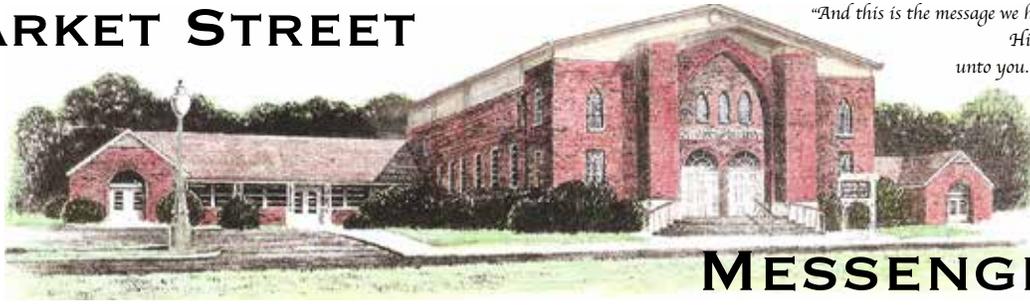


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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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

Vacation Bible School

June 10 - 13

(Monday through Thursday)

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Classes from Infant through High School
will be studying the theme



Speakers for the Week In the Auditorium:

Monday 10:00 a.m. – Ben May

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – Justin Roberson

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Sharpe

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Larry Sharpe

Thursday 10:00 a.m. – Eric Reynolds

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Eli's Family: Lack of Discipline

Frank Himmel

The Bible depicts Eli as a godly man. He judged Israel forty years (1 Samuel 4:18), the next to last ruler of that era. Eli was a priest as well as a judge, serving in the tabernacle at Shiloh (1 Samuel 1:9). His last years were spent as a mentor to young Samuel, who grew to be one of the all-time great characters of Bible history. Eli's death reflected his character, too: news that the ark of the covenant had been captured by the Philistines made him fall off his seat, and he broke his neck and died (1 Samuel 4:18).

Eli's sons were another story. They "were worthless men; they did not know the Lord" (2 Samuel 2:12). They acted as though the priesthood existed for their benefit. Instead of limiting themselves to the prescribed priestly portion of a sacrifice, the breast and right thigh (Leviticus 7:28-34), they took whatever their fork would hold. And they had no qualms about taking the Lord's portion, the fat (Leviticus 3:3-5). They used the priesthood to make themselves fat!

Hophni and Phinehas were as brazen as any priests in history. They threatened anyone who challenged them. They even went so far as to commit fornication with the women who served at the tabernacle (1 Samuel 2:22).

Old Eli rebuked his rebellious sons (1 Samuel 2:22-25). He warned them that they were not only sinning themselves, they were leading others to sin, too. But his rebuke fell on deaf ears. God revealed to Samuel that the day would come when He would cut off Eli's house from priestly service. He explained, "I am about to judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves, and he did not rebuke them" (1 Samuel 3:13).

How could God say Eli did not rebuke his sons when the text records his rebuke? The answer is obvious: Eli did not do enough. The word rendered rebuke literally means to be dim. We might say that Eli did not sufficiently take "a dim view" of what his sons were doing. Yes, he reprimanded them, but when they did not repent he left them in office (Most translations use the term restrain). Actually, what Hophni and Phinehas did deserved death. God accused Eli of honoring them above Him (1 Samuel 2:29).

Personal devotion to God and a good example are musts if we are to bring up our children in the way of

the Lord. But more is needed. Persistent misbehavior calls for corrective discipline. Hopefully, a rebuke or mild punishment will suffice. When it does not, God clearly expects us to do whatever is necessary. May He bless us with wisdom and courage.

~via *Tri-Cities Edifier*, Muscle Shoals, Alabama.



They Do Not Know How To Blush

Jeffery L. Smith

The children of Judah were far gone in the days of Jeremiah the Prophet. As God prepared Jeremiah for his extremely solemn work He adjured him, "As for you, do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you (Jeremiah 7:16)." They were so far gone God forbade Jeremiah to pray for their deliverance.

A hallmark of their depravity was not knowing how to blush.

Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among the fallen; when I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the LORD. Jeremiah 8:12

"Blushing is the reddening of a person's face due to psychological reasons. It is normally involuntary and triggered by emotional stress, such as that associated with embarrassment, anger, or romantic stimulation."¹ The word, "blush," occurs 4 times in the Old Testament, and is a trait approved of and encouraged by God. God designed us to blush and be embarrassed in certain scenarios. He designed us to have a conscience which disapproves of sinful intentions and actions. According to the above quote from Jeremiah, we should blush when we commit an abomination.

Blushing, these days, is seen as a sign of weakness. Successful actors, entertainers, and comedians make money doing things that would cause most people to blush. We wonder how anyone could do or say such

things without blushing. Well, many don't know how to blush because they have worked hard to lose that knowledge. They are often encouraged by others to do so.

Overcoming blushing is the goal of, "Coming out of the closet." Instead of being ashamed of abominable behavior, those who engage in homosexual relations are encouraged by other to not blush but, rather, be proud of it. With respect to killing children, it is in vogue now, among some women, to wear T-shirts that say, "I had an abortion." These are examples of Jeremiah 8:12 in action today.

God designed us to blush when sinning. But blushing while committing even the most egregious sins can be overcome. Not knowing how to blush is an indication of our having moved far away from the humble and contrite spirit God intends us to have, and of our having gotten much too cozy with sin and sinners.

May it never be said of us that we don't know how to blush.

~via *Haymarket Bulletin*; Gainesville, Virginia.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Elease Barksdale	Pat Nixon
Jennifer Threet	Peggy Pepper
JoAnn Gilbert	Loretta Warner
Doris Lovell	Bobbie Adcock
Ann Bush	Nathan Craig

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Janice Cagle	Judy Vaughn
Ella Melvin	Robert Beasley
Jeanette Weir	Cornelia Pepper
Pat Wulfekuhl	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Matt Poff
Susan Cox	Gene Carpenter

Cindy Walker Wayne Wooldridge
Brittany Bates Carter

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Robert Beasley, rm. 105	Deanie Britton, rm. 123
Valeria Dalton, 7	Mattie Murray, rm. 2
Dorothy Draper, 73	Christine Hudson, 77
Evelyn Hogan, 36	Eva Lovell, 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
Bettye Harrison, Traditions
Irene Inman, at home
Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison
Stan Stanford, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Ross Melvin is to return to the doctor on Tuesday for an arteriogram ... *Beverly Sutton* is to have tests done on Thursday in Huntsville on her heart... *Louise Melvin* is scheduled to have cataract surgery done on one of her eyes this week... *Jewel Dean Kennamer's granddaughter, Brittany Bates Carter* continues to take treatments for her cancer in Huntsville.

OUT OF TOWN: *Steve Bradley* is in Houston, Texas... *Joe Hinkle* is in Michigan visiting with family... *Christian Usery* left Friday for Waterbury, Connecticut for a work assignment for the next 3 months.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Eastside church* in Athens is beginning a meeting today. It will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Ben Walker of Taylors, South Carolina*... The *Somerville Road church* in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Tim Stevens of Kemp, Texas* will be the speaker... The *Pepper Road church* is engaged in a gospel meeting and it will continue through Thursday evening. *Brett Hogland* will be the speaker... The *Wooley Springs church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speakers in the meeting will be: *Sunday - Daniel Curtis; Monday - Jim Deason; Tuesday - John Gibson; Wednesday - Jeff Curtis; Thursday - Jeff May; Friday - Matt Lannom*... The *Elgin Hills church* is engaged in a gospel meeting this week through Friday. the speaker in this meeting is *Joe Corley*... The *Fourth*

Street church in Cullman is beginning a meeting today. It will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Jordan Shouse from Garland, Texas...* The **College View church** in Florence will be engaged in their annual lectureship through Thursday night. The times and topics are on the bulletin board in the vestibule. The speakers in the lectureship will be *Curtis Byers, Edwin Crozier, Bill Hall and Reagan McClenny.*

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.

WEDDING SHOWER: There will be a wedding shower for *Brettlyn Currier*, the bride elect of *Josh Miller*. The shower will be on Sunday afternoon, *June 23rd* at the *home of Sheila Holt* from 1:30 to 3:30.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS: We are looking at starting a men's Bible class. We are wanting to see the interest in the class. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the west wing or in the front vestibule. If you are interested in the class, please sign the sheet.

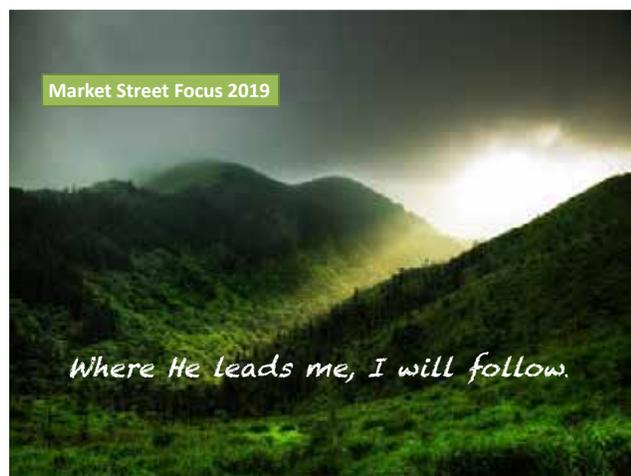
LADIES BIBLE CLASS: Meets each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the west auditorium, except for the 2nd Tuesday of the month when they meet at the Limestone Manor. The 3rd Tuesday of the month they go to visit.

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.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of June 2nd:*

Sunday: Bible Classes 138
 Morning Worship 184
 Evening Worship 134

Wednesday:
 Bible Classes 106



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 9th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
 Song LeaderTommy Burns
 Prayer.....Larry Mitchell
 Preaching.....David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding.....Dwayne Allfrey
 AssistingSteve Usery
 ServingGriffin Holt.....Sam Gregory
Heath DollarKenneth Adams
 Closing PrayerKeenon Currier

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
 Song LeaderTony Thomas
 Prayer.....Tommy Coblenz
 Preaching.....David Cox
 Lord's SupperDwayne Allfrey
 Closing PrayerDanny Holt

Other Assignments for the week of June 9th:
 Ushers.....Christian Usery/Marcus Morris
 Work Sound System.....Landon Adams

Wednesday, June 12th:

Song LeaderGriffin Holt
 Bible ReadingRuss Wulfekuhl
Philippians 1:12-30
 Prayer.....Marcus Morris
 InvitationLarry Sharpe
 Closing PrayerBob Broadus

Sunday, June 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Larry Holt
 Song LeaderHunter Cox
 Prayer.....Marcus Morris
 Preaching.....David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding.....Larry Mitchell
 AssistingMike Ogles
 ServingDavid TerryHarold Davis
Danny Johnson.....Marvin Putman
 Closing PrayerRoger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Larry Holt
 Song LeaderAlbert Haraway
 Prayer.....Bill Eden
 Preaching.....David Cox
 Lord's SupperLarry Mitchell
 Closing PrayerArvid McGuire

Other Assignments for the week of June 16th:
 Ushers.....Keenon Currier/ Steve Bradley
 Work Sound System.....Marty Adams