

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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"For We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight"

David A. Cox

As Paul is writing to the church at Corinth, he speaks of the confidence he has in them to live as they ought. Paul, speaking of this confidence, says in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith and not by sight." Paul tells them his confidence is based on their walk by faith and laboring for the Lord. This is something that all children of God should do if they are going to be "accepted of Him."

What is Walking By Faith?

What does Paul mean when he says "we walk by faith?" First, Paul does not mean that one should just be sincere and believe that what he is doing is right. More is involved in walking by faith than just doing what one believes is right. In Romans 10:17, we learn that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Therefore, to walk by faith is to walk by the word of God, not by what man might believe or think. The psalmist said concerning the word, that it is "a lamp unto my feet and a light to my pathway" (Psalm 119:105). The word of God is what is to guide us, directing our steps so that we might understand what the will of the Lord is. And then we live in accordance with His will as we walk by faith. Paul stressing the importance of faith in our walk as Christians says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23). All we do in service to God must be by faith.

Faith Must Be Active; Alive

Knowing the will of God is not enough if we are going to walk by faith. Our faith must be active and obedient if we are walking "by faith and not by sight." In the sermon on the mount, Jesus mentions those that are sincere and know the Lord's will, but have failed to do the will of God. In Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity."

Jesus shows here that to be accepted, man must not just say I believe, but do the Father's will. That will is given to us through the word of God. Paul, writing to Timothy said, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

In James 2, James says that a faith that is alive and acceptable will be active and working. Notice James says, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; not withstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:14-17). A living and acceptable faith is one that acts upon the faith one has, not just saying "I believe." James stated that even the devils had faith and tremble (James 2:19), but obviously they were not walking by faith as God desires. Rather, if one is going to walk by faith then he will do what God desires.

This activation of faith is brought about by our love for God. Paul told the Galatians, "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love" (Galatians 5:6). As we by faith learn the love that God had for us (John 3:16; Romans 5:8), this should move us by faith to want to please Him and do His will.

Do We Walk By Faith?

Do we have the confidence that Paul expressed in the Corinthians because of our walk by faith? As we seek to serve God, are our practices according to the faith of God received through His word or according to the teachings of men? Have you submitted to the Lord's will to become a child of His? We must look to God's word and examine the scriptures in order to be assured that we are walking by faith. Many err thinking they have eternal life but have failed to walk according to the faith that comes from God's word.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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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Is Your Faith Based on Evidence?

Stephen Russell

In the minds of so many today religion is something that is good for the mental well-being of an individual. It has been relegated to being little more than a fairy tale that makes people feel good. That's okay if it makes you feel good then go ahead and believe in that, some will say in a condescending tone. Can your faith stand this ridicule? The answer for many has been a disappointing no as they have given in to questions of the Creation or the deity of Jesus Christ. How do you view your faith? Is it something you have because it makes you feel good or is it something you have developed as a result of learning truth that leads to reasonable conclusions? Hopefully it is the latter.

How do we ground ourselves in the faith? "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). It is through intensive study of God's word that we come to know more assuredly the truth of God and His Son. This should be the primary focus of anyone seeking more confidence in the Word. Read the Word.

What about scientists, historians, and the like? It should be any Christian's assertion that the Bible is true in every field it addresses. Whether science, history, hygiene, etc., it is always accurate. With that in mind we should not fear to address any question from any one of these fields. I do not believe we need PhDs or years of research in all of these areas to discuss them. Nor do I believe that we need extensive knowledge in

these areas to have a properly grounded faith. But if you are going to get into a discussion don't be afraid to do a little research. Don't be afraid that science will refute your faith. If your faith has been grounded as it should be then you will approach any subject knowing that the truth is on God's side and therefore you will find the truth in these areas. The evidence in these fields to support God is overwhelming.

We do not need to concede that we cannot prove our faith. We do not need to think that we believe in something as ill supportable as the idea that the earth is flat. Our faith is based on evidence. Our faith can be proved. We are rational people drawing rational conclusions. What is the alternative? It is a very prevalent alternative which says, I don't care about facts, my faith is in my heart. God has never expected faith without evidence. John says of his writings, "but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). Evidence is given; a verdict is demanded.

In conclusion, let me offer a word of caution. If you are tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, then you need to take extreme care (cf. Ephesians 4:14). This type of person is not the type of person who is established in the doctrine inside of the Word much less the premise of whether it is even from God. This person needs to establish himself with the ability to come to a firm conclusion and hold with conviction. And that doesn't matter whether he is talking to a brother in Christ or an atheist. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

~via *The Stanley Avenue Bulletin*, Andalusia, Alabama.

Gospel Meeting

October 13-17, 2013

(Sunday through Thursday)

Gardner Hall, Speaking

Market Street church of Christ

514 West Market Street

Athens, Alabama

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Gayle Ball	Robert Beasley
Judy Vaughn	Gwen Bullock
Betty Hastings	Wynell Casteel
Abby Gilbert	Charles White
Jerry Taylor	Robin Legg
Ava Brooke Cambell	Charles Burns
Barbara Piper	Phillip Harwell
Matt Poff	Una King Currier
David Hartsell	

In The Hospital:

Marvin Wales, Huntsville Hospital, rm. 627

Elizabeth Kate Miller, St. Jude's Hospital; – Memphis

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

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

Harvey Pope, rm. 43 Dorothy Draper, rm. 97

Robert Johnson, rm. 18 Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102

Dyral Allfrey, rm. 80

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

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

Limestone Manor:

Jack Cannon, rm. 91

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home

Lola Colwell, at home

Mary Ruth Gardner, at home

David Rice, Mobile, Alabama

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUT OF TOWN: The *The Williams: Julie, Matthew and Philip* have been in Savannah, Georgia this week visiting Julie's sister... *Nancy Abernathy* is in Arkansas this week... *Nancy Hardison* is in North Carolina visiting her sister.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: This past week the Market Street church was engaged in its annual Vaca-

tion Bible School. It was truly a blessing to be here and to be a part of the things that were going on. The classes were well attended. We had an average attendance each morning of 131. There were 95 different children that came to the VBS. I know of several that had planned to be here, but sickness or situations beyond their control prevented them from being able to be here. Without doubt, all who were able to be here were edified, strengthened and encouraged by the week. **Brother Ed Harrell** and his wife, **Dee Dee** were with us this week and it was truly a pleasure to have them. Brother Harrell did his work well. I appreciate all those that helped with the preparation for the classes. Indeed, this was truly a collective effort by many and the seed was sown into the hearts of those who came. Thank you to all for your work and support.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Northside church** in Lexington is beginning a gospel meeting this week with **Larsen Plyler** preaching. The meeting will continue through Friday...The **Fourth Street church** is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. **Paul Earnhart** preaching...The **Isbell church** in Franklin County will be beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. **Don Miller** preaching.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible will resume meeting this Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the books of "Proverbs". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

SUPPORT TO OKLAHOMA: The church at Market Street has begun to support brother **Micah Legg** in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He moved there the first of June to begin work with the church there. Let us remember Micah and the work he is doing. Micah is the grandson of **Ruth Legg**.

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember **Mitzi Carruth's** son-in-law, **Joel Smith**, who is in Afghanistan serving the U. S. military. Keep him in your prayers.

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.

THE RECORD: Attendance for Week of June 9th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 126
Morning Worship 170
Evening Worship..... 147
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 110

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 16th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Steve Bradley
Assisting Marty Adams
Serving Brandon Griswold David Terry
..... Russ Wulfekuhl Kenneth Adams
Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements Joel Hamm
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Steve Bradley
Closing Prayer Ronnie Locke

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 16th:

Usher Jerry McGlocklin
Work Sound System Terry Andrews

Wednesday, June 19th:

Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Bible Reading..... Mark 2:1-12
..... Danny Johnson
Prayer Hunter Cox
Invitation Jordan Lovell
Closing Prayer Marcus Morris

Sunday, June 23rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Joel Hamm
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Terry Andrews
Assisting Larry Mitchell
Serving Will Chumbley..... Landon Adams
..... Bart Brown..... Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer Mot Dollar

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
Song Leader Marty Adams
Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 23rd:

Usher Dwaine Allfrey
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams