

# 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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## *The "Tolerant Ones"*

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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*

In our post-modern world, "tolerance" is the one virtue that is esteemed above all others. In fact, tolerance may soon become the only virtue our society will tolerate. Traditional virtues, such as humility, chastity and temperance, have long fallen out of public favor, and in some places, are openly rejected and ridiculed.

Acts and lifestyles once universally labeled immoral, disgusting and ungodly are now celebrated under the banner of tolerance. Abortion, homosexuality and pornography are championed by dozens of advocate groups and lauded by the mainstream media and Hollywood. Marital infidelity and divorce are so common and accepted, that few families, if any, have escaped its bitter sting.

As the socially "enlightened ones" preach to the masses about being tolerant of those different than us, they themselves, have become the most intolerant of all people. They have demonstrated time after time that they cannot (or will not) tolerate anyone who holds to the doctrine of Christ and New Testament Christianity. They can't tolerate those who believe in the "one body, and one Spirit" or those who preach the "one hope"; and declare that there is but "One Lord, one faith, one baptism..." (Ephesians 4:4-6).

These "tolerant ones," cannot tolerate anyone who dares to believe in the inspired word of God as the sole source of truth and authority (John 17:17). They can't tolerate those who live by a morality based upon God's Will. Nor can they accept the notion that all will be judged by His word and not by the current political polls. To these "tolerant ones," being a child of God automatically makes you "intolerant" and dangerous, and in need of sensitivity training and re-education, so we might become as enlightened as they are.

Unfortunately, as the world goes, the church soon follows. More and more we hear of those in the church who have taken up the banner of tolerance and have begun to embrace denominationalism. They proclaim

that we must be tolerant and sensitive to all religions, no matter how different they are from the divine pattern. They claim that God loves all “faiths” which claim to be followers of Him and His Son.

In their pursuit of religious tolerance, these “enlightened ones” have begun to tolerate and accept all types of false doctrine. Doctrines such as: false teaching about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the use of musical instruments in worship, and unscriptural teachings about salvation, even to the point of denying the necessity of baptism.

Like those in the post-modern world, these “tolerant ones” are intolerant toward those who challenge them. Dismissing those who demand book, chapter, and verse for all we do, as being far too traditional, legalistic or Pharisaical.

As we reject the post-modern value of tolerance, we must also reject these “enlightened ones” of the church. Instead of succumbing to the temptation of being tolerant of those in error, we must hold fast to, “the form of sound words...” (2 Timothy 1:13-14).

It is our solemn duty as children of God to faithfully guard the treasure of truth entrusted to us against those outside and inside the church. If we do not, pray tell, who will?



## *Thoughts On Giving*

**Dee Bowman**

If you have read the above title, chances are you immediately thought this is to be an article about giving money. While it is certainly true that the Lord’s work cannot be accomplished without the regular contributions of its members, it is also true that the giving of other things is just as important as the giving of money.

*Give self.* In order to be right with God one must dedicate his life to the Lord. “Present your bodies a living sacrifice to God” (Romans 12:1). That’s a total giving of one’s self to Him. It means you subordinate your will to His, present yourself to His control, realizing that such a giving will eventually return to you in

greater measure when this life is over. And so to give yourself to Him is a reasonable presentation, the only one that makes any sense (Romans 12:2).

That gift of self means that we must:

*Give time.* Obviously, life is made up of time. Actually, time is all we’ve got, and so the value of it cannot be properly measured. Life is about time; time is about life. And since the proper use of our time determines our eternal destiny (Ecclesiastes 12:13), it behooves us to take a careful look at how we use it.

It takes time to reflect on our spiritual maturity, to plan ways and means for making ourselves better and more productive as His disciples. It takes time to reflect on our spiritual potentials and deficiencies. It takes time to learn; it takes time to teach; it takes time to find ways to react properly to the difficulties of life; it takes time to make corrections. It just takes time to serve God as we ought.

Every person has the same amount of time available. That age-old excuse “I don’t have time,” which is so often used to excuse us from our personal responsibilities, is not so. The problem is not with the lack of sufficient time, but the failure to budget the time we have so as to make good use of it. Yes, we do have the time; it’s just a matter of when and how we use it. But beware. Time may run out before long.

*Give attention.* The people in Nehemiah 8, brought about the ancient Jewish restoration after having heard their leaders read from the book of God; they “...stood up,” a sure indication that they had paid attention to what was said. Their having carefully heard the word resulted in their determination to restore what had been lost. They heard. They did.

When Jesus spoke with the two men on the road to Emmaus, following His resurrection, He “expounded to them in all the scriptures concerning Himself” (Luke 24: 27). They must have heard carefully for they later exclaimed excitedly, “did not our hearts burn within us when He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the scriptures?” Those who give attention to His word get closer and closer to Him who gave it and are far less likely to be duped by the follies of the world.

*Give talent.* God has blessed us all with life, time, and talent (Acts 17:25 and 28). Far too many people spend their time and talents selfishly. There is a place in the kingdom for every kind of ability, for every natural endowment. “For the body is not one member, but many” (1 Corinthians 12:14). There are no unnecessary

organs in the body of Christ. “Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular” (Verse 27). There is a place for every one; and it matters not if it’s not a place of prominence, it’s still important to the body. It takes all the parts—each working his own work—to make the body function effectively. And let it be carefully observed that man is as responsible for how he uses his God-given abilities for the good of the kingdom as he is for making his own secular gain.

*Give money.* Yes, God wants every man to give of his monetary means. That giving is necessary to the continued function of the local fellowship. It cannot operate at the level it should without the funds to help. “...let everyone of you lay by in store” (I Corinthians 16:2) should not be viewed as some imposing responsibility, but a high privilege to show to God our respect and appreciation for His gifts. There are numbers of personal opportunities for giving outside the work of the church, too—opportunities to be of service and to personal help to the less fortunate. “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself” (Matthew 22:37-39) includes providing personal help for the less fortunate. They should not be overlooked nor counted trivial.

“God so loved that He gave...” Need more be said?  
 ~via *Southside Bulletin*; Pasadena, Texas.

## Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

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

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 514 West Market Street  
 Athens, Alabama

### 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*

# News & Notes...

### THE SICK:

Jimmy Johnson  
 Wayne Vaughn  
 Doris Lovell  
 Wayne Gooch  
 Cindy Glass

JoAnn Gilbert  
 Patsy Thomas  
 Ann Bush  
 Linda Jones

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

Joe Leopard  
 Janice Cagle  
 Priscilla Tucker  
 Jenny Pickens  
 Daniel Ogles  
 Linda Ordonez  
 Cindy Walker  
 Gene Carpenter  
 Betty Christopher  
 Al Pollard  
 Elizabeth Howard  
 Bobby McLemore

Irene Inman  
 Jeanette Weir  
 Phillip Harwell  
 Ella Melvin  
 Everette “Bud” Dollar  
 Wayne Wooldridge  
 Brittany Bates Carter  
 Charles Burns  
 Una King Currier  
 Ava Brooke Campbell  
 Matt Poff  
 Phillip Christopher

### *In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:*

*William Thomas*; Athens-Limestone Hospital; ICU  
*Norman Hamm*; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

### *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:*

Helen Trousdale, rm. 43	Nelva Reed, rm. 61
Mattye 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

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Bobbie Adcock, rm. 112-A

### *Shut-In or Away From Home:*

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur  
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter’s in Huntsville  
 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:*

*Donna Wright* was released from her doctor this week following her heart surgery in August... *JoAnn Gilbert* continues her out-patient therapy. She is to go back to the doctor a week from this Tuesday ... *Wayne Vaughn* was able to be at Bible Study following his recent surgery

...*Nancy Abernathy's son, Bryan Harwell*, was hospitalized this week for an infection in his foot.

**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 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:** *The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn* are in Texas ...*Harvey Nixon* has been in Ohio this past week with his work, but back home ...*Jim Whitt* has been Kansas with his work this week... *The Userys: Steve, Allison & Matthew* are in LaGrange, Georgia this weekend...*The Carters: Delmer & Margaret* are at Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee this weekend...*The Ogles: Mike & Nikki* are in Auburn this weekend.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The *Danville Road church* in Decatur is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in the meeting will be *David Banning*.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We want to congratulate *Nathaniel Adams* and *Laura Martin* on their marriage this past Thursday evening. We wish the very best for them as they begin their lives together. May the Lord bless.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for the week of Oct. 1st

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	138
	Morning Worship .....	172
	Evening Worship .....	124
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	105



**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, October 8th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting .....	Mike Ogles
Serving .....	Roger Hammonds ...Clayton Hamm
.....	Matthew Usery..... Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer .....	Danny Holt

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Joel Hamm
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper .....	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 8th:

Ushers.....	Kenneth Smith/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

**Wednesday, October 11th:**

Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading .....	2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
.....	Roger Hammonds
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Invitation .....	Buc Chumbley
Closing Prayer .....	Arvid McGuire

**Sunday, October 15th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Ashton Gatlin
Prayer.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching.....	Dee Bowman
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting .....	Larry Holt
Serving .....	Steve Usery..... Matthew Vaughn
.....	A. J. Price..... Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer .....	Mike Ogles

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	Dee Bowman
Lord's Supper .....	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer .....	Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 15th:

Ushers.....	Marcus Morris/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Nathaniel Adams