

MARKET STREET

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



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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

April 23 - 27

(Sunday through Thursday)

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Sunday - 9:45 am; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist - Gerry Sandusky

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“A Gentle and Quiet Spirit”

Gary F. Smalley

Many American women celebrated International Women’s Day by taking the advice of some of the organizers of January’s Women’s March: “take to the streets and protest.” They were also encouraged to boycott their jobs, thinking that would go a long way in making people feel the adverse impact of “A Day Without a Woman.” Surely there were uncountable hospitalized people who were elated that their nurses didn’t boycott the medical facilities!

In the midst of contemplating the boisterous and volatile women who were screaming for the protection of what they called their “constitutional rights” to murder their unborn children (even though they confuse the innocent life inside them with “their own bodies”), I think it is a good time to remind people who have become comfortable pushing boundaries, that the God of heaven has not allowed American culture to change His views regarding the kind of character He, as Creator, expects from women making a claim to godliness (being a Christian).

One such instruction is found in 1 Peter 3. The inspired Apostle is teaching women to be submissive to their husbands, which by such behavior, they would win their husbands to Christ, “as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.” (1 Peter 3:2-4). The gentle spirit does not question, object or complain against God or His word. The gentle spirit submits, without being bitter or harsh, to the role given her by God in relation to her husband. Her inner disposition is quiet and tranquil; she is at peace with God and within herself. Such tranquility of heart will manifest itself in her behavior: she causes no disturbances to other people. It is this inner self that God regards as of tremendous value!

When protestors take to the streets, the atmosphere is not very conducive to “chaste and respectful behavior.” What is one to conclude when a woman screams her support for abortion and other abominations, that she is making obvious her “gentle and quiet spirit?” Surely some have already squashed their inner tranquility (their consciences also) by the lack of natural affection dis-

played by murder of innocent unborn babies. Staunchly continuing such advocacy probably leaves little room for introspection regarding the development of her Christ-like character. Obvious also is the absence of respect for God and His word. How I wish it were not so!

~via *The Old Hickory Bulletin*; Jackson, Tennessee



The Church: A Relationship

Bill Robinson, Jr.

The word church as we use it, if it is to convey a scriptural concept, denotes a relationship. The church does not exist, in the New Testament, apart from a relationship regardless of the context in which it is used. As we think about relationship we are talking about people—people that are related. The relationship inherent within the word church is primarily that of people to God and secondarily to each other in a given location where they may assemble to meet for worship and to edify one another (i.e. local congregations). Consequently, all people in a saved relationship are thus related to each other, though they be specifically identified and joined with others who share that same relationship with God in a given locale. Hence, the New Testament speaks of one church, or body (Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12). So, there is but one body, though it is found in many places around the globe.

Wherever saints (those in a saved relationship) gather together in a community to do the will of God, as individuals they are members of the one church. As such, they are to function collectively as a unit (a local church). Yet, it is clearly the teaching of the New Testament that only those individuals who are faithful to God constitute the members of the one church. It is not that unit (the local church) which is a part of the one church, but rather the individuals who are striving to be faithful to Christ in word and deed (1 Corinthians 12:14, 20, 27). The New Testament does not speak in terms of “church-hood,” rather it instructs us to love the “brotherhood” (1 Peter 2:17). That is, individuals

who are related to God through the forgiveness of sins (saved). Sectarian thinking has always fostered faulty concepts (even among us) regarding the church. It was true in the first century (1 Corinthians 1:10ff, 3:1ff).

Let us be clear then in our preaching. It is not some church dogma or party to which we are pleading with men and women to submit and conform. To the contrary, it is to Jesus Christ based on the simple teaching of the New Testament. For Christ alone is head of the church and Savior of that one body we read in the New Testament (Ephesians 1:21-22, 5:23ff). Paul's solution to the party spirit was to preach Christ crucified "not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that [our] faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:2, 4-5).

~via *Rocky Points*; Cordova, Tennessee.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Marvin Putman	Dan Lovell
Doris Lovell	Patsy Thomas
Joan Glass	Cindy Glass
Ashley Sims	Linda Jones
Shelly Scruggs	Sara Ogles
Ann Bush	Everette "Bud" Dollar
Wayne Gooch	Shaun Carruth

Updates:

Ann McLemore had cataract surgery on Thursday ... *Priscilla Tucker* has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be undergoing surgery, April 25th and then treatments to follow. Remember Priscilla and all the family in your prayers ... *Dan Lovell* had thyroid surgery on Friday at Athens Hospital and is doing well... *Jackie Cox* is scheduled for heart valve replacement on Tuesday at Huntsville Hospital... *Tracey Hodges, the daughter of Paul and Dale Adcock*, has open heart surgery for an aneurysm scheduled at Vanderbilt Medical Center on April 28th... *Alvis McLemore's brother, Bobby McLemore*, has been diagnosed with Accute

Leukemia... *Joan Glass* is now at home recovering from her back surgery on Monday.

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 Ordones
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	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Glen Brackeen; Huntsville Hospital; rm. 827
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

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
Oneal Martin, rm. 81	

Limestone Health Facility:

Jim Sasser

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 Dunning, 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 the singing at *Athens Rehab & Senior Care* on Tuesday evening at 5:30. If you are available to participate in this, I know that you would be benefitted from the time spent there.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Betty Bolton* in the passing of her husband, *Wayne Bolton*, this past Wednesday morning. Wayne had

battled cancer for a long time. Wayne's visitation was at Spry Funeral Home and the graveside the service was at Athens City Cemetery on Saturday morning. May the Lord bless Betty and all the family in Wayne's passing... We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Marcella Coblentz** and all the family in the passing of Marcella's mother, **Helen Smith**. Her funeral was yesterday afternoon at Spry Funeral Home. She was laid to rest in the Higgins Cemetery. May the Marcella and the family.

RUSSELLVILLE MEETING: It was my priviledge to work the **Eastside church** this past week in a gospel meeting. It was good to be with the church there. This a congregation my father preached at for 5 years during my elementary age years. It was good to see many people that our family has known for many years. The church in overseen by 5 elders and is served by 9 deacons. It was a joy to see the work being done there.

I appreciate **Gary Patton** coming to preach for me last week while I was away. Also, I appreciate **Harvey Nixon** filling in for me in my class on Wednesday night.

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 work.

OUR MEETING: Our Meeting will begin one week from today. Remember the meeting in your prayers. Remember to invite others to join us as brother Sandusky preaches unto us the word of God.

DOOR TO DOOR: Several of us went out yesterday morning knocking on doors meeting and inviting people to our gospel meeting. We are planning to go out again this coming Saturday morning, *April 22nd* to invite more people to our services and our gospel meeting.

MEAL LIST: There is a meal list in the vestibule at the back of the auditorium for those who would like to have brother and sister Sandusky for a meal during the meeting.

SUPPORT IN MAINE: The elders recently sent support to **Mark White** to cover his expenses in preaching the gospel in a couple of meetings in the later part of April and early May. He will be conduct a meeting in **Pittsfield, Maine** beginning April 29th and follow that with a meeting in **Waterville, Maine**.

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

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Harvey Nixon
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Jerry McGlocklin
 Assisting Joel Hamm
 Serving Mike Ogles..... Landon Adams
 Marcus Morris..... Marvin Putman
 Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
 Closing Prayer Larry Holt

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 16th:

Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Russ Wulfekuhl
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, April 19th:

Song Leader Arvid McGuire
 Bible Reading..... Philippians 4:9-23
 Heath Dollar
 Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams
 Invitation David Cox
 Closing Prayer Ashton Gatlin

Sunday, April 23rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer..... Jerry McGlocklin
 Preaching..... Gerry Sandusky
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... A.J. Price
 Assisting Terry Andrews
 Serving Russ Wulfekuhl Kenneth Adams
 Danny Holt Charles Vaughn
 Closing Prayer Keenon Carrier

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Dan Reed
 Preaching..... Gerry Sandusky
 Lord's Supper A. J. Price
 Closing Prayer Mike Ogles

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 23rd:

Ushers..... Marvin Putman/Steve Bradley
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams