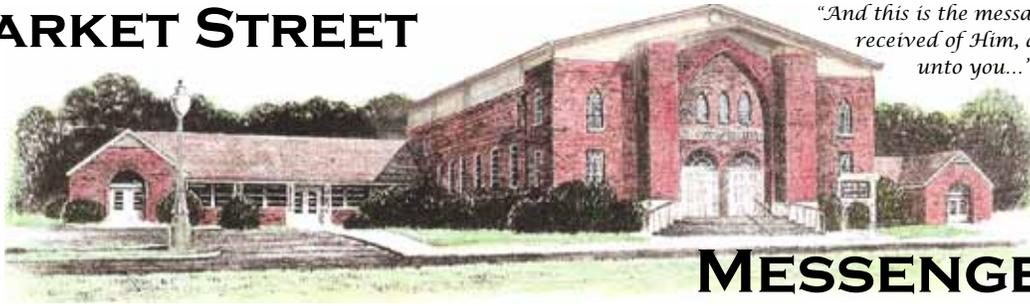


# MARKET STREET

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



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## *Submit To One Another*

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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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*is published in the interest of New Testament  
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*David A. Cox, Editor*

Several years ago at a meeting of the American Psychological Association, Jack Lipton, a psychologist at Union College, and R. Scott Bulione, a graduate student at Columbia University, presented their findings on how members of the various sections of 11 major symphony orchestras perceived each other.

The percussionists were viewed as insensitive, unintelligent, and hard-of-hearing, yet fun-loving. String players were seen as arrogant, stuffy, and unathletic. The orchestra members overwhelmingly chose "loud" as the primary adjective to describe the brass players. Woodwind players seemed to be held in the highest esteem, described as quiet and meticulous, though a bit egotistical.

Interesting findings, to say the least! One wonders, especially one with no musical ability, how fifty or so divergent personalities and perceptions, with over twenty different musical instruments, could ever come together to make such wonderful music!?

Yet the answer is simple: regardless of how those musicians view each other, they subordinate their feelings and biases to the leadership of the conductor. Under his guidance, they play beautiful music.

Success in a group effort always requires mutual submission of each individual for the good of the group. This is true in business, in sports and in the Lord's family. The Bible teaches that in our spiritual relationships we must learn to submit to one to another according to the will of God.

"Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." (1 Pet 5:5)

"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you" (Heb 13:17)

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ"(Ephesians 5:21).

The word "submit" according to Thayer means: 1) to arrange under,

to subordinate 2) to subject, to put in subjection 3) to subject oneself, to obey 4) to submit to one's control 5) to yield to one's admonition or advice 6) to obey, to be subject." He goes on to point out that it was "a Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader." In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".

It is interesting that the admonition to "submit to one another" in Ephesians 5:21 precedes Paul's command for wives to submit to their husbands, which is followed by children obeying the parents and slaves being in submission to their Masters. It is obvious in those cases there is a God given role in terms of authority.

But how do we submit to one another, especially a husband to a wife, or a parent to a child, or a master to a slave?

Submission has to do with meeting the needs of another. Of serving others. Of engaging in mutual ministry. It makes no difference where the authority is vested, nor does it lessen the responsibility to respect authority in a specific relationship.

Jesus has been given all authority. Yet He came to serve the needs of others. And ultimately gave Himself to die for our sins. God gave Pastors the role of authority in the local church to "feed the flock. However, they are servant-leaders, meeting the needs of those entrusted to their care. God ordained the husband to be the head of the home. Yet, he lovingly serves the needs of his wife and children. In the same way, Christians must be willing to subordinate their own feelings and desires for the greater good within the Body of Christ.

Colly Caldwell put this way "We must submit to our fellow Christians," We can all learn from any fellow Christian. We can be corrected by any Christian. It is the selfish, insecure follower of Christ who cannot recognize God's arrangements for peace and well being and who insists upon his own will."

In a "me first" culture, this command seems outdated. Yet, when properly followed, it would solve many of our relationship conflicts in the 21st century.

~via *The Preacher's Word*; Lewisville, Texas.

## Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## Why Stop The Chariot?

John Issac Edwards

Acts 8:26-39 records the conversion 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.

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.

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?

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?

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!

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

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?

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?

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:

Mike & Nikki Ogles	Bobbie Adcock
Doris Lovell	Patsy Thomas
Cindy Glass	Wayne Bolton
Ashley Sims	Linda Jones
Shelly Scruggs	Sara Ogles
Wayne Gooch	Shaun Carruth
Everette "Bud" Dollar	Ann Bush

## Updates:

**Gayle Ball** continues to recover at home from her recent fall ... **Ruby Dean Ezell** is scheduled to have a scope to stretch her esophagus on Monday at Madison Hospital... **Rebecca Sims'** heart procedure to repair her mitro valve has been scheduled for Thursday at Vanderbilt Medical Center... **Dan Lovell** is scheduled to have tyroid surgery on April 14th at Athens Hospital..... **Jackie Cox** has her heart valve replacement scheduled for April 18th at Huntsville Hospital... **Tracey Hodges, the daughter**

**of Paul and Dale Adcock**, has open heart surgery for an anyerism scheduled at Vanderbilt Medical Center on April 28th.

## Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Gayle Ball
Reba Byram	Irene Inman
Janice Cagle	Jeanette Weir
Ella Melvin	Daniel Ogles
Diane Kilpatrick	Linda Ordonez
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Jenny Pickens	Gene Carpenter
Charles Burns	Betty Christopher
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Eli Williams
Brittany Bates Carter	Betty Brackeen

## In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

**Norman Hamm**; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville  
**Jim Sasser**; Athens-Limestone Hospital

## Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Joyce Martin, rm. 73
Mable Crafts, rm. 39	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36

## Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Morningside, Decatur  
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
 Wynell Casteel, at home  
 Lucille Craig, 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  
 William Thomas, at home

**SINGING AT NURSING HOME:** Remember this Tuesday evening at 5:30 will resume to the singing at **Athens Rehab & Senior Care**. The singing last about 45 minutes. The residents really enjoy our coming to sing. If you are available to participate in this, I know that you would be benefitted from the time spent there.

**OUT OF TOWN: The Stiles:** **Chuck & Benita** are back home after being in South Dakota for the past month... **The Bradleys:** **Steve and Marilyn** have been in Texas this past week... **Nancy Hardison** has been in North Carolina this past week.

**MARY WILL JOHNSTON (1932 – 2017):** We are saddened over the passing to sister Mary Will Johnston this past Tuesday morning. Mary Will was a longtime member of the Market Street church. She and her husband, Puryear, became members here in 1952. Her husband, Puryear, served the Market Street church as an elder for several years. Mary Will loved the church here. She desperately want to be at services here in the recent months, but was unable to due to the treatments that she was undergoing. We have missed Mary Will here and will continue to miss her. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all of her family in her passing.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** The date for our Vacation Bible School has been set for **July 17-20** for this year. Mark your calendars and begin planning for this week.

**DOOR TO DOOR:** A group went out yesterday morning, knocking on doors to meet and invite people to visit with us at Market Street and to give them and invitation to our gospel meeting. We plan to go out again on *Saturday morning, April 15th.*

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Helton Drive church* in Florence is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Thursday evening. *Buc Chumbley* of Hueytown will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Old Moutlon Road church* in Decatur is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Firday evening. *Colby Junkin* of Florence will be the speaker in this meeting.

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

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of March 26th*  
 Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 128  
 Morning Worship..... 170  
 Evening Worship..... 121  
 Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 106



**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, April 9th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
 Song Leader .....Ashton Gatlin  
 Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Preaching..... Gary Patton  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding.....Keith Hinkle  
 Assisting..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Serving .....Marvin Putman ..... Danny Johnson  
 .....Steve Usery..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
 Closing Prayer ..... Keenon Currier

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
 Song Leader .....Tommy Burns  
 Prayer.....Tommy Coblentz  
 Preaching..... Gary Patton  
 Lord's Supper .....Keith Hinkle  
 Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 9th:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Heath Dollar  
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

**Wednesday, April 12th:**

Song Leader ..... A. J. Price  
 Bible Reading..... Philippians 3:13-21  
 .....Joy Warner  
 Prayer..... Keith Hinkle  
 Invitation..... Keenon Currier  
 Closing Prayer ..... Arvid McGuire

**Sunday, April 16th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
 Song Leader .....Ashton Gatlin  
 Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Preaching..... Gary Patton  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding.....Keith Hinkle  
 Assisting..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Serving .....Marvin Putman ..... Danny Johnson  
 .....Steve Usery..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
 Closing Prayer ..... Keenon Currier

*Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Marty Adams  
 Song Leader .....Tommy Burns  
 Prayer.....Tommy Coblentz  
 Preaching..... Gary Patton  
 Lord's Supper .....Keith Hinkle  
 Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

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