

MARKET STREET

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



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“To Whom Shall We Go?”

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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

In His teachings, Jesus had been using some words in a spiritual way about Himself (John 6:48-59). Many of His disciples said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” (v.60).

Then Jesus said, “Does this offend you?” (v.61). Jesus explained, “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak of you are spirit, and they are life” (v. 63).

“From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you also want to go away?’ But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life’” (v. 66-68).

Surely it grieved Jesus when so many left Him, to never return, but also it was refreshing to Jesus to hear one of His twelve apostles show his great faith in Him.

If those disciples forsook Jesus as their example and guide, would they turn to any of the rabbis or to the scribes, to the Pharisees, or maybe to the high priest? Would any of these people be a sinless leader, as Jesus is? Could they truly say follow me and I will give you eternal life? No, they were sinners too. Jesus had no sin (1 Peter 2:21-24). He is the only perfect example for us. Jesus died for us (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Jesus said, “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death” (Revelation 1:18).

“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

No person – nothing in this world – can do for us today what Jesus had done. “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you” (John 15:13-14).

Jesus is the Great Physician. “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Those

who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance” (Luke 5:31-32). Jesus is the only one who can cure the sin-sick soul. He can make the sinner whole. We must take His prescription to have eternal life. Please go to Him for eternal life.

Jesus is the Loving Lawyer. “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (Hebrews 4:15). Please do not be discouraged and turn from Him. Come to Jesus. Study His Word, the New Testament. Jesus is the greatest lawyer of all time!

Jesus is the Talented Teacher. Nicodemus said, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him” (John 3:2). Jesus can teach us of God’s love, the greatest ethical standard, the way of salvation, His church, the judgment to come, and much more. Jesus taught the multitudes when He was on earth. He wants to teach you. He is the greatest teacher this world has ever known. Choose Jesus. Obey His teaching and have a glorious eternity in heaven!

-via *Thoughts From The Heart*; Sylva, North Carolina.

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Still A Threat

Russ Bowman

The world and our society have changed markedly in the last forty years. The challenges that face disciples of Jesus now were not unknown when I was a child. Yet, the degree of sexual immorality, divorce, violence, dishonesty, profanity, selfishness, and materialism in the year 2006 far exceeds the degree of those problems in 1966.

I grew up in a time not far removed from Mayberry. I could ride my bike all over Slaton, Texas with no fear of being abducted. I doubt that my folks worried about my teachers making sexual advances toward my sister or me. I never participated in “Drug Prevention

Week” in elementary school. But now, I think about all of those things in regard to my daughters, and I’m frankly hesitant to let them play outside of our own fenced yard.

Accordingly, the sermons I heard growing up dealt with issues that are seldom discussed presently. Please don’t misunderstand – I heard many lessons on the home, immorality, materialism, dishonesty, divorce, etc. Yet, society in general seemed more religiously inclined and less immoral than it is currently. Many people had strong religious ties. Denominational loyalty was fierce, and people actually debated doctrinal differences between various religious organizations. The lines that separated assorted “churches” were often distinct, and people defended their convictions. There was less emphasis upon the ecumenical philosophy of our day – the “it doesn’t matter what you believe, let’s forget our differences, what’s doctrine have to do with it” battle cry of the modern “all faiths” mega-churches.

Most of the sermons of my youth revolved around authority, doctrinal error, and Biblical accuracy. Christians were confronted with abuses involving the work, organization, and nature of Christ’s church. Many churches were funding secular organizations such as colleges and children’s homes. Others were forming networks in order to do missionary work or establish preaching schools. And still others were pursuing the denominational trend toward social emphasis and reaction as tools to attract visitors. Institutionalism, doctrinal perversion, and the social gospel were among the greatest threats of the day. Yet few people appear concerned about those matters anymore. Many Christians today - and particularly those under thirty years old – have little understanding of institutionalism. Doctrinal issues are rarely considered by most “religious” people in our day, as there is little emphasis upon God’s instructions concerning worship or the home or godliness in many modern religious organizations. Everything seems to revolve around “praise,” entertainment, “community,” and temporal concerns. The mantra of our religious age is simple - “God Loves You. Feel good about yourself. Let’s just praise the Lord!” And so, Christians who are serious about discipleship have focused our attention upon the increasingly wicked culture in which we must live, work, raise our children, and uphold the truth.

I will be the first to admit that our concerns about immorality, dishonesty, divorce, materialism, etc., are well founded. We need Christians with the courage to

stand as lights in this darkening world. We need strong preaching. We must teach our children God's standard, regardless of the political incorrectness of what He deems as sin. But there remains another consideration that must not be overlooked. Matters of previous concern, such as institutionalism, doctrinal perversion, and the social gospel, remain serious threats. This is particularly true for young people who have not been exposed to such perversions and who probably have not been adequately instructed concerning the dangers. Young Christians are being solicited by social activities, "progressive" worship, campus ministries, and institutional programs. They seem unconcerned that churches are participating in activities for which have no Biblical authority. They appear unafraid that such congregations are funding and supporting secular organizations, or institutions other than the local congregation that are ostensibly performing "spiritual" work. They seem to have disregarded the truth about the work of the local church, congregational autonomy, or scriptural worship. And they are, as a result, being led to a simple compromise of God's truth and their own faith.

We must not forget that Satan is quite effective in his efforts to tempt those who would be godly. We must not become tunnel – visioned concerning the threats to our faith and to the spiritual well being of our children. We cannot neglect to teach about authority, the nature of God's truth, the need for doctrinal accuracy, the nature of God's truth, the error of institutional allegiance, the nature and work of the church, and the fallacy of a social gospel.

In Matthew 23:23, Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for majoring in minors – "You pay tithes of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith." A church is not necessarily sound simply because they do not support a human institution. We must still uphold "the weightier matters." But Jesus continues, "These ought you to have done, without leaving the others undone." Such issues that are so often considered "nit-picking, little, and unimportant" cannot be left "undone." They have not ceased to be a threat.

-via *Stanley Avenue*; Andalusia, Alabama.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Drew Ogles	JoAnn Gilbert
Jane Meredith	Patsy Thomas
Dale Adcock	Irene Inman
Reba Byram	Doris Lovell
Gilbert Hardy	Wayne Gooch
Ann Bush	Shaun Carruth
Linda Jones	Cindy Walker
Jimmy Stroud	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

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

In The Hospital:

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	William Thomas, rm. 70
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 104
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Helen Trousdale, rm. 30
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 38

Terry Camp, rm. 82 Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
 Gayle Mills, rm. 15 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
 Mable Crafts, rm. 98

Limestone Health Facility:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 55 Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E
 Anita Beck, rm. 113 Gladys Sandlin, rm. 69

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Hazel Brooks, at home
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Wynell Casteel, at home
 Marjorie DUNNAVANT, at Brookdale Farms
 Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
 Essie Hardison, at home
 Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUT OF TOWN: *The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn* have been in Texas.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Doris Lovell, Jeanette Weir* and *Dan Lovell* in the passing of their cousin, *Harold Moore*, last weekend. His funeral was this past Wednesday in Jacksonville, Florida.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday afternoon 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 May 22nd

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 147
 Morning Worship 195
 Evening Worship..... 142
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 121



June 13 – 16, 2016
 (Monday through Thursday)
 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 29th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer Norman Brown
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Kenneth Smith
 Assisting Mike Ogles
 Serving Matthew Vaughn Steve Usery
 Jason Conn Tommy Burns
 Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Harvey Nixon
 Preaching Paul Sheehan
 Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
 Closing Prayer A. J. Price

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 29th:

Ushers Landon Adams/Tommy Coblenz
 Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, June 1st

Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Bible Reading..... (2 Corinthians 9:10-15)
 A. J. Price
 Prayer Keith Hinkle
 Invitation David Cox
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Sunday, June 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Joel Hamm
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Norman Brown
 Assisting Larry Mitchell
 Serving David Terry James Johnson
 Heath Dollar Marion Mitchell
 Closing Prayer Russell Melvin

Evening Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Keith Hinkle
 Closing Prayer Joy Warner

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 5th:

Ushers Danny Johnson/Steve Usery
 Work Sound System Marty Adams