

# 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*

## *Expressing Our Need*

**Dee Bowman**

I had almost gone past the poor little thing before I saw him.

I was walking near a concrete drainage ditch when I heard him flapping furiously in the shallow water. It was a little bird. It had somehow fallen into the ditch, gotten its wings wet and could not fly out. Time and again it tried, but to no avail.

I almost walked on. Suddenly it struck me. He can't help himself. If I don't do something, he'll die there. There is no one else.

It was about three feet down to where he was. Lying flat on my stomach, I reached down, expecting him to move away from me, but prepared to try and catch him. Instead, he didn't move. He was as still as could be. It was as if he was inviting me to pick him up. It was like he knew he had done all he could.

I got him out, shook the water off, and set him out on the dry ground. He flapped his wings, shaking the water from them, and scurried off, listing precariously to the left as he ran.

I was glad I stopped. I went on my way thinking how the aging process for animals is so much shorter than in humans and how that several "years" had been added to the little bird's life.

Man is much like that little bird. He can't help himself. Jeremiah says, "Oh, Jehovah, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). Man may become very wise, he may ingeniously concoct many wonderful things; but he could never have devised a means for his own salvation. As long as he trusts in himself, he remains helplessly mired in sin (Romans 6:23).

In Proverbs 14:12, we are told "there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death." Just because man thinks he has found a solution to his problem does not make it so. Religious people everywhere are putting their confidence in some creed, some religious organization, some charismatic person, or in some subjective

religious experience, thinking they have found the way. "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools," says Paul (Romans 1:22).

We are not as smart as the little bird.

Why is it that we refuse help? Pride? Rebellion? Unconcern? Perhaps all of the above.

Part of the reason is we don't choose to see ourselves as God sees us. We don't want to admit that we have a need. Like the little creature, we are flapping around furiously, thinking we are getting somewhere when we are in fact falling right back into the same place after every flurry.

Jesus, in John 14:6, described himself as the true and living way. He emphasizes that fact by affirming that, "no man cometh to the Father but by me." That's strong language, folks. It says emphatically that there is but one way, and that one way is Jesus Christ.

But how does that become practical? Is it enough to just accept that fact?

In John 12:48, Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

If he is the way and if his words will be the basis on which we are all judged, then we cannot divorce his way from His word. The word is the way. That means that there is no difference in the man and the plan. In fact, the man is the plan and the plan is the man. One cannot be without the other.

His way is plain. He said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Nothing hard about that. True, it's not man's way. Man says, "He that believeth is saved and can be baptized." But nowhere in His word, the word of Jesus, will you ever find that.

Will you follow man's ways, or God's ways? No one else can help us. We are lost if He does not take an interest in us and rescue us from sin.

Let us submit to His will and He will set us free.

~via *The Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

## Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

## *Narrow-Mindedness*

Cecil F. Cox

Do you like narrow-minded people? I believe the majority of the people, if they answered that question honestly, would say "No!" Such an attitude reflects the desire to prejudice or belittle those who sincerely seek to go by the rules and laws in life. But I believe many of us appreciate narrow-minded people when we stop and really look at the facts. Check a few of these facts with me:

- A pharmacist who fills the prescription according to the doctor's orders and not according to some idea he may have.
- The automobile driver who operates his vehicle according to the rules of the road in order to have a safe trip.
- The builder who builds a house according to the blueprint. If he does, there will be no surprises as to the looks and proper function of the building.
- The math teacher who insists on teaching according to the laws of mathematics.
- The game official who insists on calling the game according to the rules and not giving favor to one team or the other.
- The chemist who insists on following the prescribed formulas to bring about the desired reaction and results.

We can see that the broad-minded attitude has no place in these things and many others we could mention. There is no room at all for the attitude which suggests that one may change rules and laws to please his own desires.

With these comments in mind, we can see and appreciate the preacher who insists upon a "thus says the Lord" and bases his sermons upon "book, chapter and verse". Sometimes such a one may be considered narrow-minded. But such a tactic is used to prejudice the hearer against one who insists upon following the Word of God in all that he teaches and practices in religion.

For example, one may insist that faith in Jesus Christ is essential to everlasting life, and gives John 3:16 as his proof: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should

not perish but have everlasting life.” He teaches that one must repent of his sins and gives Paul’s words to the certain philosophers at Mars Hill: “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent...” (Acts 17:30) He may also insist that a confession that Jesus Christ is God’s Son is “unto salvation” as cited in Romans 10:9-10: “that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confessions is made unto salvation”. Too, he shows that one must be baptized for the remission of sins, giving 1 Peter 3:20-21 for his proof: “There is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...” Ananias told Saul of Tarsus, “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord”.

What are you going to say about such a one who teaches these things? Are you going to say he is “narrow-minded and by such seek to prejudice people against the Word of God? I say, “Thank God for individuals who are determined not to follow their own rules in religion. We do not need men who teach their own ideas and lead souls away from the truth and will of God.

I wish to leave with you the words of Paul in Acts 20:32: “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

~via *Gallatin Road church of Christ*; Scottsville, Kentucky.



# News & Notes...

## THE SICK:

Delmer Carter	Betty Pepper
Brad Brown	Shirley Miller
Betty 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
Cornelia Pepper	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Matt Bassford
Sadricia Wilson	Leigh Ellen Elliott
Wynell Romine	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	Marie Nave, rm. 117a

## 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:

*William Thomas*; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 437

## Updates:

**Marci Bassett** continues with hospice care at the Limestone Health Facility ...**Dan Lovell** is scheduled for shoulder surgery at Athens-Limestone Hospital on Tuesday morning ...**Barbara Carter** is at home following her hospitalization following her strokes last week ...

*Delmer Carter* is at home as they continue to treat him for his heart rhythm ... *Jennifer Threet* was able to be at Bible study Wednesday night following her cataract surgery last week ... *Mildred Lambert's sister* and *Marcia Thomas' aunt, Ruth Mitchell*, had surgery on Thursday and all went well

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our VBS is scheduled for **June 13-16**. There are cards at the entrances to take and to pass along to those whom you invite. Please tell others so that they can come and join us as we study together.

**VBS MATERIAL:** Teachers, the VBS material is in the west auditorium. Please check the material and if you see anything you need please let me know.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Tuckers Lsrry and Theresa* are in Florida for *Tyler and Angelique's* wedding this weekend ... *Nancy Hardison and the girls* are visiting with family in North Carolina... *Jonathan Traylor* is in Arab today visiting with family... *Keenon Currier* is in San Antonio, Texas, for his basic training in the Air Force... *The Gregorlys: Sam, Taylor, Cara Blake & Weston* have been away at Gulf Shores.

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

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of May 15<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	122
	Morning Worship .....	147
	Evening Worship .....	101
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	81



**June 13-16, 2022**

**Monday through Thursday  
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
514 WEST MARKET STREET  
ATHENS, ALABAMA

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

*Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting .....	Hunter Cox
Serving .....	Nathaniel Adams..... Heath Dollar
.....	Sam Gregory .....
Closing Prayer .....	Marty R. Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper .....	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer .....	Terry Andrews
Other Assignments for the week of May 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

*Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:*

Song Leader .....	Clayton Hamm
Bible Reading.....	Hayden Pierce
.....	(John 12:37-50)
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Invitation .....	Marty R. Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns

*Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Kenneth Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting .....	Marcus Morris
Serving .....	Matthew Usery..... Landon Adams
.....	Luke Vaughn .....
Closing Prayer .....	Christian Usery

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	Bobby Graham
Lord's Supper .....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer .....	Clayton Hamm
Other Assignments for the week of May 29 <sup>th</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt