

# 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

514 West Market Street  
P.O. Box 388  
Athens, Alabama 35612  
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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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Bonnie Sutton..... (256) 232-2081

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Marty R. Adams..... (256) 233-5147  
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## *The Household of God*

**Dee Bowman**

One of the truly expressive figures used to describe the church of our Lord is the terminology, household of God. The implications of that metaphor are several and very expressive. It calls to mind family, relations, kinspeople, home and hearth, and all that is connected to these great terms.

A house is made a home when there is love in it. A good home is founded on love. The household of God is a house filled with love. God is the Father and He is love (1 John 4:8). We are the children of God (1 John 3:1). The house of God is filled with His love, so we ought also to love one another. "...for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7). Love is the basis for this household; it is the essence of this household; it is the bond of this household; it is the divine motive in this household. Without love there is no household of God.

A home is a place for instruction, a place for growing. The household of God provides a place to receive the instruction necessary to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:18). It is here that the children of the Father are furnished with the "sincere milk of the word," the nutrition they need to grow to maturity. The church of the Lord has as one of its major missions the promulgation of the gospel message, not just for the world, but in order to edify itself, to build up the body (Ephesians 4:11-13), to make the household stronger. I should not have to remind you that a home without love in it inevitably shrivels up and dies. Need I make an application to the church?

A good home must have discipline, lovingly administered, in order to function properly. A home where there is no penalty for disobedience will soon either deteriorate from internal putridity or it will implode, one or the other. We need to know how to "behave in the house of God" (1 Timothy 3:15). When each member of the family just "does his own thing," sure chaos is the result. Discipline is necessary to order. Discipline is necessary to good health. The local church that does not

practice legitimate and scriptural discipline is inviting disaster. The family is subject to the father. That's God's eternal plan. Discipline, properly and lovingly administered produces the highest sort of results (see 2 Corinthians 7:9-11). "Children, obey your parents" (Ephesians 6:1) is not a suggestion, it is an imperative. And to disobey it regarding your spiritual Father is the same as disregarding your physical father. Both are a sin. Discipline in the home—or in the local church—is necessary to orderliness, to the development and maintenance of unity.

Finally, a home is a retreat. It's a place to go to get away from the pressures and intimidations of the so-called "daily grind." It's a place to which you escape, a place to rejuvenate, a place to rest from the arduous tasks, to retire from the constant pressures, to know peace and tranquility for a time. It's amazing how some people see no need for assembling with the saints—being with other members of the family—when there is so much to be gained from it. It's self-deprivation, that's what it is. It makes no sense. "Let us consider one another to stir up love and good works" (Hebrews 10:23). That's what being with the family is all about. It's about stirring up the good stuff. It's about reciprocal encouragement, mutual comfort, deriving strength from knowing there are others who are battling the immoral rages, others who are seeking to overcome the decadence in the workaday world, others who are struggling with nagging health problems or temptations of some sort, all of whom are headed in the same direction, pressing toward the same goal, persevering to the same end, entertaining a common hope. How wonderful for the family to get together. The church is a spiritual haven in a turbulent time.

When you get right down to it, there's no place like home.

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

## *Congregational Singing*

Friday, February 22, 2013 — 7:00p.m.

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Athens, Alabama

## *Perilous Times*

**Dale Smelser**

We live in divisive times. When an American thinks of such, he painfully thinks back to the 1960's and 1970's and the Vietnam Era. I think it possible that we are more deeply divided now. Some of the "activists" of that time have changed their destructive ways. They have become a part of the system and life styles they once despised. Some have written recantations, and actually oppose the things they once championed in their riotous youth. I do not expect today's activists who worship at the altar of the Woodstock generation, to ever do that. For one thing those back then were young, although spurred on by those who should have known better. Those who follow in their steps today are older and more European in outlook, and very bitter because they have not captured the numbers of young people they think they are entitled to.

By European, I mean secular socialism. I am not concerned here with the "socialism." That is a subject for debate elsewhere. I am concerned with the secular aspect of their affections. They want every element of moral advocacy abolished from public life. How did a country that began as this country began with such strong religious roots and motivation, get to where the culture is now? Before exploring that, the populace we are discussing is very bitter in its realization that the victory they thought would come about so easily seems to be stalling. It is not that their ideas are dying. It is simply that they are meeting more successful opposition. So, in spite of all their efforts, of all the civilized and industrialized countries in the world, the United States still stands as the most religious. The current is running strongly in two directions. We live in divisive times. As for those opposed to righteousness, we see a demonstration of Paul's words when he said to Timothy, "Evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13).

It might be interesting to view what has happened in the just past century, probably the bloodiest the world has ever known, where besides two World Wars, two nations, China and Russia, were responsible for the deaths of 80 millions of their own people.

I was recently writing something about a Christian in the 1950's and her strong moral values, and noted

that some might think those values were just typical of the 50's. I then recalled that the 50's were anything but puritanical. As George Will once commented, the 1950's were pregnant with the 1960's. The nation for some time had been headed toward relaxed morality. "German Rationalism" had affected theology by the beginning of the 20th Century. Religion lost some of its moral impact. American writers were expressing sexual permissiveness. World War I probably delayed what would come later to be known as the "new morality," though what the soldier boys brought back from Europe certainly found expression in the Roaring Twenties. And that roaring was only subdued by the Great Depression and World War II. But after two world wars where we became involved in Europe's affairs, America now, after charting its own course and leading the world in development, and relishing its separation from Europe, was looking back at Europe's ways.

For all the problems of war torn Europe, there was a kind of sophistication in behavior the newer nation seemed now to covet. Given lessened inhibition, occurring because religion had become less serious and more pragmatic and social, and given the prosperity that followed the war, these allowed the occurrence of what had been fomenting for half a century. Quite religious people were practicing things and allowing a liberty to children that many at the beginning of the 21st Century are beginning to curtail.

So while some are growing ever more lax, others are beginning to stoutly oppose such perilous tendency. This only intensifies the spiritual and cultural divide that now exists. But I am seeing Christians with more strength than many had in the 50's. I see parents who are rearing their children more strictly with higher values. I see young people with greater strengths than I did in the 50's. So while wickedness increases, so are efforts of righteousness. This battle is not over yet. I hope you are enlisted.

-via *Riverdale Bulletin*; Widercroft, Maryland.

## 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*

# Beacon of Truth

## 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:

Marjorie Dunnivant	Nancy Abernathy
Marvin Wales	James Adams
Gwen Bullock	Kim Rogers
Mary Ruth Gardner	Gilbert Hardy
Wynell Casteel	Wayne Gooch
Bruce Mordecai	Una King Currier
Ronald Harrison	David Hartsell
Abby Gilbert	Betty Faye Holt
Phillip Harwell	Carrie Miller
Charles Burns	Ava Brooke Campbell
Matt Poff	Shelia Dunnivant Douglas

### In the Hospital:

Joyce Tinnon; Athens-Limestone Hosp.;

### Athens Convalescent Care:

Beulah Pope, rm. 100     Mattye Murray, rm. 60

### Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B     Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B

Albert Norton, rm. 36     J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

Rosella Pugh, rm. 74     Billy Sutton, rm. 29

### Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 29-E

### Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

### Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home

Lola Colwell, at home

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home  
Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 45

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** Remember the Ladies' Bible class that meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are continuing the study, "*The Barnabas Factor*". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

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

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Tim, Cindy and Brandon Griswold** in the passing of Tim's mother, **Callie Griswold**, last Sunday evening. The visitation and funeral was Thursday at Spry Funeral Home. She was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery... Also, we want to express our deepest sympathy to **Alvis and Ann McLemore** in the passing of their son-in-law, **Larry Gilbert**, on Wednesday afternoon. The visitation was Friday evening at Limestone Chapel and the funeral was Saturday afternoon in Dawson, Alabama with the burial in the Lusk Cemetery... Also, we express our deepest sympathy to **Ann McLemore** in the passing of her uncle, **Hollis Birdwell**. He passed away on Wednesday and his funeral was Saturday in Arab, Alabama.

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL:** The Children's Bible Drill is each Sunday afternoon at 4:40 and lasts about 15 minutes. It meets in the auditorium and will end about 5 minutes before the beginning of our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to be present this evening for the Bible drill.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for Week of January 13th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 124  
Morning Worship ..... 160  
Evening Worship..... 92

**Wednesday:**  
Bible Classes..... 90



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## Men Privileged To Serve:

### *Sunday, January 20th:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Kenneth Smith  
Assisting ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
Serving ..... Russ Wulfekuhl ..... Landon Adams  
..... Brandon Griswold ... Tommy Burns  
Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer ..... Marcus Morris  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Kenneth Smith  
Closing Prayer ..... Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 20th:

Usher ..... Mot Dollar  
Work Sound System ..... Marty Adamss

### *Wednesday, January 23rd:*

Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Bible Reading..... Isaiah 59:9-15  
..... Jack Cannon  
Prayer ..... Todd Williams  
Invitation ..... David Cox  
Closing Prayer ..... Nathaniel Adams

### *Sunday, January 27th:*

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Keith Hinkle  
Song Leader ..... Tyler Cox  
Prayer ..... Dan Reed  
Preaching ..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Larry Mitchell  
Assisting ..... Bonnie Sutton  
Serving ..... Keenon Currier ..... Marvin Putman  
..... Danny Johnson ..... Stefan Fudge  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Keith Hinkle  
Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
Prayer ..... Terry Andrews  
Preaching ..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Larry Mitchell  
Closing Prayer ..... Ronnie Locke

Other Assignments for Sunday, January 27th:

Usher ..... Jonathan Keenon  
Work Sound System ..... Nathaniel Adams