

# MARKET STREET



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

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## *Testing... Good or Bad?*

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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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The apostle Paul writes, "Test all things; hold fast what is good" in I Thessalonians 5:21. Near the end of this important letter to these first century Christians, the inspired writer gives one final warning to the disciples regarding the kinds of things they heard and would potentially have believed. This powerful warning should serve as a reminder to 21st century Christians as well!

When Paul says that we should test all things, he urges us to "examine" or "prove" all things. As parents remind children to not believe everything they hear, so should each of us be reminded that just because something is written or spoken doesn't make it true. A great deal of gossip is spread due to people simply believing everything they hear (and often want to hear). Similarly, a great deal of false teaching is "spread around" by careless listeners who haven't heeded the inspired advice to test what they're hearing.

There are times when, after hearing something taught, we'll be able to prove it. After all, if something is backed up by the scriptures, we know it's true. Our faith isn't based on whimsical hope but rather on reading and hearing God's word (Romans 10:17). Knowing that God's word is the one and only thing that allows us to be complete and provides us with the knowledge of what to do to please Him, we can be sure that by reading His word and following Paul's advice we are holding fast to goodness (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

When the apostle tells us to hold fast to the good, he is also informing us that we need to be ready to expose the bad. False teaching is harmful for those who teach it and those who believe it. When we test and examine something that is taught and find that we can't "prove" it to be true with God's word, it is our responsibility to not only not believe it but to do all that's in our power to share its danger with others. Paul urges us to hold fast to the good and that must mean we should disdain that which is bad knowing its potential to bring spiritual harm to countless individuals.

We must never grow complacent in our service to God. As Paul closed his letter to the Thessalonians with such a warning, so should each

of us be on guard against false teaching disguised as the truth. Let us be dedicated to holding fast to the truth, defending it, and spreading it to others for it is a good thing. Let us also be determined to always test, always examine, and always prove what is taught and be certain to be diligent servants of God who settle for nothing less than God's pure word and perfect truth.

~via *Lake Elsinore Bulletin*; Lake Elsinore, California.



## *Pray For Wisdom*

**Frank Himmel**

James's opening declaration is that trials are a blessing. They produce endurance, making us complete, lacking in nothing. But what if we lack sufficient perspective to see a trial as a blessing? Ask for it! "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God" (1:5a).

Isn't that asking a lot? Perhaps . . . but not enough to be a problem. "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (v. 5).

Parents sometimes respond to a child's request with a rebuke: "You are always asking for something," "What makes you think you need that?," "When are you going to start standing on your own two feet?," etc. That is not God's disposition. He is anxious to give.

The variable is not God's disposition; it is ours. Do we fully trust our heavenly Father?

"But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:6-8).

The Bible teaches us to pray according to God's will (1 John 5:14). We do not always know His will in the sense of the best way for a troublesome situation to resolve. Our view of that may be much different than His! We can, however, be confident about how He wants us to view such circumstances and how He wants us to conduct ourselves in them; and we can pray

with complete confidence for His wisdom to help us do both those things.

James does not instruct us to pray for the removal of our trials but for the wisdom to make them all they can be. That takes faith. It also increases faith.

~via *PathLights*; East Alton, Illinois.



## *The Vision of God's Son*

**Ron Drumm**

Most of us would like to see a vision of God's Son simply to bolster our faith and trust in Him and the salvation from our sins He has gifted us. The apostle John was given such a vision and he wrote it down for us to read and believe.

This amazing message from Jesus Christ which is the last book of the New Testament called, The Revelation of Jesus Christ. John writes to the seven churches which are in Asia: "Grace to you and peace . . . from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Revelation 1:4,5). In the word of God we all have a glimpse through the eyes of faith of God's eternal purpose for us that is realized through His Son.

Note the three-fold description of Jesus: "the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth." Jesus is the Prophet, the Priest, and the King. As the faithful witness the Son of God walked amongst us and spoke the words of His Father. He was true to His calling right to the end. He was fully dedicated to the teaching and purposes of His Father (John 8:13-18). Through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, He became the merciful and faithful High Priest of God (Hebrews 2:16-18). Jesus arose from the dead and ascended to the right hand of His Father where He was crowned King of kings and Lord of lords (Acts 2:33-36; 1 Timothy 6:15).

No matter how we try to trust in the redemptive work of Jesus, we struggle to appreciate the full scope of what the Lord of glory has provided in the sacrifice of His Son. It is like looking into the heavens into a very dark and cloudless sky that is filled with the heavenly

stars. We are overwhelmed by the sight. So, as we look at the salvation we have in Jesus, we cannot even begin to fathom the width, the length, the depth, and the height of God's love (Revelation 1:5b; Ephesians 3:17-19)!

Our Savior who is Prophet, Priest, and King, "loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Revelation 1:5). His love cannot be measured because it is eternal, reaching everyone who ever lived, now lives, or will live on this earth. His blood was shed for everyone, for the sins of all people. Sadly, not everyone has accepted the gift of God's love. We who have, find how marvelous and wonderful it is to be in God's eternal favor.

Remembering Jesus and all that He means to us allows us to step into the glorious revelation of Jesus Christ. We are enabled to know our Savior in a way that is heavenly. Our spiritual vision of faith walks us through God's eternal purpose planned in His Son. Like the apostle John as He received the revelation of Jesus Christ and we read of His vision – we are "in the Spirit" (Revelation 1:10, 21:10; see 1 Peter 1:10-12), hearing and seeing God's Son in His full glory.

Jesus proclaims, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,"... "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8). May God bless us to comprehend the vision of His Son!

~via *The Exhorter*; Tampa, Florida.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Arvid McGuire	Jimmy Johnson
Beverly Sutton	Loretta Warner
JoAnn Gilbert	Doris Lovell
Bobbie Adcock	Wes Stiles
Ann Bush	

### Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Lona Jackson	Janice Cagle
Judy Vaughn	Ella Melvin
Jeanette Weir	Marvin Putman
Cornelia Pepper	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	David Collier
Una King Currier	Matt Poff
Susan Cox	Gene Carpenter
Cindy Walker	Phillip Harwell

Wayne Wooldridge	Kenneth Fisher
Becky Thompson	Pat Wulfekuhl

### In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

*Linda Meeker*; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 777  
*Norman Hamm*; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

### Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Leonard Clines, 99	Valeria Dalton, 7
Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, 77
Evelyn Hogan, 36	Dorothy Draper, 73
Joyce Martin, 63	

### Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 117

### Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at City Center, Decatur  
 Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor  
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison  
 Irene Inman, at home  
 Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison  
 Stan Stanford, at home  
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison  
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

### Updates:

*Arvid McGuire* spent a few days in the hospital this week, but was released on Thursday... *Jimmy Johnson* is at home following his surgery last week... *Russ Wulfekuhl's mother, Pat Wulfekuhl*, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She will be learning more about the stage it is and treatment. Keep her in your prayers... Remember our expecting mothers. *Taylor Gregory and Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

**TEACHERS' MEETING:** The teachers' meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 14th at 4:00p.m. We will be discussing this year's VBS in this meeting.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Hamms: Joel, Sharma, Clayton and Ragan* are in Florida this week... *The Coblenz's: Tommy and Marcella* have been in Gatlinburg this week... *Matthew Usery* is in Florida this week... *Brenda Haraway & Doris Fisher* are in Kentucky this week... *The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn* have been in Texas this week... *Nancy Hardison, Jaclyn and Sandra* have been in North Carolina for spring break... *Russ Wulfekuhl* has been out of town with his work this week... *Mike Ogles* is in Auburn with his work this week.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Jackie and Jim Whitt* in the passing of Jackie's mother, *Dean Holt*. Dean passed away early Monday morning after a long battle with a number of health problems. May the Lord bless Jackie, Jim and all the

family at this time.

**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.

**PICTURES:** Beginning April 7th, we will begin making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Pictures will be made in room 20 in the east wing.

**CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET:** From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice activated, so this will require you to say something and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delay in the start up of the message.

**BABY SHOWER:** The ladies are giving a come and go baby shower Sunday, April 7th, for *Laura Adams*. The shower will be at the *Deer Trail Clubhouse* from 2:00 to 4:00. Laura and Nathaniel are expecting a little boy, and she is registered at *Toodlebugs* in Athens, *Target*, and *Amazon.com*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Here is a list of dates for things at Market Street this year. Make sure to mark these dates.

- April 21-24 Gospel Meeting John Gibson
- June 10-13 Vacation Bible School
- Sept. 15-18 Gospel Meeting Johnny Felker

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

- Brettlyn Currier*, at the Samford Law School
- Keenon Currier*, at the University of Alabama
- Griffin Holt*, at the University of Alabama
- Elizabeth Usery*, at Mississippi State University

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

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	141
	Morning Worship .....	182
	Evening Worship .....	123
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, March 24th:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting .....	Steve Usery
Serving .....	Danny Johnson.....David Terry
.....	Charles Vaughn..... Christian Usery
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper .....	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer .....	Russell Melvin

Other Assignments for the week of March 24th:

Ushers.....	Steve Usery/Dwayne Allfrey
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

### *Wednesday, March 27th:*

Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Bible Reading .....	Joy Warner
.....	Mark 14:32-42
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Invitation .....	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin

### *Sunday, March 31st:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	Albert Haraway
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Terry Andrews
Assisting .....	Tommy Coblentz
Serving .....	Christian Usery .....Matthew Usery
.....	Clayton Hamm ..... Danny Holt
Closing Prayer .....	Kenneth Smith

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	Joel Hamm
Lord's Supper .....	Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer .....	Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for the week of March 31st:

Ushers.....	Marvin Putman/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt