

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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What Do People See In You?

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Jeff Gordon, Michael Jordan, and Greg Maddox are just three of a list that could go on for days. These men are well known and well respected in their fields of expertise. When you turn on your television on Sunday afternoon and you see the cars racing around the track at Talladega, you know who drives the number 24 car. When you watch highlights of the Chicago Bull's glory days, they are filled with #23 flying through the air. When people look at these men, they are seen as talented men and champions. They use their gifts that God has blessed them with and they are not ashamed of whom they are when their race or game is finished.

Everyone has not been blessed with these talents of athleticism. Only a chosen few will stand out on the fields of competition as elite athletes. This select group will then have the opportunity to take their abilities to a new level. As they continue to work diligently, people will begin to see them as they see Jeff Gordon, Michael Jordan, or Greg Maddox.

The name "Christian" is offered to anyone and everyone who will "take up their cross and follow" Jesus. It is a great blessing to be called "children of God." This blessing carries with it a large responsibility. This responsibility cannot be taken lightly; rather one must feel the weight of the relationship that he or she has entered into.

In 1 Peter 2:9 says, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." Peter emphasizes here that those who wear the name "Christian" are God's chosen people. Christians are called to be different from the world. Those who choose to follow Christ must follow Him wholeheartedly, without turning back.

When people stand up and make that decision to serve God, their friends, co-workers, and family will notice a difference. In order for anyone to live the life of a Christian, changes and distinctions must occur. Sinful

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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deeds that the world engages in must not have any place in our schedules. When those people who knew us prior to our obedience to the Lord see us, it is imperative that they see a new creature. We when are obedient to the Lord, we are now Christians. As such, we must live our lives so that people can see Christ living in us.

As a Christian, our decision process must change. Before we choose to speak or act in any situation, we must honestly search our hearts and pray that Christ can be seen in our all actions. In speaking about placing others personal interests above our own, Paul gives all Christians a high standard to live up to when he says, "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). As Christians, we must strive to think as Christ thought and act as He would act in every aspect of our lives. To do any less would be sin.

George L. Johnson wrote a song, which is a prayer that every Christian should keep on the tip of their tongue:

*"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All his wonderful passion and purity,
May His spirit divine all my being refine,
Let the Beauty of Jesus be seen in me.*

Is this your prayer? Think about it, when you pass people at work or at school. What do they see? Do they see someone whose number one priority is going to Heaven?

What do people see in you?

~via *Hueytown Church Bulletin*; Hueytown, Alabama.

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Everyone Counts!

Greg Gwin

Our country accomplished some incredible things during the hard trials of World War II. The feats of brave men and women who faced the enemy of the battlefields inspire our awe. But there is also amazing historical data that documents the amount of war materials and supplies that were produced in relatively short periods of time right here on the home-front. With

limited resources that sometimes required rationing, and without the advantages of the technology we now enjoy, the nations "war machine" turned out essential equipment at a staggering pace. How was this done?

The key to this effort was a campaign to convince every single worker of his or her importance to the ultimate goal of defeating the enemy and winning the war. The leaders of our country successfully persuaded everyone to work hard, make sacrifices and contribute what they could to this end. The results were amazing. Against huge odds, the victory was won.

We are in another sort of war. There are no tanks, planes, bombs, or missiles. We do not need workers preparing bullets or medical supplies. There's no need for rationing of gasoline or other necessary products. Instead, we are in a spiritual war (2 Corinthians 10:3-4). We battle against a very real and powerful enemy (1 Peter 5:8).

To win this war, we definitely need every Christian fully engaged. Everyone counts! We cannot afford to have some of our vital workers slacking off in their duties. We must all "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3). Diligent effort, significant sacrifice and determined commitment to the cause are essential. Every Christian serves in a critical capacity (Ephesians 4:15-16). Some might suggest that the odds against us are overwhelming. But in truth, with God on our side, the enemy is doomed! As Elisha told his fearful servant: "Fear not for they that be with us are more than they that be with them" (2 Kings 6:16).

~via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama.

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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What Has Become of Us?

T. Doy Moyer

Daniel Webster once said, "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, and the people do not become religious, I do not know what is to become of us as a nation."

The founders of this nation tried to establish the United States upon principles from God's word. Schools of the last century made the Bible part of their curriculum. Even most politicians were somewhat religious. Presidents unashamedly professed faith in God, and court decisions were always in favor of moral principles found in the Bible. What has become of this nation?

Atheists began to parade for their cause. Politicians succumbed to cries of humanists, schools quit teaching moral principles from the Bible, and now those who claim faith in the Bible are all but outlawed. As a result, we are reaping the harvest of atheism: immorality, violence, and wickedness of every kind. Take God out of the picture, and there is nothing for any people to stand on.

~via *The South End Expounder*; Louisville, Kentucky.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Frances Bowers	Shelby Kirkland
Jennifer Threet	Reba Byram
Allison Usery	Christian Usery
Janice Cagle	Robert & Mot Beasley
Irene Inman	Gilbert Hardy
Jeanette Weir	Shaun Carruth
Ann Bush	Margaret Frost

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Mot Dollar	Gayle Ball
Ella Melvin	Eli Williams
Donald Cole	Gene Carpenter
Linda Ordonez	Charles Burns

Annalynn Tegg
Matt Poff
Elizabeth Howard
Phillip Harwell

Al Pollard
Ava Brooke Campbell
Ben Hinkle
Una King Currier

In The Hospital:

Mitzi Carruth; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 457
Betty Hamm; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 1753
Stan Carter; Flower Hospital – Toledo, Ohio

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Judith Groce, rm. 45	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Terry Camp, rm. 91	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Mable Crafts, rm. 98	Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Faye Allen, rm. 75	

Limestone Health Facility:

Mildred Landers, rm. 103
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Lodge:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Hazel Brooks, at home
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Wynell Casteel, at home
Marjorie Dunnivant, in Huntsville in assisted living
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
Essie Hardison, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

NEW QUARTER IN BIBLE CLASSES: This morning we are beginning a new quarter in our Bible Classes. I appreciate the good work our teachers have done in the past quarter, and I am looking forward to a great quarter this quarter. The children's classes will be in the second quarter of their new curriculum. The West Auditorium class is beginning a study of Exodus. The Ladies class in the east auditorium continues their study on the Survey of the Bible. They are in First Samuel.

DUTY ROSTER SHEETS: With the new year upon us it is time again for everyone to fill out Duty Roster Sheet for the activities that you are willing to do. Please pick-up a sheet and fill it out and place it in the baskets. The sheets and baskets are at the entrances to the auditorium.

RESPONSE: We rejoice over the good heart that **Seth Todd** demonstrated in coming forward Wednesday night to asked for prayers for strength and forgiveness. We appreciate the desire that Seth has to please God and the good example he is to those he has contact. May all encourage Seth as he has encouraged us.

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

SYMPATHY: We want express our deepest sympathy to the **Mary Hinkle** in the passing of her aunt, **Fannie Hammond**, last week. Her funeral was last Sunday in Center Star. Her body was laid to rest in the Mitchell Cemetery in Anderson.

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 NEW YEAR 2016: This past Friday we entered the year 2016. I hope that as we make our plans for the new year that we have given thought to our spiritual plans for the new year. This past year was a good year at Market Street in many ways. The attendance and contribution ended the year up in every area. We had of people committing their lives to great service and several that joined us in our work here. Everyone is to be commended for the way in which they have helped in our work. May the Lord continue to bless us and may we double our efforts to reach out to people with the gospel of Christ.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Dec. 27th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 146

Morning Worship 211

Evening Worship..... 152

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 126

Fifth Annual Singing

February 26, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Steve Klein



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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, January 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Norman Brown
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Keith Hinkle
Assisting Terry Andrews
Serving Landon Adams David Terry
..... Danny Johnson Marcus Morris
Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Joel Hamm
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer Jason Conn

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 3rd:

Usher Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, January 6th:

Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Bible Reading (1 Corinthians 16:1-
..... Seth Todd
Prayer Jordan Lovell
Invitation Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Sunday, January 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Terry Andrews
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Russell Melvin
Assisting Mike Ogles
Serving Steve Usery Nathaniel Adams
..... Heath Dollar Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer James Johnson

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Russell Melvin
Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 10th:

Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Marty Adams