

# 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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Please Join Us For Our

# Gospel Meeting

## April 29 – May 3

### Schedule of Services

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

Monday – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist – Sewell Hall

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#### 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*

# *What Is Baptism?*

**Phillip Mullins**

How much do you know about baptism? Are you confused over the various teachings and practices in regard to baptism? Consider from the Bible what baptism is and what it is for.

Baptism is the act of being immersed in water. Some religious groups sprinkle water on a person and call it baptism, but Bible baptism is immersing or plunging into water. Romans 6:4 calls baptism a “burial” and parallels it to the burial and resurrection of Christ in the tomb. This is also seen in the case in Acts 8 when the treasurer from Ethiopia was baptized. “Both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water...” (Acts 8:38-39). They didn’t kneel down beside the water for a sprinkling. It was necessary that they both get into the water so an immersion could take place. Any reliable Bible reference work will state that immersion was the original meaning of the word “baptize.”

Baptism is a command that is connected to the preaching of the gospel. Anyone who desires to become a Christian and be saved through Christ must be baptized. Jesus commanded the teaching and practice of baptism with the preaching of the gospel (Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16). In Acts 2 when the message that Jesus was the Christ was preached, the audience cried out and asked what to do. In vs. 38 we are told that Peter responded by saying, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Peter taught what Christ commanded. When a person desires to obey the call of the gospel and have his sins forgiven, he responds by being baptized. This baptism is to take place when one believes that Jesus is the Christ (Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:36-38). This belief is to be confessed before others (Romans 10:8-10). In addition an attitude of repentance is to accompany the act (Acts 2:38 and Luke 24:46-47).

Another passage that shows the connection between baptism and salvation is 1 Peter 3. In verse 20 the apostle Peter is writing about Noah and his family being saved in the flood that destroyed the wicked of their day. The divinely inspired writer then makes a parallel in the

next verse. “There is also an antitype which now saves us, namely 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” (1 Peter 3:21). This passage states plainly that baptism is necessary for salvation. It has nothing to do with powers in the waters, but it has to do with an honest and sincere person responding out of a good conscience and obeying what God has commanded. Any person who is truly seeking to be right with God, who is willing to submit their will to the Lord’s, will obey without hesitation what God has told them to do. God has commanded baptism as the avenue through which a person contacts salvation and finds forgiveness of sins in Christ. These passages that have been listed state this plainly and simply.

Study your Bible for yourself and see what God has said about baptism. Examine for yourself the role of baptism in salvation.

-via *The Path*; Anderson, California.

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## *How To Change Your Life*

**Mike Wilson**

How does one make significant spiritual changes? How do you improve your service to God? How do you break the old patterns and undergo a complete paradigm shift to make fundamental changes in your life? These five key points will help, if you take them to heart.

**Listen to life-changing truth with passion.** I’m in favor of doing things “decently and in order,” but if you park your brain in the vestibule, sit down on a pew and vegetate, you won’t get very much out of a sermon. Take your physical and mental intensity to the next level!

**Raise your personal expectation.** “Excel still more” (1 Thessalonians 4:1, 9-10; Philippians 3:12-14). A famous success coach says, “We must remember that the same level of thinking that brought us where we are

today will not take us to where want to go tomorrow.” The Bible puts it this way: “Whatever your hand finds to do, verily do it with all your might; for there is no activity or planning or wisdom in Sheol where you are going” (Ecclesiastes 9:10). I do not agree with all the personal philosophies of Nelson Mandela, but he is right when he says, “There is no passion to be found in playing small – in settling for a life that is less than what you are capable of living.”

**Harness the power of faith in God.** “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). You have this built-in, God-given capacity to be all that you can be – to dream big dreams, to make a profound difference for good. Do you believe it? Part of the secret is replacing your limiting beliefs with empowering beliefs. You’re not just a “victim” of circumstances beyond your control. An example of a limiting belief is found in the lame man at the pool of Bethesda ( John 5:5-7). He was preoccupied with finding someone to put him in the pool when the water was stirred, while the real answer to his problem was standing right in front of him, in the Person of Jesus! We have all been conditioned to think a certain way, but in reality, we have the power to accomplish a whole lot of good things if we believe, with God’s help, that we can put these virtues into action (Luke 17:6).

**Model successful godly behavior.** Success leaves footprints. Someone has said, “Do what other successful people do, and you will be successful.” This is as true of spiritual success as it is in any realm. “Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). Follow the example of your Savior!

Other Christians can help as well. Do you want to do something well in the Lord’s work? Then learn as much as you can from someone who’s doing it well. Find a mentor, ask for advice, and then follow his or her godly example.

**Decide to succeed at all costs.** Successful people are not lucky. “Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity.” You’re going to make some mistakes along the way. A successful businessman turned an indecisive, insecure secretary into the finest secretary he’s ever had. He told her “Make some mistakes. Do the best you can, but let it rip and just start making decisions. There isn’t

anything you can foul up that we can’t fix.” That little piece of advice changed her life!

Too many Christians suffer from paralysis of analysis. In your effort to honorably do the Lord’s work, you’re going to make some mistakes. It is better to go forward and learn from these mistakes, than to remain inactive. Be clear on the goals you would like to accomplish, and prayerfully commit yourself to them. Indeed, “the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into His harvest (Luke 10:2).

-via *Focus Magazine*, Volume 5 No. 1.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Gilbert Hardy	Wayne Gooch
Bobbie Adcock	Jerry Gilbert
Mary Ruth Gardner	Wynell Casteel
Yvonne Sherbert	Charles Burns
Faye Cary	Christine Grissom
Ava Brooke Campbell	Matt Poff
Betty Faye Holt	Gladys Sandlin
Margaret Bedingfield	Pauline Jones
Sam Biggerstaff	Brent Lowman
Phillip Harwell	Hailee Walton
Una King Currier	Barbara Ogles
Paige Phillips	

### *In The Hospital:*

*Marie Bates*; Athens-Limestone Hospital – rm. 304  
*Connie Dollar*; Birmingham Hospital; Spain-Wallace  
*Kenneth Pressnell*; Decatur General Hosp. – CCU  
*Eli Williams*; St. Jude’s Hospital; Memphis, Tenn.  
*David Hartsell*; M.D. Anderson; Houston, Texas

### *Athens Convalescent Care:*

Hazel Toone, rm. 65

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B	Mae Bragg, rm. 57
Albert Norton, rm. 36	David Gardner, rm. 98
Frances Bowers, rm. 100	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Rosella Pugh, rm. 74	Irene Daniel, rm 92
Leroy Davenport, rm.	

**Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:**

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

**Shut-In:**

Reba Adams, at home

Lola Colwell, at home

Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74

Ruby Davis, Valley View Health, Madison, rm. 51-A

David/Martha Rice, Atria Regency, Mobile, rm. 17

**OUR SPRING MEETING:** Our meeting with *Sewell Hall* preaching is just one week away. This is the week to take time to invite and remind your friends about the meeting. There are cards in the vestibules for you to take and give to those you invite. Remember, if you are on facebook, we have a facebook event advertising the meeting. *Please mark that you are attending* and send the announcement to all your friends. That will help get the word out.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The *Capshaw church* in Capshaw beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. Services Monday through Friday will be at 7:00 p.m. The speakers for this meeting will be as follows: Sunday morning – *Lance Taylor*; Sunday evening – *John Michael Huggins*; Monday – *Joshua Weber*; Tuesday – *Eric Reynolds*; Wednesday – *Collier Raley*; Thursday – *Jonathan Reeder* and Friday – *Daniel Tucker*.

**TEACHER’S MEETING:** There will be a teachers’ meeting this afternoon at 4:30 in the little auditorium in the west wing.

**WORK GROUPS:** Work Group two will be meeting tonight after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group.

**NURSING HOME SINGING:** Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**THE RECORD:** *For the Week of April 15th*

**Sunday:**

Bible Classes.....	142
Morning Worship .....	187
Evening Worship.....	100

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes.....	106
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**Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, April 22nd:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer .....	Dan Reed
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord’s Supper	
Presiding .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Assisting .....	Marcus Morris
Serving .....	Will Chumbley..... Marvin Putman
.....	Brandon Griswold ..... Paul Hasting
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Stuart Wilson
Prayer .....	Marion Mitchell
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord’s Supper .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 22nd:

Usher .....	Ronnie Locke
Work Sound System .....	Nathaniel Adams

**Wednesday, April 25th:**

Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading.....	(Isaiah 42:1-13)
.....	Todd Williams
Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Invitation .....	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer .....	Bonnie Sutton

**Sunday, April 29th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader .....	Stefan Fudge
Prayer .....	Terry Andrews
Preaching .....	Sewell Hall
Lord’s Supper	
Presiding .....	Jordan Lovell
Assisting .....	Larry Mitchell
Serving .....	Tommy Burns ..... Todd Williams
.....	Russ Wulfekuhl ..... Landon Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Ronnie Locke

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer .....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching .....	Sewell Hall
Lord’s Supper .....	Jordan Lovell
Closing Prayer .....	Marcus Morris

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