

MARKET STREET



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

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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 Kind of Preaching Is Needed?

Ken Weliever

The above question is raised with great forethought and care, realizing that many are "expert" regarding the type, manner, and method of preaching that is most needed. Nevertheless, we feel obligated to present what the New Testament (what else) teaches regarding preaching.

We need preaching that is based on "the faith" (Gal. 1:10). Although it is popular to philosophize and speak about "ideals", the apostles spoke God's truth and not their own whims and fancies. We need preachers who will appeal to the word of God and base their conclusions on scripture.

We need preaching that is bold and aggressive. Peter prayed that God would grant them the courage to speak "with all boldness" (Acts 4:29). Paul and Barnabas found it necessary to speak boldly to the Jews in Antioch of Pisidia (Acts 13:46). Today preachers need to boldly and aggressively declare God's word to men.

We need preaching that is unmistakably clear and intelligible. When Paul preached he "reasoned" and "proved" his points (Acts 17:2; 18:4). Generalizing and speaking in sixteen syllable words was unheard in Bible times. Some folks won't like it, but preachers need to be clearly understood in this modern era also.

We need preaching that is controversial, meeting error face to face. In the early days, there was a great deal of disputing and debating (Acts 6:9; 9:28; 17:17). Some today would have liked New Testament preaching a little bit! The modern cry is: "Don't call names; don't condemn; just preach constructive lessons." The problem is that many weaklings are afraid to defend the Truth and are worried about the loss of friendships and popularity.

We need preaching that is motivated by love for truth and for the lost souls of men and women (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11). If we are really concerned about the lost we will cease to "soft-peddle" the gospel, but will truly "tell it like it is."

The world needs preaching and the church needs preaching, but not

the kind some want. Yet, if all preachers would follow the apostolic examples, then everyone will get the kind of preaching that is sorely needed.

-via *The Exhorter*; Athens, Alabama.

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Hatred – A Manifested Work of the Flesh

Stacy Crim

Listed among the number of manifestations of the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21 is hatred. Paul assures the churches of Galatia that the strong feelings of animosity towards another will assuredly keep one from inheriting the kingdom of God.

Hatred is a very strong emotion. Murder is often preceded by one's hatred for the victim. Envy is often sparked by one's intense animosity towards their enemy's fortune. Irrational behavior is often prompted by one's inability to deal with this very real emotion. This emotion however, like all other "works of the flesh" must be controlled.

One Biblical example is that of the story of Joseph and his brothers. Jacob deeply loved Joseph and gave his son a coat of many colors (Genesis 37:3). When his brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than them "they hated him and could not speak peaceably unto him." (Genesis 37:4) Their jealousy sparked an intense animosity towards Joseph.

Joseph dreamed dreams and told them unto his brothers and the Bible says they "hated him yet the more" (Genesis 37:5, 8, 11). Their hatred for Joseph was growing and when the opportunity presented itself they conspired to kill him. Yes murder is often preceded by hatred (Genesis 37:20).

You know the story, Rueben delivers Joseph out of the hands of his brothers and suggests they throw him in a pit. While Rueben is away traders on their way to Egypt pass by and Joseph is traded for twenty pieces of silver. What to do next, Joseph was gone and

an explanation must be given unto their father. Their plan was to dip Joseph's coat in the blood of a young goat and bring it unto their father. Now what could possibly cause such irrational behavior? Hatred. They hated Joseph and would do anything to rid themselves of him.

Hatred is most definitely a work of the flesh. It broods all kinds of evil. One must "put off anger, wrath, and malice and put on the new man (Colossians 3:8). And one must "let not the sun go down upon your wrath." The longer Joseph's brothers stewed over their dislike for Joseph the stronger grew their hate.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" Galatians 5:22-23.

-via *The Tri-Cities Edifier*; Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

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Are You Compassionate?

Nathaniel Outcalt

People in need don't always ask for help. That may seem strange but it's often true. Sometimes people are ashamed to ask for help. At other times people may not be sure how to ask. Even worse, maybe they don't ask because they believe they already know the answer they're going to receive from you. Are you willing to help others? Are you compassionate?

One of the wonderful characteristics of God is His great compassion. Lamentations 3:22-23 tells us, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." God is full of compassion. Mercy and pity convey the same idea. God loves us and wants to help us. As Christians we need to show God's compassion in our daily lives.

Compassion is seeing a need and doing something about it. Seven times in the Bible "saw" and "compassion" are mentioned together in the same verse. We

need to realize this important connection. We must see the needs all around us and be moved with compassion to help others.

The parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke chapter 10 demonstrates this fundamental truth. As you may recall, Jesus tells this parable to a lawyer who knew the greatest commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." However, the lawyer who knew the commands of God, like many today, sought to justify himself for his failure to follow God's law.

Many today see needs and don't offer to help in any way or make excuses as to why they can't help. They are just like the priest and Levite who passed by without offering assistance to the weary, wounded traveler. However, when the Samaritan saw him, he had compassion (Luke 10:33). He went on to do everything he could to meet the robbed, wounded man's needs. In this case the person in need literally couldn't ask for help but his problems were readily apparent.

In the end even the lawyer who tested Jesus could not miss the point of the story. He saw clearly that the one who showed mercy and compassion was the one who understood God's love and acted like a neighbor (Luke 10:36-37). Do you understand God's love? If so, then you'll begin to see people in need, have compassion and take the time to help them.

"And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things." Mark 6:34 (NKJV).

-via *Kiber Street Bulletin*; Angleton, Texas.



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Cornelia Pepper
Nancy Hardison
Drew Ogles
Jane Meredith
Irene Inman
Doris Lovell
Wayne Gooch
Ann Bush
Linda Jones

Makayla Kennedy
Paul Adcock
JoAnn Gilbert
Patsy Thomas
Reba Byram
Gilbert Hardy
Cindy Walker
Shaun Carruth

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Ella Melvin
Mot Dollar
Janice Cagle
Gene Carpenter
Linda Ordonez
Annalynn Tegg
Ray Kennedy
Elizabeth Howard
Phillip Harwell
Shayna Tollison
Staley Jackson
Gladys Sandlin

Gayle Ball
Jeanette Weir
Eli Williams
Betty Hamm
Charles Burns
Al Pollard
Ava Brooke Campbell
Matt Poff
Una King Currier
Daniel Ogles
Anita Willis

In The Hospital:

Tim Craig; UAB Hospital – Birmingham

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	William Thomas, rm. 70
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 104
Matty 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

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 Dunnivant, 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 *Margaret Carter* and *Paul Adcock* and *all the family* in the passing of their cousin, *Anita Beck*, this past Monday. Her funeral was this past Thursday afternoon at Ardmore Chapel.

GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS/SINGINGS: The *Hughes Road at Gooch Lane church* will be having singing instruction series through Wednesday night. *Tim Stevens* will be the instructor... The *Pepper Road church* will be having a gospel meeting this week through Thursday night. *Brett Hogland* will be the speaker... The *Oakland church* will be having their Vacation Bible School this week each morning through Friday. *Greg Chandler* will be speaking in the adult class... The *Wooley Spring church* will be having their VBS on Monday and Tuesday this week at 10:00am... The *College View church* in Florence will be having their Vacation Bible School each morning through Wednesday. *Brandon Trout* will be the speaker in the adult class... There will be a singing this afternoon at the *Cartwright church*. The singing will begin at 2:30.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday afternoon 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 May 29th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	131
	Morning Worship	186
	Evening Worship.....	128
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	117



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, 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	Norman Brown
Closing Prayer	Joy Warner

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 5th:

Ushers	Danny Johnson/Steve Usery
Work Sound System	Marty Adams

Wednesday, June 8th:

Song Leader	Jordan Lovell
Bible Reading.....	(2 Corinthians 10:1-11)
	Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer	Terry Andrews
Invitation	Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Sunday, June 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer	Jordan Lovell
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Russell Melvin
Serving	Landon Adams
	Seth Todd
	Bart Brown.....
	Tony Thomas
Closing Prayer	Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Stefan Fudge
Prayer	Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 12th:

Ushers	Keith Hinkle/Hunter Cox
Work Sound System	Terry Andrews