

# 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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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## *The Sick Lady*

**Jimmy R. Mickells**

*"Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, 'Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.' And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God" (Luke 13:10-13).*

This woman is nameless to you and me, but one that I think we can learn some valuable lessons from. Whatever her infirmity was, it had caused her to be unable to straighten up and had afflicted her for eighteen years. Notice with me at least three things we can learn from the life of this sick woman.

**Her illness did not stop her from serving God.** In verse 10, the text says that Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. This is where He met her. Though she couldn't raise herself up, she was still present on the Sabbath in the Jewish house of worship to serve her God. Don't you suppose she could have offered an excuse such as, "I'm just not able to get around very good, my back is hurting and so I think I'll stay home today"? Yet, she did not do that! Do we sometimes let an ache or pain keep us from attending worship service? Would that same sickness keep us from going to work on Monday? I have seen on numerous occasions a child sick on Sunday and both parents stay home, missing both worship services on the Lord's Day. Then on Monday, if the child is still sick, only one parent will attend to his/her needs, the other will be off to work. How devoted are we to serve our Lord? This woman did not let this illness stop her from serving the One whom she loved.

**Her example of faith led to her healing.** On a number of occasions in the gospels, we see people approaching our Lord, asking Him to heal them. In this instance, she did not ask to be healed, but the Lord looked and spoke to her, saying *"you are loosed from your infirmity."* If we will put the Lord first, He will supply the things that we need in this life (Matthew

6:33). Not only will our needs be supplied, but often great blessings, above and beyond our necessities, flow from His bountiful hands. The greatest need for mankind is healing from sin. He is always ready and willing to cure, but we must approach Him to be forgiven. Not by grace only (Ephesians 2:8). Not by faith only (James 2:24). Not by baptism only (Acts 2:38). It is a combination of grace, faith, and obedience to the will of God that through His mercy we can be saved. If you have the kind of faith this woman had, you will obedient to your Creator, and He will heal you as well.

**Once healed, she glorified God.** The word *glorified* is defined as, “to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate” (Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, p. 157). Here was a lady who was extremely thankful to her Lord for what He had done for her. Ingratitude is a grave sin. When Jesus healed the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19), only one returned to glorify God (vv. 15,16). He asked, “*Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?*” (v. 17). Only the one lowly Samaritan returned to bow and give thanks to the One that made him whole. How many times have you and I been healed? Are we truly thankful to the Lord for all His blessings? Do we show it by our actions? May we never be guilty of ingratitude! Let each of us follow the example of this sick lady.

There are only three verses in the entire Bible that mention this nameless sick woman, but what a powerful example she is to all who will read this account. May we live our lives in such a way, even if others do not know our names, in crossing their paths, we can be such an example to them. You never know who is watching.

~via *The Westwood Bulletin*; Tullahoma, Tennessee.



## *A Satisfying Sin*

Adam Shanks

Sin is fun. There, I said it, and even though it is uncomfortable to read, you know it’s true. We like our sin and we hold on to it as long as we can.

We’ve all heard the same lessons over the years. We know that sin is only temporarily satisfying. We watch that show we know we shouldn’t, but only because we want to know what happens next in the story. We say that word we shouldn’t, but it feels good to explode in anger for a moment. We cheat on that test, but it was only once, we didn’t have time to study this time, and of course it will never happen again. All of those small sins give us small moments of satisfaction that are “no big deal.”

Small sins grow. We know this too. We’ve seen it happen. We’ve watched a small sin, added to another small sin, and then another, grow until what was a “one-time, no-big-deal” sin turn into a long drawn out process that wasn’t supposed to happen. Let me give you two short scenarios:

A woman has been fighting with her husband. She knew she shouldn’t have said the things she did, but it felt right at the moment so she did. Life was tense for a while, but she wasn’t going to apologize until he did first, and she knew that wasn’t going to happen. Meal times felt stiff, so they quit eating together. He started staying later at work, so she did also. As she felt more distant from her husband, she was spending more time with her manager at work. He was never attractive to her before, but they kept working in close quarters and his cologne was nice. Maybe he’d be nicer to her than her husband, she begins thinking...

Here’s another scenario—Money had been tight for a while, but the young couple had always been able to make do. He was a finance guy and knew they should be saving, but it was easier to eat out, go on dates, and have fun. So when the radiator blew in one of their cars, they didn’t have the \$687 needed to get it fixed. He started to get a ride from his wife to work, but it was causing a lot of tensions sharing one car. He knew there was a box at work in the filing cabinet with cash in it. It was labeled “petty cash,” there to be used when needed for small purchases, and it was almost never used since most of the employees that made purchases had company debit cards. The cash wouldn’t be missed before it would be replaced, so he took it home and got his car fixed. Only

next month the dishwasher went out and he didn't have the money for that either, much less enough to replace the petty cash at work. What if his boss found out!

Sin most often starts small and then escalates. We don't jump feet first into the biggest sin of our life—we work up to it. Then we make a big mess.

One of the best descriptions of sin is that “sin is like a sneeze — it feels good when it happens, but it leaves a big mess.” We must be careful and mindful about sin. We must be vigilant against the devil's temptations. We must realize sin is bigger than a little decisions; it is a precedent that will turn your life upside down. Just read Romans 1:18-32 and think soberly about sin.

~via *The Preacherman*; Lewisville, Texas.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Pat Nixon	Donna Wright
Mike Ogles	Patsy Thomas
Doris Lovell	Ann Bush
Cindy Glass	Linda Jones
Wayne Gooch	

### Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Irene Inman
Janice Cagle	Jeanette Weir
Priscilla Tucker	Phillip Harwell
Jenny Pickens	Ella Melvin
Daniel Ogles	Everette “Bud” Dollar
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Brittany Bates Carter
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Betty Christopher	Una King Currier
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Bobby McLemore	Phillip Christopher

### In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

*Bobbie Adcock*; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 202  
*Norman Hamm*; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

### Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

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

### 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 Dunnivant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville  
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison  
 Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle  
 Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

### Updates:

*Helen Blankenship* has been feeling better this week  
 ...*JoAnn Gilbert* is at home and doing out-patient therapy  
 ...*Wayne Vaughn* had out patient surgery this past Thursday...*Ruby Dean Ezell* had a MRI done on her back on Monday...*Bonita Dollar's brother-in-law, Everette “Bud” Dollar* received a good report from the treatments that he is been taking...*The Coblentz, son-in-law, Al Pollard*, has not been doing as well as of late. Keep him in our prayers.

**AWAY AT SCHOOL:** Remember our young people that are away in college:

*Brettlyn Currier*, at Auburn University  
*Keenon Currier*, at the University of Alabama  
*Austin Hobson*, at the University of North Alabama  
*Griffin Holt*, at the University of Alabama  
*Drew Ogles*, at Auburn University  
*Christian Usery*, at LaGrange College  
*Elizabeth Usery*, at Mississippi State University.

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

**WYNELL CASTEEL (1932-2017):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of sister *Wynell Casteel*. Sister Casteel was a longtime member of the Market Street church. She and her husband, Martin, began attending Market Street in the early 1950's after moving back to Athens from Chattanooga, Tennessee. Martin served as one of the deacons at Market Street for several years. Martin passed away in 2010. Shortly after his passing, sister Casteel's health condition worsened and she was no longer able to attend services as she had always done and desired to do. She loved the Lord and she loved the Market Street church. We express our deepest sympathy to Wynell's son, *Greg*, and all the family in her passing. Her funeral was Friday morning and she was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery.

**CONFESSION:** Wednesday night, *Destiny Scruggs* came forward confessing that she had done things that a Christian should not do and asking for prayers. It is good to see one who has a tender heart and desires to

be right with God. May we all encourage Destiny in her life as a Christian and as she has and will encourage us in our lives as children of God.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Bonita Dollar** and *all the family* in passing of Bonita's nephew, **Mike Dollar**, this past Monday morning in Mississippi. His funeral was Thursday afternoon at Spry Funeral Home. He was laid to rest in Roselawn Cemetery...Also, we want to extend sympathy to **Stuart Wilson** and *all the family* in the passing of Stuart's father, **Bob Wilson**, on Wednesday. There was a memorial service at Canebrake on Saturday afternoon.

**HURRICANE HELP:** As announced, the elders have determine to send help to the Christians that have suffered devastation from the Hurricanes. If you would like to give to help with this give the money to help to one of the elders, deacons, Buc or David.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Bradleys:* **Steve & Marilyn** have been in Illinois this past week...**Russ Wulfekuhl** has been in San Diego this week with his work...**Ida Nell Griffin** has been in Cincinnati, Ohio this week...**Sheila Holt** has been in Denver, Colorado with work this week...**Jim Whitt** is leaving today for Seattle, Washington for his work.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The **Eastside church** will be having a gospel meeting this week. It will begin today and continue through Tuesday. **Josh Carter of Northport** will be the speaker.

**HURRICANES IN THE CARIBBEAN:** I have had several ask about the brethren in the Eastern Caribbean. Barbados and Grenada have not suffered any great losses. However, the island of Dominica has been devastated. I have not had any communication from any brethren there. **Brother Ernest Roberts**, who we support in Grenada, has a son in Dominica and has not been able to make contact with him. Let us remember him and the brethren throughout the British Virgin Islands, U. S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of Sept. 17th*

Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 129

Morning Worship ..... 176

Evening Worship ..... 121

Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 100

## 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, September 24th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer..... Harvey Nixon  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Keith Hinkle  
Assisting ..... Marcus Morris  
Serving ..... Danny Holt ..... Matthew Usery  
..... Matthew Vaughn..... Heath Dollar  
Closing Prayer ..... Marty Adams

#### Evening Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Ashton Gatlin  
Prayer..... Kenneth Adams  
Preaching..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Keith Hinkle  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 24th:

Ushers..... Jerry McGlocklin/A. J. Price  
Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams

### Wednesday, September 27th:

Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Bible Reading ..... 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
..... Tommy Coblenz  
Prayer..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Invitation ..... Larry Holt  
Closing Prayer ..... Tony Thomas

### Sunday, October 1st:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer..... A. J. Price  
Preaching..... Buc Chumbley  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Assisting ..... Larry Holt  
Serving ..... Keenon Currier..... Kenneth Adams  
..... Steve Usery..... Tony Thomas  
Closing Prayer ..... Roger Hammonds

#### Evening Worship

Announcements..... Kenneth Smith  
Song Leader ..... Ashton Gatlin  
Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Closing Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 1st:

Ushers..... Keith Hinkle/Marty Adams  
Work Sound System..... Landon Adams