

# 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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# Gospel Meeting

## April 17 - 21

(Sunday through Thursday)

### Schedule of Services

Sunday - 9:45 am; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Monday - Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist - Buc Chumbley

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

## *Lord of the Lonely*

**Buc Chumbley**

Psalm 68:6 “God sets the lonely in families” (NIV). Ten years ago today, our long voyage to adopt a little girl from China was finally over as Min Qin He officially became Molly Anne Qin Chumbley. In the strictness sense, adoption is a legal process. In our case, that process involved two national governments, the state of Alabama and the county of Limestone. Countless papers were filed and refiled (especially after Homeland Security lost our original documents) and after 17 months of paperwork, Molly became a part of our family.

Much greater than the legal process is the blessings adoption brings. On one hand it’s a blessing for “the lonely” who now has a family of their own. On the other hand, it’s a blessing for the adoptive family who have welcomed a child into their home to raise as their own. Adoption is a wonderful thing and many Christians throughout the Kingdom of God have opened their homes to become “fathers to the fatherless.”

But as wonderful it is that the lonely, acquire a new home. The deepest and strongest foundation of adoption is located not in the act of humans adopting humans. But in God the Father adopting the repentant sinner as His child.

In Galatians 4:4-7, Paul will write about our adoption to the family of God. “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

In Ephesians 1:3-6 he writes that our adoption was “before the foundation of the world.” This means that our adoption was always in the mind of God. He planned and predestinated it and made it possible by His Son, that those who submit to His Will might become His own special people (1 Peter 2:9-10).

And when God adopts us as His children we receive the same blessings as the “only Begotten.” Romans 8:16-17 “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our

spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...”

I had a nightmare a few years ago, where Molly was taken from us. I was begging for them to give us back that “little girl with the freckle on her nose,” but she was gone. I woke up from that nightmare. For God to say to you at the end of your life “I never knew you,” is nightmare you will never wake up from. Don’t let that happen!

-via *The Hueytown Bulletin*; Hueytown, Alabama.

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## *When The Trumpet Sounds*

**Leslie Diestelkamp**

Our eternal destiny is so completely dependent upon the grace of God - which grace is accepted by us through faith. That which we could not earn or buy, which we could not arrange nor reserve and that which we could neither provide nor supply, God promises to us through the gospel of grace (Acts 20:24).

Jesus is able to save because he paid the price for us, giving his undefiled body on the cross. He shed his blood in a manifestation of perfect sacrificial love. Nothing less would have been a sufficient price and no perfect human being could have been found. Thus, “the man, Christ Jesus” gave himself, “a ransom for all” (1 Timothy 2:5-6). After persecution that could not make him afraid, betrayal that could not make him bitter and the agony of the cross that could not bend his will to “finish his work,” he died to purchase redemption for you and me.

When he died, Jesus had done that which the Father had willed that he should do. That was enough! But God was not finished. After they put Jesus' body in the tomb, God took over! He raised him from the dead! Today, thanks to the power of God, we do not serve a dead master, but we worship and adore a living Savior - one who died so long ago but who has been alive ever since! We do not go to Palestine to mourn at the grave, for the grave was emptied. The Lord is risen!

Because Jesus rose once from the grave, we are filled with hope (1 Corinthians 15:19-20). All will hear the trumpet sound (1 Corinthians 15:52) - all who are living on this earth will respond to the call. They will leave their beds, their work benches, their desk, their fields and their games, to heed the summons of the trumpet call. Besides that, all those whose bodies have been in the grave - those buried yesterday and even those buried thousands of years ago, will arise "in the twinkling of an eye" (2 Peter 3:10). Wonderful!

Yes, it will be the most wonderful experience for those who are prepared for Judgment Day (2 Corinthians 5:10). Afterward there will be no sin, no temptation, for those redeemed souls. But the judgment Day will be the most terrifying for others - for the unprepared - for those who have not accepted through faith that grace of God and have not known God or obeyed the gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

But the trumpet will sound! No one will "sleep" throughout eternity.

-via *Tower of Strength*; Lake Wales, Florida.



## *They Would Not Stop*

**Phillip Mullins**

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" Acts 5:42.

The above quote concerning the persistency of the apostles is impressive, especially in light of what they had just experienced.

Because they had proclaimed throughout Jerusalem that Jesus was the Christ, the apostles had been jailed and brought before the Jewish Sanhedrin twice. Both times they were told to stop preaching about Jesus.

The last time they had come before the ruling counsel, they had been beaten before being released. Then there is found the statement, "...they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."

The first Christians were determined not to let

anything stop them from proclaiming the message of Christ. Their belief in the power of the gospel was so strong and their devotion to their Lord was so deep, that no matter what they faced, they were not going to stop preaching Christ. Even if it meant prison, threats, or beatings.

What an example for us. What stops us from preaching Christ? Embarrassment, fear of rejection, lack of knowledge, lack of time? It the early disciples can persevere through the obstacle that was put before them, then certainly we can push aside the things that discourage us from taking the gospel to others.

It is true that our world is often hostile to the message of truth, but so was the world of the early saints. With faith and devotion they kept preaching; they would not stop. May God help us to have the same belief and commitment so that no matter what, we will not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

-via *The Southside Searcher*; Smyrna, Tennessee.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Joe Hinkle	Betty Pepper
Peggy Smith	Joy & Loretta Warner
Cornelia Pepper	Kenia Adams
Doris Claxton	Doris Lovell
Bobbie Adcock	Irene Inman
Patsy Thomas	Reba Byram
Gilbert Hardy	Shaun Carruth
Linda Jones	Wayne Gooch
Ann Bush	Anna McClung
Cynthia Smith	

### *Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:*

Jeanette Weir	Ella Melvin
Mot Dollar	Gayle Ball
Janice Cagle	Eli Williams
Gene Carpenter	Betty Hamm
Linda Ordonez	Charles Burns
Annalynn Tegg	Al Pollard
Ray Kennedy	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Ben Hinkle
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Daniel Ogles

Staley Jackson                      Anita Willis

***In The Hospital:***

*Matt Poff*; Vanderbilt Hospital – Nashville, Tenn.

***Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:***

Mot Beasley, rm. 94	William Thomas, rm. 70
Nelva Reed, rm. 10-A	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Judith Groce, rm. 10-B
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 18
Terry Camp, rm. 82	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Mable Crafts, rm. 98	Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Jerry Best, rm. 90	

***Limestone Health Facility:***

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 100      Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

***Limestone Manor:***

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

***Shut-In or Away From Home:***

Robert Beasley, at 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

**OUR GOSPEL MEETING:** Today begins our gospel meeting with ***Buc Chumbley*** preaching. Brother Chumbley will be preaching today at 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The meeting will continue through Thursday night with services at 7:00 p.m.

**RESPONSE:** Last Sunday morning, ***Sherry Davis*** came forward asking for prayers for forgiveness and strength in her spiritual life. We appreciate Sherry for the good heart she has shown and her desire to please God and to go to heaven. May we all encourage her as she has encouraged us.

**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.

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

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of April 10th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 123  
                  Morning Worship ..... 185  
                  Evening Worship..... 135

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 118

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

***Sunday, April 17th:***

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer .....	Russell Melvin
Preaching .....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Larry Mitchell
Assisting .....	Mike Ogles
Serving .....	Keenon Currier .....
.....	Charles Vaughn
.....	Jason Conn.....
.....	Cody Kennedy
Closing Prayer .....	Norman Brown

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching .....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Mithcell
Closing Prayer .....	A. J. Price

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 17th:  
Ushers..... Steve Usery/Marcus Morris  
Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

***Wednesday, April 20th:***

Song Leader .....	Jordan lovell
Bible Reading.....	No Reading – Meeting
.....	
Prayer .....	Kenneth Smith
Invitation .....	Buc Chumbley
Closing Prayer .....	Harvey Nixon

***Sunday, April 24th:***

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Steve Usery
Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Prayer .....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Joel Hamm
Assisting .....	Terry Andrews
Serving .....	Seth Todd.....
.....	David Terry
.....	James Johnson .....
.....	Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Keenon Currier

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Steve Usery
Song Leader .....	Stefan Fudge
Prayer .....	Landon Adams
Preaching .....	Song Service
Lord's Supper .....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer .....	Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 24th:  
Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Russ Wulfekuhl  
Work Sound System..... Marty Adams