

# MARKET STREET



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

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## *How Were The Corinthians Saved?*

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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

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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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In 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 Paul wrote to the church at Corinth saying, "Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved..." Paul by the inspiration of God speaks of the Corinthians being saved. By looking at how the Corinthians were saved, it answers the question concerning what we must do to be saved.

When Paul first came to Corinth, what did he preach and what was done in order that the Corinthians were saved? In Acts 18 is where Paul first comes to the city of Corinth. Paul came to Corinth and "testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ" (Acts 18:5). What this involved is answered by Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth.

1. It involved his preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2).
2. It included the preaching to convict men that Jesus was the Christ "according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. It convicted men of their sins and caused them to repent and change from the former sinful life to a life that the Lord requires (1 Corinthians 6:11).

Luke in the historical account in Acts concerning the conversion of the Corinthians says, "Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized" (Acts 18:8). Again we see three things involved on the part of the people of Corinth.

1. They heard the word that Paul preached, the gospel.
2. They believed that Paul was indeed preaching the truth of the gospel.
3. Based on their hearing and conviction of the truth that Paul had taught them, they were baptized in obedience to the preaching of the gospel to wash away their sins so that they would be cleansed from their sin, sanctified and justified.

The Corinthians were saved as they heard and believed the gospel preached and were obedient to the Lord. In doing so, they were cleansed,

sanctified and justified and we can do the same too. The plan of God is simple and is open to all willing to receive it.



## ***“Better Is The End”***

**Jeff Himmel**

*“Better is the end of a thing than its beginning”  
(Ecclesiastes 7:8).*

I confess, I’ve always had some trouble with that statement. I guess it’s easy to see the truth of it when the thing in question is a dental procedure or a tax audit. But in many cases, the end of a thing saddens us: a fun vacation; a memorable school year; a gratifying career; the life of someone we love. The end means it’s over. Done. No more. It means it cannot continue, no matter how much we might want it to.

We are excited by new beginnings. Even if we feel a bit of trepidation, there is still something almost magical about the start of some things. The first day of a new school year or a new job. The first game of the season. The first few days of a romantic relationship. We love beginnings. Yet inspired Solomon says that we profit more from endings. Why is the end of a thing better?

The end of a thing is a time of satisfaction. Many things in life are begun with good intentions, big plans, and abounding energy, but for one reason or another they are not completed. We reach our goals only through perseverance. “The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty” (Proverbs 21:5). And when a goal is reached—a project completed, an exam passed, a promotion received, a child successfully raised—it is a time for joyful reflection on how God has blessed us.

The end of a thing often signals another new beginning. Many of life’s pursuits are built on previous accomplishments. Often we cannot begin a new journey until an old one comes to an end. If you recall a twinge of sadness when finishing high school, for instance, you also recall the excitement you felt at embarking on a new phase of life’s adventure, whether it was college or work or travel. The end of a thing can pave the way for

even greater things.

Every ending is a reminder of how much in life is temporary and brief. The knowledge that even good things come to an end teaches us to have a proper perspective. It reminds us that life, and almost everything about it, is transient. We learn to set our hearts on what is eternal and unchanging, to store up treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). Difficult times come to an end, too, teaching us the value of enduring challenges that makes us better (see James 1:2-4). Through it all we learn to “look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18).

Every ending can teach us to appreciate the blessings of the moment. Time passes. Circumstances change. We don’t have the luxury of pressing “pause” and freezing life on one frame indefinitely. Knowing this, we should see the value in taking time when we can to rejoice and give thanks to God for what is good in life. Solomon himself, observing how many things are empty and unsatisfying in themselves, counsels us to enjoy our blessings and acknowledge God as the giver of them all (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25; 3:12-13; 5:18-20).

Every ending brings us closer to eternity—a fresh new beginning that has no end. For disciples of Christ, every ending we experience in this time-bound life, so full of the temporary and fading, brings us one step nearer to the full realization of endless life with God. As John portrays it:

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away” (Revelation 21:1-4).

Better is the end of a thing than its beginning. Including this essay.

~via *The Plant City Planter*; Plant City, Florida.

**Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.**

## *His Exalted Word*

Dan Lankford

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119—a poem that extols the glory of God’s written word. There is a very healthy ideal underlying a composition like that. It’s the kind of thing that God’s people should always aspire to—that we value the words of God as highly as that psalmist. That’s why we are a church who takes the Bible seriously. And just a quick survey of our practices, procedures, and conversations reveals that:

- Instead of studying each year’s newest best-seller from the Christian world, our classes focus on studying the Bible again and again.
- When we teach about salvation, we do so by opening the Bible.
- Our goal is to have a pulpit where sermons are defined by appeals to the Bible as God’s final authority on matters of daily life and eternal doctrine.
- We have a program of daily reading assignments to encourage folks to spend more time in the Bible and let it permeate each of our hearts more each day.
- We teach our children the stories and doctrines of the Bible.
- We contemplate God’s words from the Bible before the weekly communion with Christ.

When we talk about both morality and religious practice for the modern age, we are primarily concerned with what the Bible says about those things.

All of that probably sounds perfectly normal to most of us. And yet, all of that would cause many in the secular and religious world to ask: “Why?” For many people, the Bible should be thought of more like guidelines than actual rules.

But not for us. We continue to agree with the psalmist’s belief that God’s written word is righteous, healthy, holy, encouraging, empowering and generally wonderful. May it ever be so.

~via *Eastland Bulletin*; Louisville, Kentucky.



### **April Ladies’ Bible Study** At Ida Nell Griffin’s House

Monday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m.

## **N**ews & **Notes...**

### **THE SICK:**

Arvid McGuire	Donna Wright
Opal Conn	Sharon Nave
Beverly Sutton	Jimmy Johnson
JoAnn Gilbert	Loretta Warner
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
Pat Wulfekuhl	

### ***In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:***

*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:***

*Donna Wright* has been sick with bronchitis this past week...*Russ Wulfekuhl’s mother, Pat Wulfekuhl*, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She will be going to the doctor on April 10th for further evaluations... Remember to keep *Laura Adams* in prayer for the

upcoming delivery of her baby soon.

**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* have been in Florida this past week... *Brenda Haraway & Doris Fisher* have been in Kentucky this past week... *Matthew Usery* has been in Florida this past week... *The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn* have been in Texas this week... *Will Chumbley* was in Ellijay, Georgia last weekend... *Mike Ogles* is in Auburn with his work this week... *David Cox* is with the *Hindsbury Rd. church in Bridgetown, Barbados* this week

**WORK GROUPS:** **Work Group Three** will be meeting after our evening service. If you are in group three, 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.

**NEW BABY:** We rejoiced over the arrival of *Weston Bates Gregory*. Weston was born on Tuesday afternoon. He weighed 7lbs. and 13 ozs. and 20 inches long Weston is doing well and is at home with his parents *Sam and Taylor* and his sister *Cara Blake*. We look forward to getting to know Weston.

**BABY SHOWER:** The ladies are giving a come and go baby shower next 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. 24th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	128
	Morning Worship .....	162
	Evening Worship .....	125
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	95

## Men Privileged To Serve:

*Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:*

### *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 31<sup>st</sup>:

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

*Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>:*

Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Bible Reading .....	Joy Warner
	Mark 14:43-52
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Invitation.....	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin

*Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Marty Adams
Preaching.....	Brendon Kirby
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting .....	Mike Ogles
Serving .....	Roger Hammonds ..
	Keenon Currier
	Will Chumbley.....
	Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Kenneth Adams

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching.....	Young men from Market Street
Lord's Supper .....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer .....	Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers.....	Marvin Putman/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews