

MARKET STREET

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



MESSENGER

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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

What Is It About Lighthouses?

Ralph Walker

They're everywhere - on postcards, stationary, calendars, in coffee table books and website pictures. I've been in several homes where lighthouse replicas or pictures are collected.

They stand perched on the edge of the water, the last buildings on the edge of the land, offering some of the most powerful vistas of the Creation. They are noble in function, existing to save lives and ships from treacherous shoals.

The Land's End catalogue had an article years ago about the Cape Spear Lighthouse in New Foundland. It stands above icy waves which send spray 200 feet into the air. Fifty mile an hour winds are categorized as "light." For over 150 years, it has been home to generations of the Cantwell family. Hardships, isolation and bitter cold make for a hostile environment. Yet the Cantwell's stay on.

When asked what keeps them there, they said that each morning as the sun rises over the Atlantic, they rejoice that they are the first people in North America to greet the sunrise and welcome a new day.

John 17:15-18 depicts the people of God as warning lights in a world of darkness. We are the outpost of God's grace in a treacherous world. We were never meant to live isolated, sheltered, comfortable lives. We are meant to be shining beacons set on hills, lamps on stands and lights in the world. Our purpose is to warn the human ships plowing the seas of life that there is death in the shoals of sin.

In return, what do we get? The satisfaction of knowing we serve a noble cause. Others may be on this earth as obstacles, fluff or temporary window dressing. We are here to save souls. We get to demonstrate the "greater love" that Jesus declared in John 15:13. We are like our Master in that we get to sacrifice ourselves for others.

And, like the Cantwell's, we will be the first to see the coming Son. 1 Thess. 4:16 promises that the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Be a lighthouse. Shine for Jesus. Warn of the sinful shoals. That's our job.
-via *Family Report*; Florence, Alabama.

Be Not Deceived

Kent E. Heaton, Sr.

There are five places in scripture the phrase, "Be not deceived," is used. In all of the texts where it is found, the admonition of God is to beware of the false sense of security given by the devil to trust in other gods, believe that sin will not be found out, and that it matters little what we do in this life. When Jehovah gave law to the children of Israel, he warned them of having their hearts deceived to turn and serve any other god but himself. Deuteronomy 11 exhorts the Jews to "love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments always" (Deuteronomy 11:1).

They are reminded of the great power shown by God in the deliverance from Egyptian bondage. This same power can be either a blessing or a cursing to the people. If they obey him, he will bless them. If they disobey him, he will punish them. In verse sixteen he warns, "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them."

The devil wants to take the hearts of God's people away from the truth. To be deceived is to believe that one can serve more than Jehovah God who made the world. In the giving of the Ten Commandments God said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3) God demands first place and no other place. Many people have been lead astray in being deceived to turn aside from the true God and serve the desires of the god of this world.

In Luke 21:8, Jesus warned the people of his day not to be deceived in believing there was more than one Christ. "Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, 'I am Christ;' and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them." There were many who professed to be the coming Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was the true Christ as he showed in his teaching, his authority and his power.

There were other movements that drew men away. (Acts 5:35-37) Jesus warns the people not to be deceived in believing that anyone else could be the Christ but him. They only way to the Father is by Jesus Christ. (John 14:6) No man can take that place whether he be

the Pope, Joseph Smith, Buddha, Mohammed, me or you or anyone! Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation and our hearts must not be deceived in believing in any other way but the one way.

Paul warns in 1 Corinthians 6:9 that God will not allow sin to be part of the kingdom of God. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." Sin is not tolerated in the mind of God and regardless of what men say may be a social right, God calls it immoral. There will be no adulterers, fornicators, homosexuals, liars and such in the kingdom of God. Don't let the world deceive you with the appeal of sin being a pleasure. It is poison.

Further, the influence of evil companions will corrupt our morals. "Be not deceived: evil companions corrupt good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33). If you sleep with dogs, you will get fleas. "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?" (Proverbs 6:27). Our friends will determine the type of conduct we follow. Do not deceive yourself in believing that your friends do not influence your life! You are as much by those who are your associations as any part of your life. The wise man warned against following after the wrong crowd in Proverbs 1. Children of God are to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Romans 13:12; Ephesians 5:11).

-via *The Lenexa Edifier*; Lenexa, Kansas.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Market Street church of Christ

514 West Market Street

Athens, Alabama

Great Evangelistic Tool

Scott Smelser

I think it works better than radio, better than auto-dialers, better than showings of Jule Miller filmstrips, better than mailing out a bulletin, better than Dial-a-bible-reading, better than debates, better than cable tv.

What is it? It's brethren not being conformed to the world.

If a church is made up of people who understand 184 current and past issues correctly, but their lives do not show superior conduct, servitude, and holiness, don't expect an auto dialer, computer, printer, broadcast antenna, or cable outlet to compensate for the failure.

When church members think like the world, dress like the world; talk like the world; and chase money and status symbols like the world, it is the world that is winning them, not the other way around.

When church members are selfish, egotistical, arrogant, and shallow, then they are not in a position to help the world to a higher plane.

If our families are splitting up, our children are dropping out, and our homes are little different from our neighbors then our "light" gets rather difficult to notice.

But if people learn self-denial (Luke 9:23), learn submission to God and care for neighbor (Matthew 22), learn to be servants (John 13), learn to be content (1 Timothy 6:8), learn to invest in family (Titus 2:5; Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 22:6), and learn to clean out the inside of the cup, not just the outside (Matthew 23), then bright lights will shine.

"Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...having your behavior seemly among the gentiles; that ... they may glorify God" (1 Peter 2:9-12).

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God ... and be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:1-2).

We are not called simply to know some things

different from the world—we are called to rise above the world, and to "be holy" (1 Peter 1:15). And when people become that kind of light, it creates a great evangelistic tool.

And it will far exceed the effect of debates, radio, tv, and mail outs.

~via *Widercroft Bulletin*; Riverdale, Maryland.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Ella Melvin	James Abernathy
Lona Killen	Reba Byram
Marjorie Dunnivant	Buddy Pepper
Jeanette Weir	Gwen Bullock
Essie Hardison	Irene Inman
Carl Hargrave	Abby Gilbert
Linda Ordonez	Ava Brooke Campbell
Don Osborne	Sharon Nave
Phillip Harwell	Gene Carpenter
Ann Bush	Pam Perry
Ben Hinkle	Al Pollard
Anita Willis	Helen Rushing
Matt Poff	Una King Currier
Charles Burns	Analynn Tegg

In The Hospital:

Ray Kennedy; UAB Hospital – Birmingham
Eli Williams; Hospital in Houston, Texas

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Jennifer Threet, rm. 81	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:

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

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 **Margaret Carter** in the passing of her brother-in-law, **Wendell Luker**, on Sunday. His funeral was at Peck Funeral Home in Hartselle on Thursday afternoon.

BRIDAL TEA: The friends and family of **MaKayla Melvin, bride-elect of Cody Kennedy**, will honor her with a tea this afternoon 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.

PICTURES: Remember we are currently making pictures for our directory in Classroom 20 in the east wing. If you have not had your picture made, or need to have it re-made, please do so after services today.

BAPTISM: We are rejoicing over **Jackie Whitt's** decision to be baptized into Christ. We appreciate Jackie and her conviction to please God. She was baptized Saturday morning. May the Lord bless Jackie with many years to serve Him.

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

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.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of August 23rd

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 153
Morning Worship 185
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Please Join Us For Our

Gospel Meeting

September 13 – 17, 2015

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist — Gardner Hall of Port Murray, New Jersey

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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, August 30th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Kenneth Smith
Assisting Marcus Morris
Serving Dwaine Allfrey Terry Andrews
..... Hunter Cox Kenneth Adams
Closing Prayer James Johnson

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Marty Adams
Preaching Russell Melvin
Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 30th:

Usher Ronnie Locke
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, September 2nd:

Song Leader Joel Hamm
Bible Reading (1 Corinthians 9:15-27)
..... Tony Thomas
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Invitation Mike Ogles
Closing Prayer James Johnson

Sunday, September 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Joel Hamm
Assisting Marty Adams
Serving Jaems Johnson Danny Johnson
..... Bart Brown Jason Conn
Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Evening Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Russell Melvin
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, Serember 6th:

Usher Delmer Carter
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams