

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

Vacation Bible School

July 17 – 20

(Monday through Thursday)

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

Classes from Infant through Adult will be studying the theme



Speakers for the Week In the Auditorium:

Monday 10:00 a.m. – Brandon Trout

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – Lowell Sallee

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – Nick Woods

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Shawn Jeffries

Thursday 10:00 a.m. – Derek Chancellor

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Saul and Ananias

Randy Harshbarger

“Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord” (Acts 9:10). While we recognize Saul’s intense hatred for the followers of Jesus, his complete devotion to what he believed was right, and his evident sincerity and good conscience, still he lacked what the Lord was offering — salvation through the blood of Christ. Fasting and praying might indicate a change of direction, but still, Saul needed to come in contact with the Lord’s will for his life.

The book of Acts indicates that when someone needed to hear the gospel, the gospel was presented to that person by a “preacher.” The gospel is communicated by a messenger. “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:15). Ananias is summoned. Ananias, at first, was reluctant to go to Saul. “Brother Saul,” a common greeting, was not a statement about Saul’s spiritual condition, yea or nay. Saul could not see; maybe Ananias wanted to convey warmth and good will to this blind persecutor. This meeting resulted in the scales falling from Saul’s eyes and his baptism (presumably by Ananias). Only then did Saul eat some food.

“Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Then all who heard were amazed and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?” (Acts 9:19-21). While the Christians in Damascus were naturally skeptical about the change in Saul, it is clear that he was soon accepted into the fellowship of believers.

When Saul obeyed the gospel, he was added to the Lord’s church (Acts 2:47). His relationship to Christ changed. No longer was Saul a persecutor; now as he preached Christ, he was often persecuted for this radical change. Saul immediately began doing what the Lord wanted him to do; he preached that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, the Christ of God. He argued about who Jesus was; he appealed to the OT in support of his preaching; he increased in strength and courage. Imagine the surprise of the authorities in the synagogues – those who had granted him approval to kill Christians – as

Saul now worked with the followers of Christ.

Following Jesus always comes with a price. “But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket” (Acts 9:24-25). Saul openly traveled the road to Damascus, pursuing Jesus’ disciples. Now, he leaves Damascus under the cover of night in order to escape with his life. Paul wrote to Timothy: “All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution” (2 Timothy 3:12). Paul wrote to the Philippians: “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21). Are you on the Damascus Road?

~via *Stallings Drive Bulletin*; Nachcogdoches, Texas.



When All Seems Lost

Jeffrey L. Smith

At no time in history have God’s people comprised a majority. Well, that’s not quite accurate. After Noah disembarked he and his family were the only eight souls on earth and, assuming they were all faithful, they were a majority. But that was the last time.

Jesus said that a broad road and a wide gate lead to destruction and most souls go there (Matthew 7:13). David proclaimed this a thousand years before Christ in Psalm 14. David described a world as ungodly as that which God years earlier destroyed with the flood. Some things never change.

God’s people are profoundly and negatively affected by ungodly neighbors. David said that the ungodly eat up the faithful as they eat bread (Psalm 14:4). To him it was amazing that the ungodly had no idea of the trouble they were in for, having rebelled so. Their disobedience would surely bring God’s wrath upon them.

David reminds the faithful that even though they can’t see it God is on the side of the righteous generation (Psalm 14:5).

So the next time you’re overwhelmed by unrighteousness all around you, and the next time you echo Elijah’s lament (1 Kings 19:10), remember that as long as you are on the Lord’s side, the Lord is on your side.

And if it's only you and the Lord, in a very real sense that is a majority. Until the faith becomes sight and day star arises in your heart, comfort each other with the words of Psalm 14.

~via *His Workmanship at Westside*; Golden, Colorado.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Margaret Carter	Patsy Thomas
Cindy Glass	Doris Lovell
Ashley Sims	Shaun Carruth
Shelly Scruggs	Wayne Gooch
Ann Bush	Linda Jones

Updates:

Reba Byram fell this past Sunday morning and fractured her back and pelvis. She is in the Athens Rehab... **Freddie Mae Elmore** has been sick with pneumonia... **Marty Adams' uncle, Gilbert Hardy**, fell Thursday night a week ago and broke his neck. He is in Limestone Health Facility... **Nancy Abertnathy's grandson, Jeremy Harwell**, had his second foot surgery on Wednesday in Huntsville ... **Helen Blankenship** is going to the the doctor for tests to see about health issues she has... **Patsy Thomas** continues to make progress in the recovery from knee surgery ... **Donna Wright** will be having a heart valve replacement soon. Keep her in your prayers... **Kaleigh Conn** is scheduled for surgery in August in Birmingham to repair the hole in her heart... **Priscilla Tucker** had another treatment this past Thursday.

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Gayle Ball
Irene Inman	Janice Cagle
Jeanette Weir	Priscilla Tucker
Jenny Pickens	Ella Melvin
Daniel Ogles	Diane Kilpatrick
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Brittany Bates Carter
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Betty Christopher	Bobby McLemore
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell

Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Eli Williams	Everette "Bud" Dollar

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Anna Price; Health South Rehab. – Huntsville
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Reba Byram, rm. 64	Nelva Reed, rm. 61
Helen Trousdale, rm. 43	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Oneal Martin, rm. 81	Joyce Martin, rm. 73
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Mable Crafts, rm. 39	

Limestone Health Facility:

Opal Conn, rm. 117	Gilbert Hardy, rm. 115
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Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Wynell Casteel, 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.

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 tonight.

OUT OF TOWN: **Steve Bradley** is teaching a class at Florida College for a couple of weeks and has been in Temple Terrace, Florida... **Allison and Elizabeth Usery** have been in Mobile this week... **Christian Usery** has been in South Carolina... **The Hamms:** **Joel, Sharma, Clayton & Ragan** have been on vacation this past week... **The Coxes:** **David, Kerry and Hunter** and **Heather Hammonds** returned home from Bridgetown, Barbados after working with the churches in Barbados in VBS/Meeting work... **The Hinkles:** **Keith and Angie** have been at Orange Beach this past week on vacation... **The Coblenz:** **Tommy and Marcella** are on vacation this week visiting in the New England states... **The Holts:** **Danny and Debra** are on vacation this week in Mexico.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Jennings Chapel church** is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be **Bobby Hall**...

The **Jones Road church** is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Richie Jenkins* will be the speaker in this meeting...The **Elkton church** in Elkton, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. *Gerry Sandusky* will be the speaker in this meeting...The **Westview church** in Hartselle is having their VBS/Gospel meeting this week through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Ken Chapman*...The **Hughes Raod at Gooch Lane church** is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Dan Chaney* will be the speaker in this meeting...The **Pleasant Valley church** is beginning a meeting this afternoon and it will continue through Thursday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Lowell Sallee*.

BARBADOS: It is good to be home from Barbados. The trip was very enjoyable and I am thankful that *Kerry, Hunter and Heather Hammonds* were able to make this trip with me. The work seems to be going well there, but there are challenges they face. I was blessed to be able to preach at the **Hindsbury Road, Central and Trents churches** on the island. The gospel meeting was at Hindsbury Road. The brethren in all the churches wanted me to send their kindest blessings to the church here at Market Street for your continued love and support of the preaching of the gospel in Barbados. I look forward to telling you about the work there. I will plan to do that this evening.

I appreciate the church here for supporting me in the work there. Also, I appreciate the ones who filled in for me. *Harvey Nixon* for teaching my Sunday and Wednesday night classes, *Joel Hamm, Warren Glass, A. J. Price & Buc Chumbley* for preaching for me.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of July 9th

Sunday:	Bible Classes	124
	Morning Worship	162
	Evening Worship	130
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	93

Bible Study



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, July 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Marty R. Adams
Assisting	Steve Usery
Serving	David Terry
	Danny Johnson
	Marvin Putman
	Matthew Usery
Closing Prayer	James Johnson

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Tony Thomas
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Steve Usery
Closing Prayer	Tommy Burns

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 16th:

Ushers.....	Tommy Coblentz/Keenon Currier
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams

Wednesday, June 19th:

Song Leader	Ashton Gatlin
Bible Reading	No Reading
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Prayer.....	Terry Andrews
Invitation.....	Shawn Jeffries
Closing Prayer	Christian Usery

Sunday, July 23rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	A. J. Price
Serving	Charles Vaughn ...
	Matthew Vaughn
	James Johnson
	Mike Ogles
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 23rd:

Ushers.....	Marvin Putman/Hunter Cox
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews