us that God worked six days and rested on the seventh day in order to provide a pattern for the Jewish workweek. Because God worked six days and rested the seventh day, the Jews were instructed to do the same.

In truth, an all-powerful God could have created the universe in seven seconds, seven years, seven decades, or seven million years. God's week of seven days, however, was given purposefully to man as a pattern to follow. This pattern has prevailed for several thousand years. The Sun, Moon, and stars were given "For signs and

seasons, and for days and years" (Genesis 1:14), but not for the week. The week was instituted specifically by God, based on His creative activity. The seven-day week is yet another testimony to the truthfulness and accuracy of the Genesis account of Creation.

-via *Capshaw Beacon*; Caphshaw, Alabama

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

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| Betty Pepper | James Abernathy |
| Marjorie Dunnivant | Lona Killen |
| Jeanette Weir | Buddy Pepper |
| Irene Inman | Essie Hardison |
| Carl Hargrave | Gwen Bullock |
| Linda Ordonez | Abby Gilbert |
| Ray Kennedy | Ava Brooke Campbell |
| Bennie Pepper | Sharon Nave |
| Jackson Ramos | Oswaldo Ramos |
| Phillip Harwell | Eli Williams |
| Ann Bush | Pam Perry |
| Ben Hinkle | Al Pollard |
| Anita Willis | Helen Rushing |
| Matt Poff | Una King Currier |
| Charles Burns | Gene Carpenter |
| Analyynn Tegg | |

In The Hospital:

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

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| Reba Byram, rm. 73 | Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102 |
| Nelva Reed, rm. 111 | Dorothy Draper, rm. 97 |
| Helen Trousdale, rm. 43 | Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 |
| Robert Johnson, rm. 18 | Mildred Frantz, rm. 31 |
| Gayle Mills, rm. 15 | Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 |
| Mable Crafts, rm. 100 | Matty Murray, rm. 2 |
| Judith Groce, rm. 21 | Terry Camp, rm. 91 |

Limestone Health Facility:

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| Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E |
| Frances Bowers, rm. 104 |

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Limestone Lodge:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

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

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

Shut-In:

Hazel Brooks, at home

Wynell Casteel, at home

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Andres Ramos**. Andres sustained fatal injuries in an accident a week ago this past Thursday morning. Andres and his brother have attended our Vacation Bible Schools over the years. The arrangements for Andres are at Limestone Chapel. The visitation will be this afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. The funeral service will be at 3:00.

BRIDAL TEA: The friends and family of **MaKayla Melvin, bride-elect of Cody Kennedy**, will honor her with a tea on *Sunday, August 30th*. from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the home of **Sharma Hamm**. All of the Market Street ladies are invited and there is an invitation on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday evenings at 5:30.

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.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of August 9th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 141

Morning Worship 190

Evening Worship..... 137

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 134

Gospel Meeting

September 13-17, 2015

(Sunday through Thursday)

Gardner Hall, Speaking

Market Street church of Christ

514 West Market Street

Athens, Alabama

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, August 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Joel Hamm
 Preaching Jordan Lovell
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Russell Melvin
 Assisting Tommy Coblentz
 Serving Keenon Currier Heath Dollar
 Tommy Burns Steve Usery
 Closing Prayer Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Landon Adams
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Russell Melvin
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 16th:

Usher Marvin Putman
 Work Sound System Terry Andrews

Wednesday, August 19th:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Bible Reading (1 Corinthians 9:1-14)
 Jason Conn
 Prayer Dan Reed
 Invitation Arvid McGuire
 Closing Prayer Keith Hinkle

Sunday, August 23rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements Steve Usery
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer Tommy Coblentz
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Ronnie Locke
 Assisting Norman Brown
 Serving Cody Kennedy Marvin Putman
 Russ Wulfekuhl Seth Todd
 Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements Steve Usery
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Keith Hinkle
 Preaching Song Service
 Lord's Supper Ronnie Locke
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 23rd:

Usher Larry Mitchell
 Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams