

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.....4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

No Bibles Allowed?

Darrell Trammel

I follow a satire site online that posts humorous articles concerning modern biblical issues. Even though the articles are satire, there is usually some truth exposed at the same time. An article they posed this week was poking at Lakewood Church in Houston, where Joel Osteen is located. They talk about him pretty often as he teaches so much false doctrine. This particular article was saying that they were not going to allow Bibles in their services any longer and you could check your Bible at the door. My first thought was that no "church", no matter how far out there would surely do such a thing! I began reading some of the comments on the article and it didn't take long to find out there were groups out there doing this very thing! One even commented that he had his Bible with him at a megachurch and everyone was staring at him. Eventually, an usher came and asked him to leave the Bible at the door!

How can anyone claim to believe in God and ask you to leave the Bible out of worship and study? What are you going to study if the Bible is off limits? I suppose that is the real question. Many groups are so focused on motivational talks, entertainment, and story telling that there is little (if any) room left for the Bible. It might be mentioned in passing, but the focus is more on what a man has to say rather than what God has to say.

How would you feel about listening to a sermon with no scriptures? Would you feel uncomfortable? I've had one or two occasions where I heard sermons that had very little scripture. They quoted lots of "experts" but God wasn't one of them. I wasn't happy with it. The fact is, that if we truly believe in God, His word must be heeded. We are even told that our faith comes out of hearing His word (Romans 10:17)! The Bereans were commended as noble because they were willing to search the scriptures and see if what Paul was teaching was the truth (Acts 17:11).

So what is a church without the Bible? It would be some type of assembly or gathering, but it wouldn't be the Lord's church, would it? If you will not listen to and follow the words of your Lord and Savior, then you are not following Him. That's the plain and simple truth. Paul wrote

to the saints at Ephesus, “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.” They heard and followed the word of salvation!

Will you listen to the words of the Lord today? Open your Bible and see what He has to say. Believe and obey His words of salvation!

~via *West-Oaks Church Bulletin*; Burnet, Texas.



The Necessity of Baptism

Gene Taylor

Even though a careful study of the New Testament shows baptism for the remission of sins to be necessary for salvation, many people and religious denominations teach otherwise. If a person is honestly seeking the salvation of his soul, though, he will endeavor to do what God commands even though it may be contrary to the thoughts of many people or to popular religious dogmas or groups.

One needs to understand, you see, that man is not a proper source for salvation. Mankind has never had, nor will he ever have, neither right nor ability to formulate conditions for salvation or to grant eternal life. God alone has that authority.

In Matthew 21:23, the chief priests and elders confronted Jesus in the temple because the previous day He had driven out the money changers and those who sold doves telling them that He would not allow them to make His Father’s house a den of thieves. Those chief priests and elders wanted to know, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?” Jesus responded by asking a question of them, “The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?” Those men did not know how to reply to Him because they knew that any answer they gave would condemn them. For their only two alternatives were that John’s baptism originated with men or with God from heaven. The people regarded John as a man of God so they would not say his teaching was from man because they did not want to alienate the people. Also,

even though they were intent on rejecting Jesus, they still understood that if a command is from heaven— it must be obeyed because only God has the authority and ability to command.

God has commanded that if a person is going to be saved, he must be baptized for the remission of his sins.

By noting just three passages from Scripture, baptism can easily be established as an integral part of God’s plan for the redemption of mankind.

Matthew 28:18-20. “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

Mark 16:15-16. “And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.’”

Acts 2:38-39. “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.’”

Jesus is speaking in two of these Scriptures while the apostle Peter, being guided by the Holy Spirit, is speaker in the other. In each passage baptism is presented as necessary for salvation .

Since God’s word is truth (John 17:17), since truth does not conflict with truth and since these three references are found in God’s truth, where does that leave those who claim that it is not necessary for a person to be baptized in order to be saved? The truth is, it leaves them holding onto a doctrine that cannot be true because it teaches exactly the opposite of what Jesus and Peter taught in these three verses.

Consider also what Peter wrote later in his life about baptism. In **1 Peter 3:21** he said, “There is also an antitype which now saves us-- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

When it comes to my salvation, I would rather listen to and obey what God, not man, tells me to do. Wouldn’t you?

~via *Truth & Reason*; Tallahassee, Florida.

Make Time For God

Antoine N. Holloway

In Psalm 92:1-2, the Bible reads, *"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, & your faithfulness by night."*

Have we ever found ourselves too busy to pray to God? If so, then it is time for us to take a long, hard look at our priorities & values. It could be that our priorities are mixed up & our values are confused. A.W. Tozer is recorded as saying, "This day's bustle & hurly-burly world too often & too soon call us away from Jesus' feet. These distractions must be immediately dismissed, or we shall know only the 'barrenness of busyness'."

Each day has 1,440 minutes. Do we value our relationship with the Father in Heaven enough to spend a few of those minutes with Him? God deserves that much of our time & more. Is He receiving it from us? I pray that He is, for "a person with no devotional life generally struggles with faith & obedience" (Charles Stanley).

As we consider our plans for the days & weeks ahead, it is important that we organize our lives around this very simple principle: "God First!" "The busier we are, the easier it is to worry, the greater the temptation to worry, the greater the need to be alone with God" (Charles Stanley)

For the reasons of making God the priority & avoiding worry, Christ provided much wisdom regarding this in His Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 6:33 - *"But seek first the kingdom of God & his righteousness, & all these things will be added to you."*

When we place the Creator where He belongs, which is the very center of our day & life, then the rest of our priorities will fall into place.

Just remember: "There is an enormous power in little things to distract our attention from God" (Oswald Chambers).

~via *Northside Exhorter*, Tucson, Arizona.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Dwaine Allfrey

Jo Dunnvant

Jane Meredith

Shirley Miller

JoAnn Gilbert

Doris Lovell

Cindy Glass

Linda Jones

Adrian Maynard

Leigh Ann McGlocklin

Judy Brown

Brenda Jones

Wendy Hammonds

Barbara Carter

Marion Mitchell

Ann Bush

Wayne Gooch

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard

Janice Cagle

Priscilla Tucker

Jenny Pickens

Phillip Christopher

Linda Ordonez

Cindy Walker

Gene Carpenter

Betty Christopher

Al Pollard

Elizabeth Howard

Will Weir

Bobby McLemore

Irene Inman

Jeanette Weir

Patsy Thomas

Ella Melvin

Everette "Bud" Dollar

Wayne Wooldridge

Brittany Bates Carter

Charles Burns

Una King Currier

Ava Brooke Campbell

Matt Poff

Phillip Harwell

Susan Cox

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Dwaine Allfrey; Athens-Limestone Hospital, rm. 201

Elizabeth Howard; Huntsville Hospital - Huntsville

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

Kathleen Wales, rm. 103 Flossie Smith, rm. 102

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur

Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville

Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison

Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle

Elvin Stoffregen, at daughter's in Rutherford, Tennessee

William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

Updates:

Sharon Nave had surgery on her hand and is recovering from it...*Priscilla Tucker* is under-going her radiation

treatments ... *Susan Cox, Jackie Cox's granddaughter-in-law*, has been diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. She lives in Brisbane, Australia. She is undergoing radiation and chemo treatments for 7 weeks... *Grady Threet* continues under hospice care and is not doing well... *Adrian Maynard*, a preacher for the Hindsbury Rd. church in Barbados, is at home msking progress in recovering from his surgery for the brain tumors.

NEWYEAR 2018: This past week we entered into the year 2018. As we have entered this new year I hope that everyone has made or set spiritual goals to achieve. This year the theme at Market Street will be *“Let Your Light Be Seen In 2018”*. It is hoped that as you make plans this year that you will consider how your light is shining for Christ. Buc and I will present lessons throughout the year to help us keep our eyes on the goal, to grow in our efforts to shine as lights to the lost and in our relationships with one another. Each day may we find something to do to encouage some one that is lost, or to uplift a brother or sister. Together may we at Market Street be that city set on a hill giving light to all those around us showing the blessings that come from serving God.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: We rejoice that *Evelyn Stitt* who has been visiting with us for sometime and has decided to Market Street her home. We want to extend a warm welcome to Evelyn as she joins us in our work here. May the Lord bless her and the Market Street church in the work we are doing.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Remember our young people who are away in college:
Brettlyn Currier, at Auburn University
Keenon Currier, at the University of Alabama
Griffin Holt, at the University of Alabama
Drew Ogles, at Auburn University
Christian Usery, at LaGrange College
Elizabeth Usery, at Mississippi State University.

NEW QUARTER IN BIBLE CLASS: This morning we are beginning a new quarter in our Bible classes. The there will be adult classes in the auditorium and the west auditorium. There is also a ladies class that meets in the east auditorium. There are classes for children of all ages. If you are not participating in our classes, now would be a great time to begin.

THE RECORD: *Average Attendance for 2017*
 Sunday: Bible Classes 134
 Morning Worship 171
 Evening Worship 127
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 101

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, January 7th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Tyler Cox
 Prayer..... Keith Hinkle
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord’s Supper
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting Marty Adams
 Serving Griffin Holt..... Clayton Hamm
 Matthew Vaughn... Christian Usery
 Closing Prayer Joel Hamm

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Marcus Morris
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord’s Supper Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 7th:

Ushers..... Danny Holt/Marvin Putman
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams

Wednesday, January 10th:

Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Bible Reading 1 Timothy 5:17-25
 Roger Hammonds
 Prayer..... Kenneth Adams
 Invitation..... Buc Chumbley
 Closing Prayer Harvey Nixon

Sunday, January 14th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Steve Usery
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Hunter Cox
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord’s Supper
 Presiding..... A. J. Price
 Assisting Marcus Morris
 Serving Kenneth Adams..... Charles Vaughn
 Tommy Burns..... Matthew Usery
 Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Steve Usery
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Tommy Coblentz
 Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
 Lord’s Supper A. J. Price
 Closing Prayer James Johnson

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 14th:

Ushers..... Russ Wulfekuhl/Marvin Putman
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams