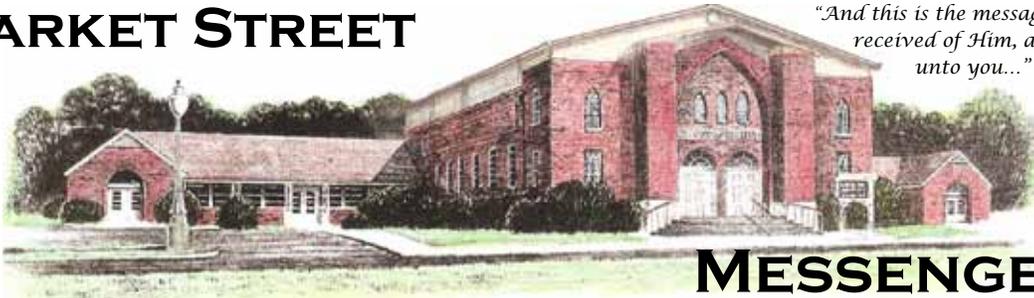


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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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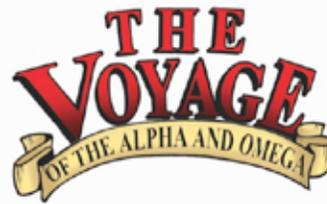
Vacation Bible School

June 13 – 16

(Monday through Thursday)

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Classes from Infant through Adult will be studying the theme



Speakers an Topics In The Adult Class:

Monday – Gary Halcomb

"I Am The Bread of Life"

Tuesday – Stacy Crim

"I Am The Light of the World"

Wednesday – Justin Roberson

"I Am The Way, The Truth and the Life"

Thursday – Michael McLemore

"I Am The Resurrection and the Life"

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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My First Bible Teacher

Mark W. White

Do you remember the first person who taught you the Bible? For some of us, it may have been a parent. How precious are the memories of children whose parents handled them on their knees while teaching them about God, His book, and His beloved Son.

My own mother did not become a Christian until I was almost eleven years old. Prior to that time, my family did not regularly attend services of the church. I have some memories of attending a denominational Sunday School with my mother's parents, but no Bible was taught there. We colored, played, enjoyed each other's company, and of course, put our money in the "Sunday School collection."

My first real experience with the Bible was at a Vacation Bible School I attended at the Market Street church of Christ in Athens, Alabama. I was eight years old at the time. My first Bible teacher was sister Ora Lee Turner. She thrilled me with the Scriptures. From her lap, I learned to recite the books of the New Testament. Hugs, kisses, and encouragement were in abundance. She sang the children's song, "The B-I-B-L-E" with me. I was never the same after her introduction to the Scriptures. The Bible was a living book to her, and her students learned this well. From those five days of classes under her tutelage, the Bible became my lifelong passion. I still want to study it, know it, and preach it.

Years ago, she passed away at 90 years of age. She was frail in both body and mind. Her family asked me to come speak at her funeral service. It was my privilege to do so. By now, have you guessed what I said at that service?

-via *Cyfair Family*; Cypress, Texas.

Editor's Note:

The above article was written by Mark White. Mark tells a little bit about his first experience in learning the Bible in Bible class here at Market Street. It is obvious, but I will state that it is very important to have the Bible classes and the dedicated teachers we have. I am extremely thankful for the teachers we have at Market Street and the teachers they have always had. May we never fall into the line of thinking that these classes are just an activity to keep the children occupied. This week we will be engaged in teaching the Bible in our Vacation Bible School. It may be that in the number of children that come here this week, there may be a "Mark White" who will be introduced to the gospel.

Why Stop The Chariot, If...?

John Isaac Edwards

Acts 8:26-39 records the conversation of the Ethiopian treasurer. Verse 38 makes some things stand out: "And he commanded the chariot to stand still..." Has it occurred to you that if some things men today say are true, it would have been entirely unnecessary for this man to stop the chariot? Explore this with me.

1. If just being a good, honest person is all that it takes: The man must have been a good, honest man to have the job that he did – "...under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure..." (Acts 8:27). No need to stop the chariot if just being a person of integrity is all that it takes to please God and go to Heaven.
2. If just being religious is enough. The Ethiopian was a religious man. He "...had come to Jerusalem for to worship" (Acts 8:27), a distance of nearly 1,000 miles one way! Most people would think a fellow like that would already be saved. Why stop the chariot?
3. If just reading the Scriptures is all that is required. The man was a Scripture-reading man. He was reading Isaiah 53 out loud (Acts 8:28-34). Some think they read the Bible and no more is really necessary. If that be true, why stop the chariot?
4. If just hearing preaching saves. True, "...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save..." (1 Corinthians 1:21). The Ethiopian heard preaching as "Philip...preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8:35). Some hear a lot of preaching, but do no more. Not this man!
5. If justified by faith only. The Ethiopian had faith. He confessed. "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37). If justified by faith only, why not keep the chariot wheels rolling down the Gaza road?
6. If baptism is not necessary for salvation. Most have been made to believe baptism is not essential to salvation. Please tell us why then did the man of Ethiopia command the chariot to stand still and be baptized, if that be true?
7. If saved by praying "the sinner's prayer." Many have been made to think that to be saved they just need to pray a prayer like this: "Lord, I confess

to You my sins. I accept You into my heart as my personal Lord and Savior.” Why stop the chariot, if saved this way?

8. If sprinkling or pouring are sufficient. If sprinkling or pouring of a little water upon the person will substitute for immersion of the whole person in water, why do we read, “*he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water...*” (Acts 8:38-39)?

Let me suggest to you that due to the shortness and uncertainty of life (Proverbs 27:1; Luke 12:16-20; James 4:13-15), the value of your soul (Matthew 16:26), the fact that judgment is coming (Acts 24:25), and you must obey the Lord to be saved (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:9) that you need to stop the chariot. Did you observe who stopped the chariot? It wasn't the preacher. It was the man who needed to obey the Lord. You are the one who must stop the chariot. There is an urgency about obeying the gospel as this record shows. Now is the time to stop the chariot. "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

-via *Truth's Pillar & Ground*; Riverdale, Maryland.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Cornelia Pepper	Drew Ogles
JoAnn Gilbert	Mike Ogles
Nancy Hardison	Joy & Loretta Warner
Jane Meredith	Patsy Thomas
Irene Inman	Reba Byram
Doris Lovell	Gilbert Hardy
Wayne Gooch	Cindy Walker
Ann Bush	Shaun Carruth
Linda Jones	Lou Ann Lindsay

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Ella Melvin	Gayle Ball
Mot Dollar	Jeanette Weir
Janice Cagle	Eli Williams
Gene Carpenter	Betty Hamm

Linda Ordonez
Annalynn Tegg
Ray Kennedy
Elizabeth Howard
Phillip Harwell
Shayna Tollison
Staley Jackson
Gladys Sandlin

Charles Burns
Al Pollard
Ava Brooke Campbell
Matt Poff
Una King Currier
Daniel Ogles
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
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 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* are now back home after being in Texas... *The Coblentz: Tommy and Marcella* have been in the mountains this week... *The Rogers: Mark, Kim & Peyton* have been in the mountains this past week... *The Morris': Marcus and Bonnie* are out of town on vacation this week... *The Whitts: Jim and Jackie* are on vacation this week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Beginning Monday morning at 10:00 our Vacation Bible School will begin. I am looking forward to a good week as we study "*The Voyage of the Alpha and the Omega.*" There will be classes for all ages. There will be speakers in the auditorium for the adults. I appreciate all of our teachers who are taking the responsibility of teaching these classes. Come be a part of these studies and invite others to join us.

GOSPEL MEETINGS/SINGINGS: The *Eastside church* will be having a gospel meeting this week through

Friday night. *Lowell Sallee* will be the speaker... The **Elgin Hills church** in Elgin is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Neil Gilbert* will be speaking in this meeting... The **College View church** in Florence will be having their Annual Lectureship this week through Thursday. The speakers will be: *Paul Earnhart, Jeff May, David McClister & Don Truex*... The **Marcella Falls church** in Ethridge, Tennessee will have a gospel meeting this week through Thursday. The speaker will be: *Sunday Bible Class – Bob Tidwell; Sunday Morning – Randy Sprouse; Sunday evening – Drew Edwards; Monday – Johnny Felker; Tuesday – Dalton Cole; Wednesday – Matt Foster; Thursday – Jim Deason.*

SINGING: There will be a singing on Friday night at the **Marcella Falls church**. The song leaders will be: *Jim Deason, Wiley Deason & Drew Edwards.*

ERNEST ROBERTS UPDATE: Brother Earnest Roberts from St. George's, Grenada, who we help in supporting, has been in Munice, Indiana for about 6 weeks to have surgery to corrected his vision problems. He has had both eyes done and is recovering from the surgery. As of this past week, the eyes were improved but not enough for the doctors to release him to return home. He will return to the doctor on Tuesday and is hoping to be released to return home on Thursday or Friday. Brother Roberts has expressed to me his thankfulness and appreciation for all the church here has done for him and especially for all the prayers.

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

WORK GROUPS: **Work Group two** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of June 5th*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 144
Morning Worship 188
Evening Worship..... 134

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 128

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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
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

Wednesday, June 15th:

Song Leader A. J. Price
Bible Reading Sermon In Song
..... Jason Conn
Prayer Nathaniel Adams
Invitation David Cox
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Sunday, June 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Marty Adams
Serving Marvin Putman Steve Usery
..... Cody Kennedy Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements Terry Andrews
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Norman Brown
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer James Johnson

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 19th:

Ushers Keenon Currier/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams