

# 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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## *How Does One Obtain Eternal Life?*

**Lowell Sallee**

"And a certain ruler asked him saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life" (Luke 18:18)? How does one obtain eternal life?

One is called to eternal life. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12). How is one "called" to eternal life? Again the apostle Paul says, "Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:14). The gospel of Jesus Christ is what "calls" us to eternal life.

One must believe in Christ to obtain eternal life. "Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting" (1 Timothy 1:16). One of the most beautiful passages in all the Bible says "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). How important is it really to believe in Christ? Jesus says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

Eternal life is in Jesus Christ. "And this is record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:11-12). How does one get "in" Christ? Paul, by inspiration, gives us the answer. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27). One that has heard the gospel of Jesus Christ and believes it will then be baptized into Christ wherein is eternal life (Ephesians 1:3).

One must be freed from sin to obtain eternal life. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit

unto holiness, and the end everlasting life” (Romans 6:22). How is one “made free from sin”? Paul says, “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Romans 6:17-18). This “doctrine” that Paul speaks of is the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the “power of God unto salvation” (Romans 1:16).

One must walk according to the fruits of the Spirit. “For he that soweth to his flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Galatians 6:8). One that “soweth to the Spirit” is one that adds to his life “the fruits of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22-25).

Each of us must apply all these things, not just pick one or two, to our life to obtain eternal life. Have you?

~via *Sandlin Road church Newsletter*; Elkmont, Alabama



## ***I Hate Sin***

**Matthew H. Allen**

I hate sin. I absolutely hate it. I hate it because it can wreak havoc in marriages. I hate it because it causes couples who formerly had a burning love for each other to become bitter, spiteful, and ridiculous. I hate it because I have seen its effects destroy entire families. I hate it for its destruction of trust and good faith in people. Sin makes it so easy to become cynical.

I hate it because it can devastate a life filled with endless opportunity and promise. I hate how it destroys the best of friendships. I hate it because it deceives us into thinking that it's not a big deal. I hate sin because it says there will be little or no consequence for wrongdoing. I hate it for the bad attitudes it causes. I hate it because it impedes the forward progress being made within a local congregation of the Lord's people. I hate it because it separates man from God - “But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not

hear” (Isaiah 59:2). Most importantly, I hate it because if there is no repentance it brings forth spiritual death. “For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).

These are just a few of the reasons why I hate sin. I must confess that this intense hatred was not always there. There are still times when I flirt with it and even succumb to its myriad of temptations. Even after owning up to my wrong doings (confessing my sins to God); asking God for forgiveness (1 John 1:9-10); and moving forward with my life-there is still the memory of the dreadful behavior to haunt me. Yes, this is one of the unforeseen consequences to sinful behavior. This was something that Paul had to deal with throughout his life. “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, putting me into service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all” (1 Timothy 1:12-15).

After putting on Christ through the waters of baptism (Galatians 3:26-27) we must begin to develop extreme dislike (hatred) for sin. This principle is found in a commandment given to the Israelites. Deuteronomy 7:26 says: “You shall not bring an abomination into your house, and like it come under the ban; you shall utterly detest it and you shall utterly abhor it, for it is something banned.” Note Psalm 119:113: “I hate those who are double-minded, But I love Your law.”

We should hate sin because it defiles. We need to picture sin as being dirty; grimy; rotten; putrid; or just plain awful. The Bible paints a clear picture showing our need to be cleansed from it. Psalm 51:2 and 7 show this clearly: “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” See also Isaiah 1:18 and 1 John 1:7.

Our hatred for sin will also grow as our desire for heaven increases. Why? Sin will keep a soul out of heaven! In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are writ-

ten in the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 21:25-27).

I don't know about you, but as I grow older I find myself tiring of the temptation; grief; anguish; disappointment; and heartache associated with sin. I want to be in a place where the wiles of the devil pose no threat to me! I want to be in a place where he will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

I encourage every Christian to develop a healthy dislike for sin. Don't let the devil deceive you into thinking there will be no consequence for sin. Don't let yourself be conned into the idea that your sins will not be found out. "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). Remember the truth found in Hebrews 4:13: "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."

Let us have the courage to repent when we find ourselves dirtied with sin. If sin is wreaking havoc in your relationships with friends, family, and Jesus Christ-resolve now that you are going to do something about it! Doing so will help you to realize many of the blessings of this life and joyously anticipate the life that is to come.

~via *Biblical Insights*, Vol. 1 No. 11; November 2001.

## The Market Street church of Christ Website at:

**MarketStreet-church.com**

### On The Site You Will Find:

1. Information about the Market Street church.
2. The Market Street Messenger in .pdf format
3. Sermons preached at Market Street.

*Please Visit the Site Regularly.*

# News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Albert Bowers  
Lawinda Keenon  
Yvonne Sherbert  
Will Carl Sullivan  
Charles Burns  
Jeffery Miller  
Matt Poff  
Mary Holt  
Marie Bates  
Phillip Harwell  
Gladys Sandlin

Gladys Johnson  
Wynell Casteel  
Mary Ruth Gardner  
Betty Faye Holt  
Ava Brooke Campbell  
Henry Hobbs  
David Hartsell  
Reverie Barksdale  
Leroy Davenport  
Una King Currier

### *In The Hospital:*

*Joe Olson*; Huntsville Hosp. – rm. 1645  
*Eli Williams*; St. Jude's Hospital; Memphis, Tenn.

### *Athens Convalescent Care:*

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

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B    Mae Bragg, rm. 57  
Albert Norton, rm. 36    Frances Bowers, rm. 37  
Bobbie Adcock, rm 113-A    Rosella Pugh, rm. 74  
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

### *Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:*

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

### *Huntsville 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

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

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Wooley Springs church* near Ardmore is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. Services Monday through Friday will be at 7:00p.m. *Frank Walton of Madison* is the speaker in this meeting.

**SINGING:** There is a singing this Friday night at the *Jackson Heights church* in Columbia, Tennessee. The

song leaders will be *Tim Stevens* and *Gary Braswell*. The sing will begin at 7:00p.m.

**DEACONS:** Remember the elders last week asked the congregation to look out among us and see if there are any men that would be qualified to serve as deacons and desire to do so. For those you know that are qualified and desire to serve please turn their names in to be placed before the congregation. There are sheets of paper for you to write your name and the name of those you believe should be appointed, on the table by the bulletins at each exit.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Rogers: Kim and Peyton* have been on vacation in Vernon this past weekend... *Helen Blankenship* is in Florida this week.

**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 Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Sunday:**

Bible Classes..... 134  
Morning Worship ..... 172  
Evening Worship..... 116

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes..... 100



## 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 22nd:**

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Song Leader ..... Stuart Wilson  
Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Marion Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Marty Adams  
Serving ..... Stefan Fudge..... Dwaine Allfrey  
..... Harold Davis..... Will Chumbley  
Closing Prayer ..... Jordan Lovell

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblentz  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer ..... Jonathan Keenon  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Marion Mitchell  
Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 22nd:

Usher ..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
Work Sound System ..... Nathaniel Adams

**Wednesday, July 25th:**

Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Bible Reading..... Isaiah 45:20-25  
..... Danny Johnson  
Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith  
Invitation ..... Dan Reed  
Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Adams

**Sunday, July 29th:**

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Terry Andrews  
Preaching ..... TBA  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Kenneth Smith  
Assisting ..... Larry Mitchell  
Serving ..... Nathaniel Adams... Keenon Currier  
..... Brandon Griswold... Delmer Carter  
Closing Prayer ..... Marty Adams

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Prayer ..... Stuart Wilson  
Preaching ..... TBA  
Lord's Supper ..... Kenneth Smith  
Closing Prayer ..... Benton Ball

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 29th:

Usher ..... Marion Mitchell  
Work Sound System ..... Landon Adams