

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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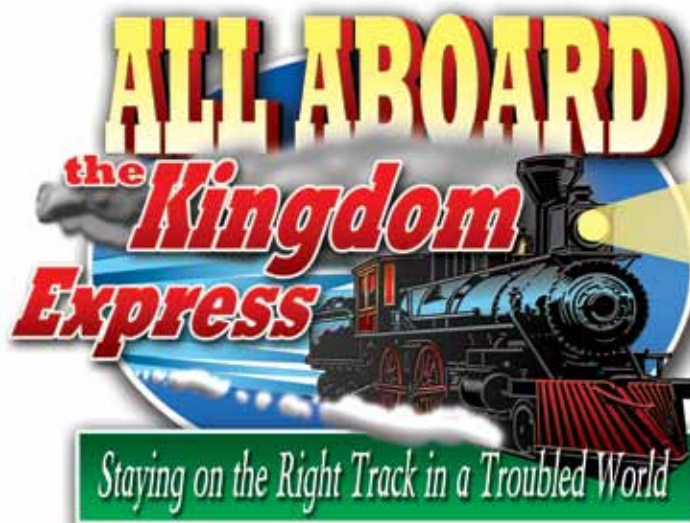
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David A. Cox, Editor

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Vacation Bible School

June 18 – 21, 2012

(Monday – Thursday)

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

Adult Class Speakers and Topics: *Staying On Track By...*

Monday – Scott Richardson

...Standing Up, Standing Out and Being Different

Tuesday – Ken Chapman

...Making Good Choices

Wednesday – Chris Bates

...Thinking of Others

Thursday – Randall Hammock

...Putting Jesus First

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ATHENS, ALABAMA

The Authority of Christ

David A. Cox

Where do we get authority for the things we practice in religion? If this question were asked of several different people, there would most likely be a varied response. Some would place their authority in men, or creeds, or mere human reasoning. However, all need to realize that those who will hear “well done, thou good and faithful servant” at the day of judgement, will be those who have done the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21). The Father sent His Son (Christ) to earth to fulfill His plan in saving man (1 John 4:14). Christ, after fulfilling the Father’s plan before He ascended back to heaven said, “All power is given to me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18). However, little attention is given to the authority of Christ in the day in which we live. Let us look at what the Scriptures teach about the authority Christ has.

The authority of Christ can be clearly seen throughout the New Testament. Hebrews 1:1-2 states this clearly as we read, “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son.” Also, Christ said in John 12:48, “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.” In Hebrews 5:9 the writer tells us that Christ is “the author of eternal salvation unto all that obey him.” Notice Christ said we are to be judged by the things that he taught concerning righteousness and our salvation is conditioned upon our obedience to Christ. Remember, Christ has all authority today (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:20-22) and will continue to have this authority until the resurrection; the end of time (1 Corinthians 15:24). No one shares this authority with Christ, not even Moses or any prophet or any man. Therefore, the only appeal we can make for our faith and practice is to the law of Christ, not the law of Moses, the teachings of the prophets, or the creeds of men. To look to any other source for our authority is to turn from the one true authority and would classify us with the workers of iniquity that Christ mentioned in Matthew 7:21-23. Indeed, no one wants to stand at the day of judgment and hear Christ say, “Depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Certainly, those that

stray from the authority of Christ (our lawgiver) are without the law (workers of iniquity). That being the case, it should behoove each one of us to examine ourselves and insure that we are walking “by faith and not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7) and accepting “what the Lord hath spoken!”

It is important that we understand that Christ delegated authority to the apostles. Therefore, the teaching and writing they did throughout the New Testament was a carrying out of Christ authority. We can see this further in John 13:20 where Christ says, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth him that sent me.” Christ inspired the apostles by sending the Holy Spirit to bring to remembrance all things Christ had taught and to guide them into to all truth (John 14:26; 16:13). Notice what Paul said to the Corinthians about his relation as an apostle of Christ, “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5:20). Paul said the apostles (we) were ambassadors (a representative sent in behalf of another having authority), and prayed in Christ’s stead. Certainly, no one can doubt the apostles spoke with authority they received from Christ. We see that Christ spoke of the authority that the apostles had as he said “whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19b). Indeed, the apostles spoke and wrote the things they were inspired to say and write by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:16-21; 1 Corinthians 2:11-13).

The authority of Christ was confirmed by the miracles that he worked while upon earth. In John 20:30-31 we read, “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God: and that believing ye might have life through his name.” Speaking of Christ, on the day of Pentecost, Peter said, “a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know” (Acts 2:22). Therefore, by these miracles Christ confirmed who He was, the Son of God, and established the fact that his authority came from God (John 3:1-2).

Therefore, let us humble and submit ourselves to the authority of Christ in all he has commanded us to do. And may we all abide in the things that we are in

taught in God's Word, remembering that it is by the law of Christ that we will be judged.

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A Painful Operation

Rick Duggin

In 1809, Dr. Ephriam McDowell's examination of a patient revealed that she had an abdominal tumor which would soon kill her. Though abdominal surgery was unheard of in those days, the women finally persuaded the doctor to operate.

The surgery lasted for twenty-six minutes and the twenty-two pound tumor was successfully removed. Since there were no anesthetics back then, the pain involved was almost unbearable. Why, then, would this woman so forcefully insist that the doctor inflict such agony on her? Quite simply, because she preferred the pain to its alternative, death.

One of the most painful examinations that any sincere seeker of truth must experience is the self examination which God requires of all men (2 Corinthians 13:5).

Our goal should be to examine our life with the same objectivity that God uses in evaluating our character. Since He knows about us (Hebrews 4:13), and since His "gauge" is the only accurate one, we should relish any proper correction in our life that is necessary. If the exam reveals a flaw in my character, and if I want to avoid spiritual death, I will gladly accept the correction. If I want to die, I can simply ignore the warnings or refuse to take the examination. It's that simple..

~via *The West End Way*; Richmond, Virginia.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come and Join Us As We Study Together

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Joe Leopard	Scottie Reed
Virginia Miller	Wynell Casteel
Yvonne Sherbert	Mary Ruth Gardner
David Hartsell	Betty Faye Holt
Charles Burns	Ava Brooke Campbell
Brent Lowman	Matt Poff
Faye Cary	Leroy Davenport
Phillip Harwell	Hailee Walton
Una King Currier	Barbara Ogles
Gladys Sandlin	Jeffery Miller

In The Hospital:

Bobbie Adcock; Athens-Limestone Hosp. – ICU
Frances Bowers; Athens-Limestone Hosp. – rm. 318
Kenneth Pressnell; Decatur General Hosp. – CCU
Eli Williams; St. Jude's Hospital; Memphis, Tenn.

Athens Convalescent Care:

Hazel Toone, rm. 10 Mary Holt, rm. 100
Beulah Pope, rm. 100

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B Mae Bragg, rm. 57
Albert Norton, rm. 36 Marie Bates, rm. 97
Rosella Pugh, rm. 74 J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Cogburn Health & Rehab - Huntsville:

David Gardner, rm. 101-B

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

ED HARRELL SPEAKING TODAY: *Ed Harrell* is with us today and will be speaking at all three services. We look forward to hearing him and are glad that he is able to arrange this time to be with us. He will give us a report on the work in India that he has been doing and also a report on the men that the Market Street church support in India and Mymar (Burma).

LADIES BIBLE CLASS BEGINS TUESDAY: The Ladies Bible class is meeting on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying the topic of teaching children as parents, grandparents, aunts, etc. It will also look at teaching in the classroom setting as well.

PLACEMENT MEMBERSHIP: *Ruth Legg* has expressed her desire to be a part of the Market Street church. Ruth has been a member here for many years in the past and we are glad to have her back among us... *Alvis and Ann McLemore* have been visiting with us for some time on Sunday evenings and Wednesday nights. They have let it be known that they desire to be a part of the work here at Market Street and we are glad to have them with us. Let us extend a warm welcome to them.

GOSPEL MEETINGS & VBS: *The Elgin Hills church* in Elgin is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Steve Klein*.

SINGING: The *Jordan Park church* in Huntsville will be conducting a sing on Friday night, June 22nd. The singing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Tommy Coblentz and all the family*, in passing of Tommy's sister, *Joan Greenwald*. She past away last Sunday afternoon in Maine... Also, we want to extend our sympathy to *Marvin Putman* and all the family in the passing of Marvin's father, *James Putman* this past Monday morning. His funeral was Wednesday afternoon at Limestone Chapel.

CONFESSION: *Kevyn Currier* confessed that he had sinned not been the kind of influence in his family and to others that he should be in the service of the Lord. He asked for our prayers on his behalf. May we seek to encourage Kevyn as he will encourage us in our lives we live as children of God.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our Vacation Bible School will begin in the morning at 10:00 a.m. It will continue through Thursday morning. There will be classes for all ages and there will be a speaker each morning in the adult class. I hope everyone that is able will be here in attendance.

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

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

THE RECORD: *For the Week of June 10th*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 131
Morning Worship 181
Evening Worship..... 110
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 112

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Jordan Lovell
Preaching Ed Harrell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Kenneth Smith
Assisting Ronnie Locke
Serving Brandon Griswold ... Larry Mitchell
..... Maurice Dollar Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching Ed Harrell
Lord's Supper Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 17th:

Usher Paul Hasting
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, June 20th:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading..... Isaiah 44:9-20
..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer Joel Hamm
Invitation Chris Bates
Closing Prayer Jordan Lovell

Sunday, June 24th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Stuart Wilson
Assisting Tommy Coblentz
Serving Will Chumbley..... Jordan Lovell
..... Russ Wulfekuhl ... Nathaniel Adams
Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements Marcus Morris
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Stuart Wilson
Closing Prayer Terry Andrews

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 24th:

Usher Jonathan Keenon
Work Sound System Marty Adams