

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

Jesus Paid It All

David A. Cox

A song we sing says, *"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe,
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow."*

What a blessed thought, that Jesus, God in the flesh would come to this earth and live a perfect life and give His life on the cross as a ransom for my sins (Philippians 2:5-8; Matthew 20:28). But what is required of me, since Jesus paid it all?

The song expresses what is required when it says, "All to Him I owe." Yes, what I owe Jesus is everything. Not just the time that is left over, not just accepting the commandments of His that I like, but a life that is filled with commitment. A commitment that involves seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Acceptance of His commands even when they may be "hard sayings" and things which will be difficult for me. Jesus died a terrible, horrific death, and He expects me to surrender my life completely to Him and conform my life to His will. Paul was a prime example of one that surrendered his life to the will of Christ in all things. In many cases, the choices Paul had to make were very tough, but his concern was to please Jesus, the one who had "paid it all" for him. In Philippians 3, as Paul is mentioning things about his life, the prominent position that he had among the Jews in the religion that he had been raised in said, *"But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, ..."* (Philippians 3:7-9). In Galatians 2:20 Paul says, *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

Let us all recognize the great sacrifice Christ gave for us, and then surrender our will to His will and obey Him in all things which He has commanded us. May we never stop short of full surrender.

Break The Cycle of Sin

Adam Willingham

A young Christian man struggled with temptations of lust. At a weak point he visited a pornographic website, then again the next day. He soon became addicted to this sin. As a result, his grades began to suffer. He also began lying to his parents to cover up his sin. Once they discovered the truth, they disciplined him severely. Resolved to repent, the young man sought help, installed a filter on his devices, and quit viewing pornography — for a while. Then the temptation came back and the cycle started all over again.

This hypothetical story happens in real life all the time — and not only with pornography. It happens with all manner of sin. We get trapped in a vicious cycle of immorality that we can't seem to get out of. When we do manage to break the cycle, it's only a matter of time until we get pulled right back into it again. And again.

This problem is a microcosm of the cycle of sin the Israelites experienced as a nation during the period of the Judges. The cycle looked like this: apostasy, affliction, repentance, deliverance, peace. When the Israelites finally experienced peace for a while, the cycle would start over again.

Aren't we just like that sometimes? Despite the terrible consequences of sin we see and experience, for some strange reason we head right back into it. The reason we do this is simple: we like sin — just like the Israelites, just like the porn addict. So how do we break the cycle of sin? Here are three simple steps:

Learn to hate sin.

Proactively cultivate an attitude of abhorrence and disgust for sin (Psalm 119:104). Then sin will lose its appeal because you won't view it as pleasurable. How could you enjoy something you hate, something that destroys your hope of Heaven and ruins your life?

Remember the past.

Don't be forgetful like the Israelites. Look back and bring to mind all the pain your sinful behavior has brought into your life. Use that knowledge as motivation to avoid sin in the future (Romans 6:21).

Be prepared for the future.

When you're experiencing a time of spiritual peace, realize that Satan is never going to give up. He'll be

back sooner or later to try and pull you back into sin. Never let your guard down (Proverbs 4:23). Look to the horizon and always be ready for Satan's next attack (Proverbs 22:3).

Break the cycle of sin today, relying on the strength of the One who overcame all sin: Jesus Christ!

~via *Palm Springs Drive Church*; Altamonte Springs, Fla.



Man's Plight Without God

Jerry Fite

“For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). The deadly consequences of sin should alarm all men, for all have sinned. The results of sin may be observed with the eye or perceived with the heart. They will always affect man spiritually, and sometimes even physically. Sin's bitter fruit may be tasted in time, but most certainly in eternity. Sin has its season of pleasure, but always returns for just payment. Man always pays dearly: He exists separated from God (Isaiah 59:2).

Until one knows his condition without God, he cannot properly appreciate God's grace. The extension of grace implies need. As long as man feels self-sufficient, he has no need. But let him begin listening to the commentary of God upon man's sins. Let him start paying attention to the symptoms of emptiness that self-indulgence fails to fill. Then, grace will begin to glisten as never before.

Sin cannot appear without arousing God's judicial wrath. Because God is holy, He must punish sin. So when man sins, his relationship with God is one of enmity (Romans 5:8,10). No penitence nor renewed promise can change the fact that sin has occurred. Yet, after “missing the mark,” what more can man offer God? Bondage in sin becomes his wretched fate (Romans 7:14, 24). God cannot overlook sin. He must be just. Man cannot plead innocence. He must have mercy.

When Jesus looked at men, He saw darkness, sickness, and death. These folks had the ability to see (Matthew 4:16). They possessed good appetites, and were physically active (Mark 2:15–17; Luke 9:62). But they were lost in

sin. No greater picture of man's helplessness could be drawn. For we never expect life to spring from a corpse, health to emanate from a disease, or light to issue from darkness. God wants us to know that we still need deliverance from above though we may be functioning well according to worldly standards.

Man can choose to live without God. He begins by eliminating God from his thinking and enthrones himself. Instead of a God-centered life, he possesses a Self-centered life. The result is never pretty. Obeying the mandates of his lust, he soon "waxeth corrupt" (Ephesians 4:22). His ways may be in step with the age, but he fails to perceive that Satan has inspired their direction (Ephesians 2:2). Man may become more sophisticated without God, but never better.

Without God, man's reasoning becomes so dark that God gives him up to experience the degrading consequences (Romans 1:26-32). Sexual perversion becomes worse until the worldly sages can distinguish between "softcore" and "hardcore" pornography. Man soon loses "natural affection." The worldly-wise will allow murder, if committed in abortion clinics. Making money takes precedence over creating strong families. Occasional lying finds acceptance alongside good business ethics. Man's values are twisted. His life is confused.

Living without God, man tends to finally view his life as God viewed it all along: "vain," void of lasting good (1 Peter 1:18). He views life as "living on the perfume of an empty vase"—or "a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities." His "good life" has become a facade hiding his crumbling hopes. Faith, hope, and love are borrowed words with empty sounds, because he has denied their true substance and power.

Such are the sad results when man plans his way without God. Man's road is paved with neglect and ingratitude. It always ends in degradation and despair. With sorrow, man can look at his road and honestly say, "I did it my way."

Helplessness and hopelessness characterize man's condition without God. But it is when he sees the vanity of man's wisdom that he longs for the grace of divine teaching. It is when he sees his true helpless condition before his Creator that he yearns for the terms of reconciliation from his merciful Judge. He follows closely behind his Deliverer, for he knows that without his gracious Savior, he is lost.

~via *Northside Exhorter*, Tucson, Arizona..

Remember Our Service This Evening at 4:00.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Barbara Allfrey	Lenna Ruth Bates
James Johnson	Joy Warner
Marcella Coblenz	Kim Rogers
Betty Pepper	Ann McLemore
Matthew Usery	Steve Usery
Gayle Ball	JoAnn Gilbert
Jo Dunnavant	Cornelia Pepper
Paul Hasting	Jennifer Threet
Elease Barksdale	Nikki Ogles
Bobbie Adcock	Marion Mitchell
Doris Lovell	Chuck Stiles
Ann Bush	Cindy Glass
Linda Jones	Wayne Gooch

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Jeanette Weir
Irene Inman	Janice Cagle
Patsy Thomas	Priscilla Tucker
Ella Melvin	Bobby McLemore
Matt Poff	Susan Cox
Elizabeth Howard	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
Phillip Harwell	Will Weir

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Flossie Smith, rm. 102
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 73	Mable Crafts, rm. 39

Limestone Health Facility:

Larry Owens, rm. 114

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur
 Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
 Irene Inman, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

James Johnson has been sick and suffering with breathing trouble. He is doing better and hopes to be back soon...
Joy Warner has been suffering with swelling around the knee...
Barbara Allfrey has been having trouble with her blood pressure not being stable recently...
Sherry Davis is to go to the doctor on Thursday have a procedure done on her knee...
Lenna Ruth Bates has been diagnosed with the flu this week.

ANNUAL SINGING: This Friday night will be our seventh annual singing. We will need help with attendants, ushers, parking, etc. We will plan to move the chairs on Wednesday night after Bible study.

OUT OF TOWN: The Bradleys: *Steve & Marilyn* are in Houston, Texas...
Jim Whitt has continued to be in Boston, Massachusetts this week with his work, but returned home Friday.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to all the family of **Nelva Reed (1928 – 2018)**. Nelva passed away this past Wednesday night at the Athens Convalescent & Senior Care. Nelva's health has not been so good for a number years and she had not been able to attend church services. However, she had attended at Market Street in the years gone by. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all her family in her passing.

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

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Feb. 11th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	121
	Morning Worship	171
	Evening Worship	125
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	85

Seventh Annual Singing

February 23, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Jeff Warnke



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 18th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader	Tyler Cox
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	A.J. Price
Assisting	Steve Usery
Serving	Marvin Putman
	Matthew Usery
	Roger Hammonds
	Tommy Burns
Closing Prayer	Marcus Morris

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblenz
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	A. J. Price
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 18th:

Ushers.....	Christian Usery/Steve Bradley
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, February 21st:

Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Bible Reading	2 Timothy 2:1-15
	Clayton Hamm
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Invitation	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Sunday, February 25th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Keith Hinkle
Serving	Danny Johnson.....
	Charles Vaughn
	Kenneth Adams.....
	Russ Wulfekuhl
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader	Tyler Cox
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Terry Andrews

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 25th:

Ushers.....	Marcus Morris/Ashton Gatlin
Work Sound System.....	Nathaniel Adams