

# 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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## *For The Remission of Sins*

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On the day of Pentecost 50 days after Christ's crucifixion and about 10 days after His ascension, the apostles, together in Jerusalem, received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). As promised, the Holy Spirit called to their remembrance the words of Jesus and guided them into all truth that He had yet to teach them (cf. John 14:26; 16:12-15), and thus they were able to preach the "*wonderful works of God*", with authority and power (Acts 2:11). On this occasion, Peter stood up and preached Christ crucified, accusing the listening Jews of rejecting and murdering God's Messiah, and boldly declaring that God raised this Jesus from the dead to be both Lord and Christ. Upon hearing this message, the Jews were cut to the heart and turned to Peter and the rest of the apostles to ask what they could do to escape the wrath of God (Acts 2:37). In response to this earnest plea, Peter gave a command – a command bound first in heaven, now to be bound on earth by the apostles (Mark 16:19) – "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), that is, repent and be baptized in order to obtain forgiveness of sins.

Some argue that the little word **for** in this passage means not "to obtain" but "because of," striving to prove that baptism is not a condition of forgiveness but an outward sign that a person had already been forgiven, not because they still needed to be saved.

An appeal to the language of Acts 2:38 reveals the error of this theory. One can show by researching in authoritative Greek lexicons (such as Thayer's or Strong's) that *for* (Greek, *eis*) does not mean "because of," but denotes purpose. In fact, Thayer notes that the Greek phrase here translated "for the remission of sins" literally means "to obtain the forgiveness of sins" (*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, p. 94).

Consequently, the New Revised Standard Version translates this phrase, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven." Interestingly enough, Edgar J. Goodspeed, the Baptist theologian and Greek scholar who translated the American Translation of the New Testament, evidently drew much

### 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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criticism from his denominational peers for abandoning faith-only theology in striving to accurately translate the text of Acts 2:38 – “Peter said to them, ‘You must repent, and every one of you, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, in order to have your sins forgiven...’” (Goodspeed; cf. Reese, *New Testament History – Acts*, p. 78). Furthermore, the exact same Greek phrase is used in Matthew 26:28 by Jesus Himself – “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Surely no one would argue that Jesus sacrificed Himself because the sins of the world were already forgiven, but so that the world might obtain the forgiveness of sins.

Just looking at the context of Acts 2:38 shows that a casual use of *for* does not make logical sense: the Jews were not rejoicing in their saved condition, but were cut to the heart because of their tremendous guilt and shame. These persons wanted to know what they must do in order to be saved, and Peter responded by inspiration of the Holy Spirit to that earnest question. Furthermore, if Peter meant that his audience should be baptized because they had already been saved – he said that repentance was “*for the remission of sins*” too. However, the scriptures show that repentance (a change of will/mind and a turning toward God caused by a sorrow for sin) must precede salvation, not follow it – “godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation” (2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV; see also 2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 9:13; Luke 13:5; Acts 3:19).

All of these factors examined, Acts 2:38 simply cannot be properly handled to advocate the doctrine that baptism follows the salvation of a believer in Jesus. Peter, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, clearly commands that believers must repent and be baptized in order to obtain the forgiveness of sins, that is, in order to be saved. And Peter never changed his story!

“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.” (1 Peter 3:21).

~via *College View Columns*, Florence, Alabama

### ***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*

## ***The Daze of Summer***

**Bubba Garner**

As the children of Israel gathered at the foot of Mt. Sinai in Exodus 19, they were filled with awe at God’s majesty and respect for God’s holiness. The Sinai Summit was calculated to strike fear in the heart of every Hebrew. God wanted to insure they understood that you don’t stroll casually into the Holy Presence: God is to be respected.

Everything about the Sinai experience speaks of reverence, holy fear, and the deepest veneration for Jehovah. It’s as if God is saying, “Don’t become frivolous nor too familiar in My presence. Take Me seriously.” According to Exodus 19:16, the skies were filled with lightning and thunder, the mountain quaked, a thick cloud settled upon the summit and the people trembled with fear. They should have, after all, they were in the presence of God.

Why did God choose to reveal Himself to the Hebrews in such a miraculous way? Moses gave the answer in Exodus 20:20 when he said, “God has come in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin.” That’s it. God wanted them to have a healthy fear of Him so they would think twice before engaging in sin. Mark this down: someone who turns to sin does not have a fear of God. Fear is not necessarily a bad thing. Wholesome respect for the all-powerful Judge serves as a marvelous deterrent to sin. “The conclusion, when all have been heard,” said the wise man, “is to fear God and keep His commandments” (Ecclesiastes 12: 13).

### **Have You Been to the Mountain?**

My son and I for two summers have conquered 6593’ Mt. LeConte in the Great Smoky Mountains. It’s hardly a pleasure stroll to LeConte’s rocky top summit but once you’ve made it, it’s easy to sense God’s presence. I have never been to the mountain when I was not filled with a sense of awe and inclined to worship. The words, “O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder...” seem to come easily when surrounded by such serenity.

But we are not always standing on top of the mountain nor surrounded by such serenity. If there are

mountains, there must be valleys. May I remind you that we are always walking in God's presence no matter where we are. David asks in Psalms 139:7, "Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence?" The answer? There is no place. God is a part of our life every day and a part of our everyday life. In other words, He's in the big stuff and... in the small stuff too (Matthew 10: 29-31). He cares about the entire world you live in (after all, He created it), and He cares about the ordinary details of your life. But make no mistake: You stand in His holy presence every day. Every Day.

### **What Does It Mean?**

Showing reverence for God every day means:

1. I think about what I say. The young boy in the back seat of our car caught more than our attention when he remarked repeatedly, "Oh, my God." How casually we use His holy name. Young people, THINK! And the same goes for us older ones. God's name is holy (Psalm 111:9) and is to be so used. One of the ten commandments from the summit of Sinai proclaimed, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

2. I think about what I do. "But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior" (1 Peter 1:15). Christianity is practical and relevant every day. For example, we show reverence for God when we show up for work (on time) and labor responsibly (Colossians 3:22-25). We show respect for Him when we choose to abstain from sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3) or determine to tell the truth regardless of the consequences (Ephesians 4:25). When we understand that we walk in God's sight each day, it changes our way of walking.

3. I spend some special time with Him. There are some things you do every day. Breathing is one. Eating is another. Spending time with God is equally vital. To do that you need three things: (1) you need a place that's conducive to meditation and prayer, (2) you need to be prepared (God made sure the Hebrews understood that you don't approach the Throne with an idle mind or flippant attitude), (3) you need the Scriptures. The same Moses reminded his generation that the words of God "are your life" (Deuteronomy 32:46,47). One of the problems I see with Christians is that we don't know the Book because we don't spend much time in it every day. Have you breathed today? Eaten today?

Read your Bible today?

Showing reverence for God is a daily discipline. May we never forget who we are nor Whom we serve.

~via *Topics For Thought*; Haleyville, Alabama

## **Radio Program**

**Every Sunday Morning**

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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## **News & Notes**

### **THE SICK:**

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

### **In The Hospital:**

*Charles Burns*; Crestwood Hosp. – rm. 326  
*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      Frances Bowers, rm.  
Bobbie Adcock, rm.      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

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. If you are a lady, and are able to meet with them, please join them in this study.

**NEW QUARTER IN BIBLE CLASSES:** Today begins a new quarter in the Bible classes here at Market Street. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the teachers this past quarter and I look forward to the coming quarter in our Bible Classes. If you are not attending our Bible classes, this would be a great time to begin.

**WORK GROUPS:** Work Group three will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, 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 24th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 134  
Morning Worship ..... 179  
Evening Worship..... 110

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes..... 112



## *Gospel Meeting*

September 16-20, 2012

(Sunday through Thursday)

#### Schedule of Services

Sunday 9:30 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday— 7:00 p.m.

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### **Men Privileged To Serve:**

#### ***Sunday, July 1st:***

##### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jordan Lovell  
Assisting ..... Joel Hamm  
Serving ..... Marvin Putman ..... Dan Lovell  
..... Marcus Morris ..... Hunter Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Jonathan Keenon

##### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Ronnie Locke  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Jordan Lovell  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

#### Other Assignments for Sunday, July 1st:

Usher ..... Delmer Carter  
Work Sound System ..... Landon Adams

#### ***Wednesday, July 4th:***

Song Leader ..... Marty Adams  
Bible Reading ..... Isaiah 44:21-28  
..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
Prayer ..... Nathaniel Adams  
Invitation ..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz

#### ***Sunday, July 8th:***

##### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Preaching ..... Jordan Parsley  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Terry Andrews  
Assisting ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Serving ..... Mot Dollar ..... Marion Pepper  
..... Paul Hasting ..... Danny Johnson  
Closing Prayer ..... Todd Williams

##### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Joel Hamm  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Dan Reed  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Terry Andrews  
Closing Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell

#### Other Assignments for Sunday, July 8th:

Usher ..... Larry Mitchell  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams