

# MARKET STREET



*"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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*David A. Cox, Editor*

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# Gospel Meeting

*"Exploring Islam & Christianity"*

**September 11-15, 2016**

***Speaker: Andrew Roberts of Tampa, Florida***

### Schedule of Services

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

## MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# *Successful Christians*

**Andrew Roberts**

*"Every person who has become successful has simply formed the habit of doing things that failures dislike doing and will not do."* – John Maxwell

What a powerful observation! And in our own experience, wouldn't we have to agree that this principle is true? Those people that succeed in business and realize their goals as professionals consistently display the discipline, commitment, loyalty and responsibility that others simply don't. The successful worker forms habits, good habits, which create a continuous higher level of performance. These people succeed.

Far be it from me to suggest that we earn our salvation or our place in Christ's kingdom. But when we struggle from weak faith or wrestle with the same sinful practices over and over again, don't we feel like we're not succeeding as Christians? When we are apathetic toward worship and Bible study or downright cold toward aspects of the Christian's work outside of the church-building, are we successful Christians? Perhaps we need to form some godly habits.

**We need to form a habit toward worship** (Hebrews 10:23-25).

Christians at the church in Jerusalem had gotten lax in meeting together for worship. And the Hebrew writer encourages them to stay in the habit of assembling together so they could encourage and stimulate each other to love and good works.

As we understand that worship glorifies God and offers spiritual renewal for the Christian participating in it, we see the importance of making it a habit to meet together and worship. Yet some struggle to make it to services on time, they straggle in late, sit in the back and often are the first to leave. They blame their kids for detaining them or the weather or alarm clocks or work or whatever. But when it is the same people week after week, one can discern what their habit is. This is not to impugn motives or suggest that some don't want to come to church however we can look at our own attendance over the last month or two and see what kind of habits we've formed toward worship.

We need to form a habit toward Bible study (2 Pet.1:3). What an amazing promise the Holy Spirit offers us through Peter when he writes that everything we need for life and godliness is in the true knowledge

of Jesus Christ. Wow! And where is "true knowledge" to be found but the Bible, the inspired word of God? But how many have really developed good habits toward Bible study?

Often our only exposure to the word of God is the few scriptures quoted from the pulpit. Sound preaching is needed and healthy but it will not sustain us spiritually. The Word of God is the bread of life for our souls (John 1:1; 6:33-35). Now if we only ate once a week we'd be some skinny, weak little people. We'd be malnourished. Yet we'll starve our souls by withholding precious spiritual nourishment for weeks at a time. We need to get in the habit of Bible study.

We need to form a habit toward prayer (Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; Hebrews 4:15-16; James 1:5-8). Does God recognize our voice or would he have to think for a second because He hasn't heard it in so long? Does God only hear from us when we're in trouble? The Bible speaks about the need for us to get in the habit of praying to God. When we are anxious or worried about jobs, family, sickness, anything... we need to pray about it. There is peace for those who will pray. We need to pray constantly in times of feast and famine. It should be our habit. When we face temptation we need to pray about it. Jesus has faced it too and He will give us grace in the time of our need. And when we need wisdom, we need to pray for it. God gives liberally to those that ask, but we must ask!

We can look forward to feelings of success and victory over feelings of failure or frustration when we form habits of Christian devotion in our lives.

~via *Brownburg Church Bulletin*; Brownsburg, Indiana

## **Beacon of Truth**

**Radio Program**

**Every Sunday Morning**

**on WVNN**

**770AM – 92.5 FM**

**8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.**

**Market Street church of Christ**

**514 West Market Street**

**Athens, Alabama**

## *Two Men Face Their Limitations*

**Bill Hall**

Two men are rather inept in areas of public leadership. Neither is really talented in leading singing, preaching, teaching Bible classes, or fulfilling other roles that are so essential to effective worship periods. Both have tried, but their inabilities in such realms are apparent, to themselves and to others. But while they share this limitation, their attitudes differ dramatically.

The first man draws back into a shell, manifesting all the symptoms of an inferiority complex. He feels that he doesn't belong, that others don't appreciate him. He does nothing for the benefit of the Lord's cause except to attend. He rarely visits the sick or speaks to a visitor or invites a newcomer into his home. "Can't" becomes the prevailing word in his vocabulary. He complains because "only a few are running things."

The second man, recognizing his obvious inabilities in leadership roles, looks about for other areas in which he can be helpful. He volunteers to keep the grass mowed around the building and to see that the building is opened early at every service. He is there to extend a warm greeting to the first arrivals. This is just typical of him. He is constantly observing a need and is working in his own quiet way to take care of that need. No other man in the church is more active in the work than he is.

The first man struggles to be faithful. His feelings are so easily hurt. Every lesson that deals with diligence in the Lord's service, he is sure is preached directly with him in mind. He doesn't like himself and his attitude is a barrier to good relationship with others.

The second man is appreciated by all who know him. His influence is great. He is perfectly suited to the work of a deacon. His death will leave a void in the church that no one man will be able to fill.

The difference in these two men can be clearly seen in the exhortation of Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might." What the second man has and the first man lacks is vision to see what needs to be done (his hand finds something to do) and initiative to do it with his might. These two qualities enable the one to be happy, busy, useful, pleasant, influential; a lack of them leaves the other miserable, limited, sensitive, stifled by selfpity.

To many readers who are limited in "leadership"

roles we would ask: "Which of these two men present a true picture of you?" Open your eyes! There are needs all about you! Get to work! "There is room in the kingdom ...for the small things you can do." Everybody can't be the quarterback; everybody can't be the chief; but everybody can contribute. Let each person find his role, work diligently in that role, and rejoice in the contribution he can make to the welfare of the Lord's work.

~via *The Brookhill Workman*; Killen, Alabama.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Helen Blankenship	Joyce McGlocklin
Joe Leopard	Reba Byram
Patsy Thomas	Cindy Glass
Irene Inman	Doris Lovell
Gilbert Hardy	Donna Wright
Wayne Bolton	Wayne Gooch
Ann Bush	Al Bush
Shaun Carruth	Charlie Christopher
Linda Jones	Janet Jones

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

Ella Melvin	Gayle Ball
Jeanette Weir	Janice Cagle
Janet Jones	Cindy Walker
Eli Williams	Gene Carpenter
Linda Ordonez	Charles Burns
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Daniel Ogles
Anita Willis	Jenny Pickens

Diane Kilpatrick

### *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 Trousedale, 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 Ogles:* Mike and Nikki are in Auburn this week with Mike's work...*The Melvins:* Russell and Ella have been at the Gulf this past week on vacation....*The Rogers:* Mark, Kim & Peyton are back home after being out of town last weekend.

**BAPTISM:** We are rejoice that **Dana Baker** made the decision to be baptized into Christ this past Tuesday evening. We are thankful for her good heart and her desire to please God. May the Lord bless her in her life as a child of God. May we all encourage her as hse has and will encourage us.

### **TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS:**

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will resume meeting this coming Tuesday, morning at 10:30 a.m. 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.

**OUR MEETING THIS WEEK:** This week the *Market Street church* will be engaged in its fall meeting. The speaker will be *Andrew Roberts*. Brother Roberts grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has preached for the *Brownsburg church* in Brownsburg, Indiana and the *Jackson Heights church* in Columbia, Tennessee. He moved earlier this year to Tampa, Florida works as an evangelist with the *Livingston Avenue church*. Andrew and his wife, Julie, have two daughters and one son. We look forward to this week of meetings. Remember to make your plans to attend and tell others about it.

**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.

### **THERECORD:** Attendance for the week of September 4th

Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 149  
Morning Worship ..... 176  
Evening Worship ..... 128  
Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 118

## **Men Privileged To Serve:**

### **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 ..... Jerry McGlocklin

### Other Assignments for Sunday, September 11th:

Ushers..... Landon Adams/Seth Todd  
Work Sound System..... Marty Adams Adams

### **Wednesday, September 14th:**

Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
Bible Reading..... Meeting  
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Prayer..... Terry Andrews  
Invitation..... Andrew Roberts  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz

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### **Sunday, September 18th:**

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer..... Marcus Morris  
Preaching..... Warren Glass  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Keith Hinkle  
Assisting..... Russell Melvin  
Serving ..... Tony Thomas ..... Kenneth Adams  
..... Matthew Vaughn..... Bart Brown  
Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer..... Jordan Lovell  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Keith Hinkle  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ogles

### Other Assignments for Sunday, September 18th:

Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Marty Adams  
Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams