

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..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

Why Do People Refuse to Hear Christ

David A. Cox

“See that you do not refuse him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape, if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven” —(Hebrews 12:25).

The Hebrews writer shows in his letter that Jesus is God’s spokesman (Hebrews 1:1-2) and that Christ is a living high priest (Hebrews 4:15-16; 7:25). He also states that “every transgression and disobedience received a just reward” (Hebrews 2:2). Throughout the letter, the writer stresses the necessity of obedience as Christ obeyed (Hebrews 5:8-9). We remember the great roll call of those in Hebrews 11, who are examples to us because of their obedience. In Hebrews 12:25, the writer warns not to refuse what Christ has said. In light of the reminders given here, we must ask, “Why do people refuse Christ?”

Believe in False Teaching

Some people are taught things that the scriptures do not teach. Paul spoke of the Jews in his day when he wrote to the church at Rome, “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God” (Romans 10:1-3). It is sad, but many are doing what they have been taught, but it does not comply with God’s will. Therefore, let us determine to study God’s word and know the truth that will save us.

Trust in Their Own Goodness

Many times people seem to trust their own goodness. Statements such as “He is as good of a person as I know.” Because of this, sometimes people will begin to trust in themselves. Let us be reminded that Cornelius in Acts 10 was a very good man, but Peter went to his house to tell him what he needed to do to be saved (Acts 10:33; 11:14). Paul warns about

commending or trusting in your own goodness. “We dare class ourselves of the number, compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves and comparing themselves among themselves are not wise” (2 Corinthians 10:12). We must remember that our lives and obedience in righteousness must be what God is pleased with and not man.

Trust In Their Own Way

Some simply do not want to surrender their lives to the Lord’s way. They believe that they know how to please God and fail to put their trust in the Lord’s way. Jeremiah said, “O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). We must remember to look to God and the way of Christ. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). Some refuse Jesus as the way and fail to look to Him and His word.

Think They Will Obey Later

The sad reality is that many know and understand the way to eternal life, but they think they will obey later. However, the truth is that we do not know how long we may have, and it may be that our lives will be required of us sooner than later. Paul wrote of those that obeyed not the gospel as being “punished with everlasting destruction” (2 Thessalonians 1:9). The rich man focused on life, died, and was not obedient to God (Luke 16:19-31). The prosperous farmer who was busy with all life gave him but forgot about God and his need to please Him (Luke 12:16-21). Many people may think things such as, “I will obey God, but just not right now.” Let us be determined to please God now and not wait for the “convenient season” as Felix thought he would do (Acts 24:25). Understand that life is short and uncertain; therefore, let us determine to hear and obey today.

If we refuse to hear and obey Christ, He will reject us in the judgment (John 12:48). Let us study God’s word diligently and be obedient in all things so that we will be pleasing and accepted of Him.



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Spiritual Wellness Check

Jason Hardin

“Examine yourselves...” (2 Corinthians 13:5)

What’s my temperature?

In Matthew 24:12, Jesus warned about the love of many growing “cold.” If the Lord were to give me an accurate reading of the temperature of my love for him and others, what would my reading be? What do my assembling habits indicate? What do my patterns of hospitality suggest? What do my habits of Bible study show? What do my efforts as a servant reveal? What does my prayer life declare? What’s my temperature?

How’s my vision?

Peter warned about being so spiritually nearsighted that we’re blind (2 Peter 1:5-9). How does it happen? If we fail to supplement our faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with steadfastness, steadfastness with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. “For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.” How’s my vision? Am I getting the spiritual supplements that I need?

How’s my hearing?

Jesus warned in Matthew 13 about those who have ears, and yet they can “barely hear” (13:15). To make it personal, he told a parable about some who hear God’s word and immediately receive it with joy, yet they develop no spiritual roots. When tribulation or persecution arises, they immediately fall away. Others hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. “He who has ears, let him hear” (13:9). How’s my hearing?

How’s my speech?

Are lies, complaining, filthy language and careless words spewing from my unguarded mouth? Have I slipped into a God-dishonoring habit of taking his holy name in vain? Am I using my tongue for deceitful flattery, gossip, and slander? If so, what I really need to ask is...

How’s my heart?

“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good

person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." (Luke 6:43-45)

Examine yourselves. When we do, what do we find? Undoubtedly you have progress to make. So do I. The good news? Jesus said in Luke 5:31-32:

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

The Great Physician is calling. The question? Will I give him complete and total access to my heart in order that he might do his work of transformation in me?

~via *Laurel Canyon church of Christ*; Columbus, Ohio.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Jeremy Williams	Charles Parks
Albert Haraway	Marci Bassett
Doris Fisher	Nancy Hardison
Nikki Ogles	Jennifer Threet
Ruby Dean Ezell	James Adams
Betty Pepper	Donna Wright
Shirley Miller	JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell	Rhonda Holt
Diane Kilpatrick	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Phillip Harwell	Cornelia Pepper
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Barry DeFoor
Al Pollard	Matt Bassford

Jeannie Felker Sadricia Wilson

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Elease Barksdale, rm. 23B
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Connie Brock, rm. 62	Janice Moody, rm. 93

Limestone Health Facility:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 38	Bobby Ogles, rm. 13
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	Ann Bush, rm. 75

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
 Marci Bassett; Limestone Manor
 Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
 Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Barbara Carter; Traditions
 Unaking Currier; Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur
 Irene Inman; at home
 Stan Stanford; at home
 Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison
 William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
 Alan Thornton; Limestone Lodge
 Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Sadricia Wilson; Seattle, Washington

Updates:

Dwaine Allfrey spent a couple of days in the hospital last week. He had some tests done on Monday and went back to the doctor on Thursday... *Peggy Pepper* is seeing a doctor about her back... *Nikki Ogles* has been unable to be out this week due to a flair up of asthma... *Albert Haraway* has been diagnosed with the virus and is at home... *Marci Bassett* has been diagnosed with the virus... *Jeremy Williams* has been sick and unable to be at services... *Dan Lovell's* shoulder will not require surgery. He will be taking shot therapy for it as he continues injections in his hip... *Tommy Burns* had surgery on Tuesday to remove the port... *Dale Adcock's daughter, Tracy Hodges* is now home from the hospital with a heart monitor after being there with the virus... *Jewel Dean Kennemer's granddaughter, Leigh Ellen Elliott*, has been diagnosed with cancer and will be beginning treatments... Remember our expecting mother, *Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to the *Adams Family: James, Marty, Kenia, Destiny, Ericka and all the family* in the passing of *Shelley Scruggs* this past Sunday morning. There was a graveside service Friday morning at the Hardy Cemetery. May the Lord bless all of this family at this time... We want to

express our deepest sympathy to *Marvella Adams* in the passing of her aunt, *Nellie Dean Mitchell*. She passed away on Monday and her funeral was Friday afternoon at Limestone Chapel. May the Lord bless this family at this time.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Gregorys: Sam, Taylor, Cara Blake and Weston* have been on vacation in Florida this week... *The Hamms: Joel and Sharma* are out of town this week on vacation... *The Ashes: Harold and Barb* are in Orange Beach this week.

PICTURES MADE: Pictures are continuing to be made after services. If you need to get your picture made, go to room 22 in the east wing.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, February 7th, to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them next Monday morning at 10:30.

THE FLOWER FUND: There is a flower fund maintained by the members of the Market Street church for the sending of flowers and plants to families during periods of bereavement. The flower fund is currently low and needs to be replenished. If you would like to participate in this work, please contribute your money to *Ida Nell Griffin*, who looks after this fund.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the "*The Christian in a Secular Age.*"

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of January 23rd:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	86
	Morning Worship	120
	Evening Worship	111
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	64

Tenth Annual Singing

February 25, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Wiley Deason & Johnny Felker



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, January 30th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Jerry Baker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Larry Holt
Serving	Keenon Currier..... Christian Usery
.....	Matthew Usery..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Nathaneil Adams
Preaching.....	Tyler Cox
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Keith Hinkle
Other Assignments for the week of January 30 th :	
Ushers.....	Danny Holt/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, February 2nd:

Song Leader.....	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading	Tony Thomas
.....	(John 8:13-30)
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Invitation	Christian Usery
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Sunday, February 6th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Jerry Baker
Serving	Harold Davis Matthew Vaughn
.....	Luke Vaughn Griffin Holt
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Frank Melton
Other Assignments for the week of February 6 th :	
Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews