

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

Please Join Us For Our

Gospel Meeting

"Exploring Islam & Christianity"

September 11-15, 2016

Speaker: Andrew Roberts of Tampa, Florida

Schedule of Services

Sunday –	9:45 a.m. — <i>Definitive Differences</i>
	10:30 a.m. — <i>Christianity Can Survive</i>
	5:00 p.m. — <i>The Crucifixion Controversy</i>
Monday	7:00 p.m. — <i>Studying The Bible & The Qu'ran</i>
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. — <i>Examining Jesus & Muhammad</i>
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. — <i>Islam & Evangelism</i>
Thursday	7:00 p.m. — <i>When Islam Asks</i>

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Show Me Your Friends

Andrew Roberts

The Spanish novelist Miguel de Cervantes wrote, "Tell me what company thou keepest, and I'll tell thee what thou art." Cervantes was not a prophet, he simply understood the strong influence friends exert over our lives. You can tell a lot about a person by the company they keep. Scripture brings this truth to light.

Show me your friends ...

And I'll show you your religious convictions. David wrote, "I am a companion of all who fear You, and of those who keep Your precepts" (Psalm 119:63). Our companions will help or hinder us in letting our light shine, doing good works, devotion to God and in getting to heaven. We ought to be concerned if we realize all our close friends are either godless or involved in false religion.

And I'll show you your favorite activities. "Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man in rags" (Proverbs 23:19-21). We do things with our friends. Obviously, we do not choose friends so we can **avoid** them. We want to spend time with them and generally pursue common interests. Are you involved with the party-hard, drunken, drug-using crowd? Well, guess what that makes you.

And I'll show you your feelings about proper speech. "In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise" (Proverbs 10:19). Some people's mouths are a hotbed for sin: gossip, profanity, anger, criticism. Let us remember, "Evil company corrupts good habits (1 Corinthians 15:33).

What Do Your Friends Say About You?

~via Eastside Church Bulletin; Bowling Green, Kentucky

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Randy Harshbarger

As the divine story of God and His love is unfolded, it becomes quickly apparent that it is a story about Jesus Christ. Man is presented as the sinner but God's Son is the redeemer, the forgiver, the justifier and the peace maker. Behind these beautiful words that speak of God and His love, is the ugly story of sin.

Man is a sinner. He needs salvation from sin, not "personal enrichment." And yet, many have no fear of sin or what it does. The punishment of sin, is something reserved for "the really mean people." What all must see is that sin results in a loss of fellowship with God. Alienated from a righteous and holy Creator, man steeped in sin, cannot be a friend to God.

One emotion however, that has yet to escape man, is guilt! It is obvious by the actions of many in seeking to escape the consequences of a guilty conscience, that it is still a problem for them. Men will sometimes rationalize away their guilt by saying that God really isn't concerned. Some turn the other way and drown themselves further in the pursuit of sin. Paul spoke of this in Ephesians 4:19; "who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." Some try to find a coin of good works, and extend help to those in need. Even some Christians feel secure because of their respectable association with a "local congregation." It doesn't matter that they seldom attend and lend support to the work being done. As long as their names "are on the roll" then all is well. The conscience can be soothed and the guilt is washed away.

The story of Jesus demands the kind of relationship wherein man seeks to know and do heaven's will. It is a close, intimate relationship. Jesus said: "And this is life eternal, that they should know the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, (even) Jesus Christ" (John 17:3).

The parables of the lost sheep, coin, and son (Luke 15) teach that sin is not some vague concept that cannot be defined. Consider the actions in each case. Sheep are creatures of instinct and appetite. They will go where the food is. Men often operate upon this basis too. "Whose end is perdition, whose god is the belly, and (whose) glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things" (Philippians 3:19). The coin was lost, seemingly through carelessness. There are many today who

simply do not believe the spiritual life demanded by the Lord is important. The son was lost because he did not exercise self-control. Again, the philosophy of today is "go for it." "Whatever happened to sin" is the cry of many! The lust of the flesh becomes the prevailing, controlling force for many (1 John 2:15-17; Ephesians 2:1ff). Sin becomes the principle of life that controls one who turned from the story of Jesus. The sinner is a law breaker (1 John 3:4). The person who violates God's law is one who seeks to live without restraint.

To rebel against God is a negative reaction to positive divine law. Man is a moral creature and always has been. The choice Adam and Eve made was essentially a moral one. As men continue to make wrong choices, the story of Jesus becomes more meaningful. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

~via *Power Talk*; Lexington, Kentucky



The Church For Everybody

Sewell Hall

I agree to go with a group of Christian friends to a Braves game. This was going to be different. The field was covered with performing high school bands - an appeal to all who like music. And that was only the beginning. For those preferring opera, a Metropolitan Opera star sang the National Anthem. For those more political in taste, the Attorney General of the U.S. led the pledge to the flag. Lovers of money were tantalized by a \$500 door prize. Cartoon fans were entertained by a million dollar score board featuring cartoon characters. Those living on the level of the flesh were treated to the sight of a young lady in short shorts running around the diamond sweeping off the bases between every inning. And to climax it all, there was a huge fireworks display. I don't remember what team the Braves were playing, much less who won, but that was a game I shall never forget. That was baseball for people who don't like baseball.

Far too many churches are trying to remodel the religion of Jesus Christ to make it a religion for people who don't like religion! For those desiring recreation, they offer recreation. For those who like entertainment,

there is entertainment. For those whose primary interest is secular education, they offer day care, kindergartens, schools, and colleges. For those whose appetite is for food, they build church kitchens and dining rooms. The attempt is to be "the church for everybody."

Such carnal, temporal appeals were never authorized by the Lord. He intended that the church be a "called out," separated body of people. If the gospel is the only appeal, it will make that separation. In Corinth, where the wisdom of men was valued, Paul "determined not to know anything...except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). In a city where oratory was highly esteemed, he refused even to dress up the gospel with "excellence of speech" (2:1). His purpose was to see that the materials he built into the temple were "gold, silver, precious stone" rather than "wood, hay, and straw" (3:12).

No, the Lord's church is not for everybody - just for those who have those qualities which set them apart as God's elect and chosen ones.

~via *Stanley Avenue Church Bulletin*; Andalusia, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Tommy Coblentz
JoAnn Gilbert
Reba Byram
Patsy Thomas
Doris Lovell
Wayne Bolton
Shaun Carruth
Linda Jones
Gilbert Hardy

Arvid McGuire
Joe Leopard
Cindy Glass
Irene Inman
Donna Wright
Ann Bush
Charlie Christopher
Wayne Gooch

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Ella Melvin
Jeanette Weir
Eli Williams
Linda Ordonez
Al Pollard
Elizabeth Howard
Phillip Harwell
Shayna Tollison
Anita Willis
Diane Kilpatrick

Gayle Ball
Janice Cagle
Gene Carpenter
Charles Burns
Ava Brooke Campbell
Matt Poff
Una King Currier
Daniel Ogles
Jenny Pickens
Cindy Walker

In The Hospital:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab. - Huntsville

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. 39 Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 92

Limestone Health Facility:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 55

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Hazel Brooks, Nursing Home In Pulaski, Tennessee
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Wynell Casteel, at home
Marjorie Dunnivant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
Essie Hardison, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUT OF TOWN: *The Wulfekubls:* Russ, Lisa and Ali are at the beach this weekend on vacation... *The Todds:* Seth, Summer, Isabella and Weston are in Hamilton this weekend.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS:

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 13th. If you are a lady and are available to meet and study the word of God, I am sure that you would enjoy being a part of this class. The class will meet at 10:30a.m.

BARBADOS: It was good to work with the brethren in Barbados for the past two weeks. The brethren appreciate the church here for your interest in the work there. I appreciate *Harvey Nixon* for teaching my class. I know that you enjoyed hearing *Ben May* and *Everette Conn* preach here during my absence.

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 August 28th*

Sunday: Bible Classes 136
Morning Worship 162
Evening Worship 142
Wednesday: Bible Classes 109

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 4th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Steve Usery
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer..... Marty Adams
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Kenneth Smith
Assisting..... Marcus Morris
Serving Marvin Putman Danny Johnson
..... Jordan Lovell James Johnson
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Steve Usery
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer..... A. J. Price
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 4th:

Ushers..... Keenon Currier/Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

Wednesday, September 7th:

Song Leader Tommy Burns
Bible Reading..... Galatians 3:15-29
..... Joy Warner
Prayer..... Landon Adams
Invitation..... Arvid McGuire
Closing Prayer Dwaine Allfrey

Sunday, September 11th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer..... Larry Mitchell
Preaching..... Andrew Roberts
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
Assisting..... A. J. Price
Serving Charles Vaughn Bonnie Sutton
..... Mike Ogles..... Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer Russell Melvin

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer..... Joel Hamm
Preaching..... Andrew Roberts
Lord's Supper Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 28h:

Ushers..... Hunter Cox/Seth Todd
Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams