

MARKET STREET



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

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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

Where Did God Authorize This?

Mark W. White

Near the close of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said:

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23).

This passage teaches a great fundamental truth—the emptiness and presumptuousness of doing anything the Lord has not authorized. Every ingredient of faithfulness to God and His Son is contained in this sweeping principle. One who has his heart set on doing "all in the name of the Lord" (Colossians 3:17) will be faithful in all things.

The Lord's statement clearly demonstrates that God requires more than mere faith, sincerity, human effort, and/or "religious" acts if one is to be saved. Unless one is engaged in behavior God has authorized (i.e., doing "the will of my Father"), one's efforts are all in vain. What God does not authorize, He does not recognize. It is not enough that we like something, something attracts large crowds, a "big" congregation somewhere is doing this or that, or some "great name" preacher supports, endorses, or teaches it. All that matters is, "where does God authorize this?"

Merely to call Jesus' name over what we do is no sign of His approval (Acts 19:14-16). Faithful men in modern times operate on the premise of book, chapter, and verse—explicit or implicit—and we must seek scriptural authority for every word and deed.

We must never forget this tremendous fact. So much preaching and practice nowadays has no more authority for it than John Calvin, ancient councils, creed books, some popular psychologist or philosopher, "I don't see anything wrong with it," "I like it," or a combination thereof.

One is not faithful to God who is not faithful to Christ (John 15:23).

You cannot have it one way or the other, it is a “package deal.” One is not faithful to Christ who does not honor His Word (John 12:48). To say that one loves Christ but he plays fast and loose with His teaching, is to actually deny his love for Christ. God has given His Son “all authority” (Matthew 28:18), and we must scrupulously submit to it. Jesus does not possess some, more, or even most of heaven’s authority. He has all authority!

Whenever we take a step without asking, “where did God authorize this?” we are in very dangerous territory. We will certainly place our foot on a spiritual landmine if we do not consult the Lord’s will in Scripture.

According to Jesus, those who try to “free-lance” religiously will arrive at the Judgment only to hear Him say, “I don’t believe we’ve met and it’s too late to get acquainted now.”

~via *Cyfair Family News & Notes*; Cypress, Texas.



Drive By Love

Nathan Peeler

Payton Manning played quarterback for the University of Tennessee from 1994-1997. He was selected by the Indianapolis Colts with the 1st pick of the 1998 NFL draft. He played in the NFL for a total of 18 years; for the Colts from 1998-2011 and then finished his career playing for the Denver Broncos from 2012-2015. He was extremely successful, setting 21 NFL records, including most passing yards (71,940) and passing Touchdowns (539), and winning 2 Super Bowls. Some argue he was the greatest QB to ever play in the NFL while others say he was among the top 5 to ever play the game at that position.

He retired at the end of the 2015 season at the age of 39. One of Manning’s well-known qualities was how much preparation he put into every game. He had a camera just on him in practice so he could see what he was doing wrong and the things he needed to fix. Some stated he was obsessed with perfection. In his emotional retirement speech, Manning said this:

“Pundits will speculate that my effort and drive over the past 18 years were about mastery and about working to master every aspect of the

NFL game. Well, don’t believe them, because every moment, every drop of sweat, every blurry eyed night of preparation, every note I took and every frame of film I watched was about one thing: reverence for this game.”

What drove Manning to become the best QB to ever play in the NFL? According to his own words, it was love for the game of football. He wanted to be the best he could at the game which he loved. Love for football caused him to fight hard to stay healthy to be able to play 18 years.

What drove Jesus to suffer through His life on earth and die the horrific death of a condemned Roman criminal on the cross? Why did he endure the Roman scourging? Jesus’ actions were driven by one thing: love for humanity.

•**John 3:16:** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

•**John 15:13:** “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

Jesus was driven by love for us and our actions as a Christian should be driven by love for Him! In 2 Timothy 2:4, Paul compares the Christian walk with an enlisted soldier seeking to please the One who enlisted him. We must be driven by love in our work for the Lord. Jesus tell us our obedience to Him shows our love.

•**John 14:15:** “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

•**John 14:21:** “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me...”

•**John 14:23:** “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word...”

Are our actions for the kingdom of God driven by a deep love for our Lord to be the best Christians we can be?

~via *Spring Warrior Bulletin*; Perry, Florida.

Seventh Annual Singing

February 23, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.



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A Test of Fellowship

T. Doy Moyer

When brethren begin to try to study an issue, the first question should not be, "Are you going to make this a test of fellowship?" There's a time when fellowship may need to be considered, depending on the issue at hand, but it shouldn't be the first order of business. The first order should be to lovingly work together and learn truth. That often takes time, and brethren are typically in different places of growth and understanding. As long as this process can be maintained without being ugly to each other (Ephesians 4:32), brethren can generally get along pretty well. Patience, longsuffering, and love are staples of a growing relationship that fosters a better knowledge of truth and understanding (Ephesians 4:1-3).

My experience generally has been that fellowship issues tend to work themselves out without being forced. Yet there are questions to consider. Is one being divisive and causing strife? Is one refusing to study while dogmatically holding a view? Is one attempting to go behind the backs of others (e.g., the shepherds) in order to teach a pet idea? These are always dangers that need to be avoided and handled. In these cases, swift action is in order (Romans 16:17; Titus 1:9).

However, when an issue first arises, and brethren are genuinely wanting to work together in love, the fellowship question is a distant second. Why bring it up first? Why not instead simply seek to study, pray, and grow together? In time, the fellowship between brethren may indeed grow much closer, and this is a wonderful outcome.

Never look for excuses to divide and isolate; always pursue peace and love. Divisions happen, but let it never be because we have failed to do all within our abilities to bring others together first.

~via *Tri-Cities Edifyer*; Muscle Shoals, 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

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

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

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Patsy Thomas

JoAnn Gilbert

Doris Lovell

Ann Bush

Wayne Gooch

Cindy Glass

Linda Jones

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard

Irene Inman

Janice Cagle

Jeanette Weir

Priscilla Tucker

Bobby McLemore

Jenny Pickens

Ella Melvin

Phillip Christopher

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

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

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

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:

Patsy Thomas spent a few days in the Crestwood Hospital for tests. The tests were inconclusive and she is now at home...**Dan & Doris Lovell's brother, Jimmie Lovell**, is scheduled to have open heart surgery on Thursday this week in Florence...**Margaret Carter** recieved a good report from her cancer doctor this week...**Arvid McGuire** has not been doing as well lately and was not able to be at Bible Study Wednesday night ...**William Thomas** continues in the Ardmore Health & Rehab, but will be moving to Madison soon...**Adrian Maynard**, a preacher for the Hindsbury Rd. church in Barbados, has been scheduled for surgery, but has been delayed waiting on paperwork.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Remember our young people who 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.

OUT OF TOWN: **The Chumbleys: Martha & Molly** are in Arkansas with the Trobotics team from Athens Bible School...**Jim Whitt** is leaving today for work in Germany...**Tyler Cox** is in Concord, North Carolina this weekend.

GRENADA WORK: It was a privilege to go to Grenada October 20-30. It was good to work with the brethren and churches there. I will give greater details about the trip next Sunday night.

GOSPEL MEETING: The **Midway church** at Greenhill, in Lauderdale county, is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. **Colby Junkin** will be the speaker...The **New Georgia church**, north of Rogersville, is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with **John Gibson** preaching.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Oct. 29th*

Sunday: Bible Classes 133
Morning Worship 171
Evening Worship 146
Wednesday: Bible Classes 96

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer.....Terry Andrews
Preaching.....David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....Tommy Coblentz
AssistingMike Ogles
ServingMarvin PutmanMatthew Usery
.....Roger HammondsHeath Dollar
Closing PrayerArvid McGuire

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
Song LeaderAshton Gatlin
Prayer.....Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
Lord's SupperTommy Coblentz
Closing PrayerTommy Burns

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 5th:

Ushers.....Danny Holt/Keenon Currier
Work Sound System.....Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, November 8th:

Song LeaderTyler Cox
Bible Reading1 Timothy 1:12-20
.....Landon Adams
Prayer.....Bonnie Sutton
Invitation.....Steve Usery
Closing PrayerDanny Holt

Sunday, November 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Marcus Morris
Song LeaderHunter Cox
Prayer.....Tommy Coblentz
Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....Keith Hinkle
AssistingMike Ogles
ServingTony ThomasDavid Terry
.....Charles VaughnDanny Holt
Closing PrayerRoger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Marcus Morris
Song LeaderTommy Burns
Prayer.....A. J. Price
Preaching.....David Cox
Lord's SupperKeith Hinkle
Closing PrayerKenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 12th:

Ushers.....Danny Johnson/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....Landon Adams