

# MARKET STREET



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

# MESSENGER

## Market Street church of Christ

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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*

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**Beginning Today**

# Gospel Meeting

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

### Schedule of Services

**Sunday – 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday – Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.**

**Evangelist – Harold Carswell, Jr.**

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**ATHENS, ALABAMA**

# *Preaching the Gospel*

David A. Cox

*“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned’ — Mark 16:15-16*

Among the last instructions, Jesus gave His disciples was this commission to preach the gospel. Jesus considered the preaching of the gospel very crucial for Him to impress the urgency of preaching to His disciples before ascending back to heaven. Yes, the preaching of the gospel was important then and is still very important today.

## **Why is the Preaching the Gospel Important?**

Jesus answers the question, “why preaching the gospel was so important?” In Mark 16:16 when Jesus makes very clear that salvation requires the gospel being preached to the lost, the lost believing the gospel and then obeying the commands. Paul stressed the same importance of preaching the gospel to the Corinthians as he wrote, “...it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe” (1 Corinthians 1:21). Paul is not saying that the preaching of the gospel is foolishness, but that those who claimed to be the wise viewed the gospel as foolishness. Paul declared that regardless of how men may consider the preaching of the gospel, it still will save men when preached, believed, and obeyed. To the Romans, Paul wrote, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” The importance of the gospel is in its power to save the lost.

## **Who Are the Lost?**

The lost are those separated from God by sin (Isaiah 59:1-2). In Romans 3:9,23, we learn both Jew and Gentile are all under sin, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” However, our sins are washed away and forgiven through our belief and obedience to the gospel.

## **What is the Gospel?**

The gospel includes the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). It also consists of the inspired men’s teaching in the first century. The Holy Spirit guided the apostles “into all truth,” and they preached those truths (John 16:13; 1 Peter 1:12). Therefore, the gospel includes the teachings of Christ,

as well as the life, death, burial, resurrection of Christ, and the teaching throughout the New Testament written by inspired men.

Today, when we preach the same gospel preached by those in the first century, we preach the gospel that will save those who believe it and obey it. Share the good news of the gospel with others. It is the power to save. The gospel is powerful!



# *Are You Too Busy?*

Roger Shouse

We live in busy times. Most of us with children at home find ourselves coming and going all the time. The calendar is full of activities. There is very little "down time" or quiet time. Our busy schedules often keep some of us from helping out in the kingdom of God. For instance, the elders may ask a man to consider serving as a deacon. Without even thinking about the great service that he could render, the person declines saying, "I can't right now, I'm just too busy." Or, someone is asked to teach a Bible class. The opportunity is turned down because the person is too busy. Being "too busy" can be an easy excuse for simply not stepping up and doing what we should. Saying "I'm too busy" sounds so much better than saying, "No, I just don't want to." Being busy is assumed to be the banner of a successful parent. Being busy means you are not lazy, bored, or dull. We are just busy people.

**But Have You Ever Considered That:** -- Moses was busy tending his flock when God called him to service. Gideon was busy threshing wheat when God called him to service. David was busy caring for his father's sheep when God appointed him king. Nehemiah was busy serving the king when he decided to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Peter and John were busy fishing when Jesus called them to follow Him. We do not find God using the lazy or idle. He goes to those who are already at work and busy. Consider Saul of Tarsus.

**Take Note, Brethren:** -- It takes time to teach a class or open your home to hospitality, or to write a card of encouragement, or have a home Bible study, or to serve

as an elder or deacon. Those that are busy doing those things have families, jobs, hobbies, and commitments just like everyone else. In fact, you will find those that are very busy in the Kingdom of God have to fight time commitments, juggle their schedules, sometimes miss activities they like to go to just like everyone else. There are times they feel pulled in more than one direction. But they have found some things that others fail to see. They have found that being busy in the Kingdom of God is worth the sacrifice they must make. They are making a difference and what they are doing is a good work. They have found that making time for the Kingdom teaches their children a valuable lesson. You don't do everything you want to do first and then if you have any extra time, find something to do for God. You make time for God. You work your schedule to include God. You make time for the work of the Lord. The Lord found time to die on the cross for us. The Lord finds time to bless us and answer our prayers.

There are many busy folks in the Kingdom. You are making a difference and we are thankful for that. Being busy is not an excuse for not doing what God wants of us.

~via *Simple Bible Studies*; Newark, California.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Margaret Carter	Dale Adcock
Sherry Davis	Betty Pepper
Brad Brown	Shirley Miller
Betty Jo Lovell	Doris Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	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	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Leigh Ellen Elliott	Wynell Romine
Humbero Rodriquez	Elmina McLemore

### Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36  
 Brenda Wilson, rm. 77 Connie Brock, rm. 62  
 Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

### Limestone Health Facility:

Marci Bassett, rm. 42 Bobbie Adcock, rm. 107  
 Bobby Ogles, rm. 113 Alice Roberson, rm. 49  
 Ann Bush, rm. 75

### Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home  
 Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge  
 Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
 Barbara Carter; Traditions  
 Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville  
 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:

#### Updates:

**Marci Bassett's** health continues to decline. She is not eating and taking her medications. She is under hospice care. Marci is 96 and has faithfully served the Lord. Keep her, Barb, Harold, and all the family in your prayers ...**Shelia Holt** had an MRI done on Monday and went to the doctor on Thursday to discuss the path forward for her back ...**Betty Pepper** came home from the hospital on Tuesday after spending a few days in the hospital for respiratory issues ...**Margaret Carter** got a shot in her leg on Tuesday and has a brace on it. If it does not improve, they will do an MRI...**Dale Adcock** continues her recovery from surgery with a neck brace on and stimulation of neck...**Betty Jo Lovell** continues to struggle with her arthritis...**Peggy Pepper** started back to therapy on Thursday and will do this twice a week. If she is not better in a month, they will send her to Birmingham...**Lona Jackson** has been dealing with a kidney infection and taking medication. She is doing better...**Ann McLemore's daughter-in-law Elmina McLemore**, has been diagnosed with brain tumors...**Ruby Dean Ezell's daughter, Diane Kilpatrick**, continues her recovery at Ruby Dean's house...**Humberto Rodriguez**, a preacher we support in Chiapas, Mexico, has a benign brain tumor. He does not mention it bothering him, but we need to keep him in our prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Dale Adcock and all the family** in the passing of her

cousin, *James Turner*. His funeral was on Tuesday afternoon at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home... We also want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Lynsey Adams and all the family* in the passing of Lynsey's great-uncle, *James "Buddy" Jernigan*. He passed away on Wednesday, and his funeral was on Friday at the Spry Funeral Home. May the Lord bless these families at this time

**OUT OF TOWN:** *Polly Leopard* is on vacation in Italy... *Joe Hinkle* left this week for a visit with family in Michigan... *Keenon Currier* is in San Antonio, Texas, for his basic training in the Air Force.

**OUR MEETING:** Our meeting is beginning this morning and it will continue through Wednesday night. *Harold Carswell* will be here to do the preaching. The lessons that Harold will be preaching are as follows:  
 Sunday Bible Class: "Don't Forget Evangelism"  
 Sunday Morning: Biblical Objections to Baptism  
 Sunday Evening: "Thanksgiving to God"  
 Monday Evening: "Being Woke"  
 Tuesday Evening: "The Perspective"  
 Wednesday Evening: We All Need Sound Doctrine

**SONG LEADERS:** The song leaders for the meeting this week will be:  
 Sunday morning – Joel Hamm  
 Sunday evening – Stephen Lynn  
 Monday evening – Larry Holt  
 Tuesday evening – Hunter Cox  
 Wednesday evening – Griffin Holt

**POTLUCK LUNCH:** The *Clubhouse at Deer Trail* has been reserved today after our morning service for a potluck lunch. I hope that everyone will be able to be there for this time to spend together.

**LEAVING US:** We are sad to mention that *Leah Richardson* will be leaving Friday to go to Florida with her family and finish her schooling. We have enjoyed having her here with us and wish the very best for her. We hope to see her back with us again.

**PICTURES:** We are in the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

**UKRAINE:** We continue to see the terrible atrocities being inflicted upon the Ukrainians, and they are heart-wrenching to see. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren there.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for week of April 17<sup>th</sup>:*  
 Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 107  
           Morning Worship ..... 171  
           Evening Worship ..... 105  
 Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 81

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

*Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith  
 Preaching.....Harold Carswell  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding.....Jerry Baker  
 Assisting ..... Hunter Cox  
 Serving .....Christian Usery ..... Harold Davis  
 .....Kenneth Adams..... Charles Vaughn  
 Closing Prayer .....Harold Ash

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Stephen Lynn  
 Prayer..... Hayden Pierce  
 Preaching.....Harold Carswell  
 Lord's Supper .....Jerry Baker  
 Closing Prayer .....Dan Reed  
 Other Assignments for the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>:  
 Ushers.....Danny Holt/Heath Dollar  
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

*Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:*

Song Leader ..... Griffin Holt  
 Bible Reading..... Clayton Hamm  
 .....(John 11:45-57)  
 Prayer..... Frank Melton  
 Invitation .....Harold Carswell  
 Closing Prayer ..... Albert Haraway

*Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....Jerry Baker  
 Song Leader ..... Larry Holt  
 Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Albert Haraway  
 Assisting .....Keith Hinkle  
 Serving .....Matthew Vaughn..... Clayton Hamm  
 .....Hayden Pierce ..... Luke Vaughn  
 Closing Prayer .....Harold Ash

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....Jerry Baker  
 Song Leader ..... Jonathan Traylor  
 Prayer..... Larry Tucker  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Albert Haraway  
 Closing Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
 Other Assignments for the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>:  
 Ushers..... Marcus Morris/Tommy Coblentz  
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews