

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

Do You Really Want To Bury That Talent?

Rob Harbison

Jesus' parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) teaches that we have obligations which cannot be forsaken. Not everyone has the same amount of ability, yet every Christian has some ability. Opportunity plus Ability equals Responsibility.

I am convinced there are many who do not want to bury their talent, they just do not know how to put it to use. A multitude of Christ-loving children of God fail to reach their potential because of feelings of inferiority. They have a degree of faith in God but no faith in themselves.

We live in an era of specialization. Many jobs are done by specialists who work in only one or two areas in their occupations all their lives. One fears having to enter a totally different occupation because he has not been trained nor had any experience doing that work, 'Let someone who knows what he is doing do that job.' Leave that task for a specialist. Guess who the expert at spiritual work is in the minds of many — -the preacher and elders. Thus, many leave that work for them.

A feeling of inferiority is a great contributing factor to the lack of work done by Christians. Many do not want to bury their talents, they simply do not feel adequately equipped to use it. Why do we bury our talent?

Fear of failure. No Christian who fulfills his obligation to God ever fails. He might not see the results, but he has not failed;" And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary" (Galatians 6:9). The only man who never fails is the man who never tries. You will fail at times --not because of your inabilities, but because obedience to the gospel is always the other person's decision. The ground which you sowed seed in was not conducive to growth.

Fear of Rejection. Ask a teenage boy how to overcome fear of

rejection. After being turned down for a date, his fear of rejection is greater next time he asks a girl out. Sure, he realizes that many girls will say 'No' when he calls them for dates, but how many boys have you seen that obstacle stop? Not too many. He realizes what she is missing, and does not want to deprive the rest of the female population from having a chance to know him. Essentially, that is the attitude we must have to overcome this fear. Many will not heed the teachings of scripture, but brother, that is not your fault. Take it to someone who may be more apt to accept it (Matthew 7:6). They have not rejected you, but God (1 Samuel 8:4-7).

Lack of Confidence. Because we feel inadequate, we often lack the confidence in ourselves needed to be prosperous workers. Many Christians lack self-respect. The successful man though, has confidence to handle any situation which arises. Of all men, the Christian should have the greatest degree of confidence in the work that God can do through him. "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13; cf. Matthew 17:14-20; Ephesians 3:20; Hebrews 4:16). Christian, do not bury your talent. Learn to use it to the glory and honor of God. Overcome obstacles placed in your way as tests of your faith. I know you don't want to bury that talent. Throw your shovel away, study your Bible and learn to be an effective servant of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:15).

~via *Old Hickory Bulletin*; Jackson, Tennessee.

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I'm Starving To Death

Eddie Caskey

"I'm starving to death" is a phrase most of us are familiar with. All of us have felt so hungry that we exaggerate our stomach's rumbling.

Hunger is not something just confined to our bellies. Hunger causes one to feel very weak, hands to tremble, eyelids become heavy, and warm laziness envelopes the body. It is not healthy to go hungry for long periods of time. Amazingly, as soon as one receives even a small amount of nourishment their strength is renewed.

You've probably read stories of those stranded

without food. Some trapped beneath boulders resort to eating the ants crawling on their bodies. Some have even resorted to eating the flesh of the dead after their plane crashed and left them isolated in a snowy mountain area. Indeed, the body **must** have food!

The Scriptures use this very real need for physical food to illustrate the kind of yearning we should have for the Scriptures, the mind of God, to be revealed to us.

Jesus said, "*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled*" (Matthew 5:6).

Notice the words of David in Psalm 42:1 "*As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God.*"

Our souls long to be filled with something it can feast upon. Most will attempt to satisfy that hunger with this world's goods, so that they may say to their souls, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry" (Luke 12:19-20).

If man is to fill the void of his soul, it must be with that which is eternal. Jesus said to a large crowd who followed Him and wanted more physical food, "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you ... I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:27-35).

Are you weak spiritually? Does your soul feel unsatisfied? Do you sometimes wonder why it is that you can't find the strength to take part in the Lord's work? Maybe you're just "starving to death!"

Come to Jesus and be satisfied! "Know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:20)!

~via *Focus On Truth*; Taylors, South Carolina.



Obedience from the Heart

Michael Hickox

Mark 12:41-44: *“Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and saw how the multitude cast money into the treasury. Many who were rich cast in much. A poor widow came, and she cast in two small brass coins, which equal a quadrans coin. He called His disciples to Himself, and said to them, ‘Most certainly I tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those who are giving into the treasury, for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on.’”*

In Mark 12:38-40, the inspired writer recorded Jesus’ rebukes against certain scribes who did works for *“greetings in the marketplaces”* and *“for a pretense.”* These individuals’ righteousness looked impressive to many, but God saw right through them.

Right after Mark’s account of these rebukes comes the account of the poor widow. Just as God saw through the hypocrisy of the scribes, He saw the sincerity of a woman who may not have appeared to be doing a whole lot in the eyes of others, but Jesus knew the “full story.” Whether or not the widow’s benevolence was impressive to mankind, it pleased God in part because it came from a pure heart.

Some who gave much may have done so to “show off,” like the motive the scribes had for making long prayers (Mark 12:40). Some may have given *“grudgingly, or under compulsion”* (2 Corinthians 9:7), instead of cheerfully. The widow who gave two mites did not demonstrate either of these attitudes.

The widow’s example demonstrates several biblical principles. God does not always judge and value things in the same way man does. This is partly because He knows things that we do not, as demonstrated with the poor widow and her circumstances.

It is also brought out that God looks at more than just outward actions... He looks at our hearts (1 Samuel 16:6-7). This is not to say that outward actions are not important, as this account itself shows, but the heart must be right to please God. The details of the account imply that the widow obeyed from the heart.

May we learn from this example and remember what Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount, *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”* (Matthew 5:8).

~via *Olney Bulletin*; Olney, Illinois.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell
Ann Bush

Loretta Warner
Bobbie Adcock
Nathan Craig

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Freddie Mae Elmore
Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn
Robert Beasley
Cornelia Pepper
Al Pollard
David Collier
Una King Currier
Susan Cox
Cindy Walker
Wayne Wooldridge

Nikki Ogles
Janice Cagle
Ella Melvin
Jeanette Weir
Pat Wulfekuhl
Charles Burns
Kenneth Fisher
Matt Poff
Gene Carpenter
Phillip Harwell
Brittany Bates Carter

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Bob Broadus; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 216
Nancy Abernathy; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 218
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:

Bob Broadus had surgery on Friday in Athens to remove a toe... *Scottie Reed* had lasik eye surgery on Thursday... *Helen Blankenship’s grandson, Nathan Craig*, had an episode with his heart on Wednesday morning. He spent a few days in Huntsville Hospital, but is now home with medications and rest... *Jewel Dean Kennamer’s granddaughter, Brittany Bates Carter* is in Houston, Texas living in an apartment taking treatments at M.D.

Anderson with four more weeks of treatments. She has completed 21 treatments at this point. Remember to keep *Laura Adams* in your prayers for the upcoming delivery of her baby soon.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Smiths: Kenneth & Peggy* are in Auburn today for graduation...*Steve Bradley* is in Texas this week.

RUTH LEGG (1932 – 2019): It is with sadness that we note the passing of *Ruth Legg*. Ruth passed away on Wednesday in Huntsville at Windsor House where she was living. Ruth was a longtime member of the Market Street church. Her husband, *Billy Joe*, served as one of the elders here for several years. Ruth was very active in the work here. She served as the secretary for a number of years. She loved the Market Street church. We express our deepest sympathy to all her family. Her funeral was yesterday at Spry Funeral Home. Ruth was laid to rest in the Dement Cemetery.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Bonita Dollar* and *all the family* in the passing of Bonita's sister-in-law, *Lola Holt*. She passed away on Wednesday afternoon after suffering a severe stroke last week. Her funeral will be this afternoon at 2:00 at the Roselawn Funeral Home in Decatur... We also want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Shirley Miller* and *all the family* in the passing of Shirley's sister-in-law, *Joyce Faye Lazada*. She passed away on Monday and her funeral was on Friday morning at Limestone Chapel. May the Lord bless these families.

MONTHLY LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The monthly Ladies Bible Class will be meeting Monday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of *Jackie Cox*.

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.

GRADUATES: Everyone is invited to the *Athens Bible School Cafeteria* next Sunday evening, May 12, 2019, to celebrate the upcoming graduation of *Clayton Hamm* and *Matthew Usery*! Join us after the evening services and bring your favorite finger food or side dish. Individuals will provide hamburgers and hotdogs for all to enjoy.

PICTURES: We are in the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Pictures will be made in room 20 in the east wing.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of April 28th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	135
	Morning Worship	176
	Evening Worship	137
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	107

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Wayne Vaughn
Assisting	Albert Haraway
Serving	Clayton Hamm ... Charles Vaughn
.....	Roger Hammonds ... Tim Griswold
Closing Prayer	Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Wayne Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for the week of May 5th:

Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Danny Holt
Work Sound System.....	Marty Adams

Wednesday, May 8th:

Song Leader	Larry Holt
Bible Reading	Landon Adams
.....	Mark 15:16-32
Prayer.....	Bob Braodus
Invitation	Arvid McGuire
Closing Prayer	Christian Usery

Sunday, May 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Dwaine Alfrey
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Marty Adams
Assisting	Mike Ogles
Serving	Christian Usery ... Kenneth Adams
.....	Will Chumbley..... Matthew Usery
Closing Prayer	Keenon Carrier

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Dwaine Alfrey
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Mike Ogles
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Other Assignments for the week of May 12th:

Ushers.....	Russ Wulfekuhl/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt