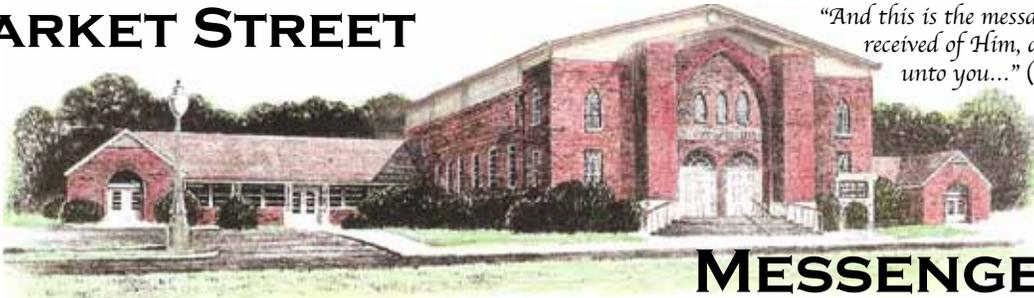


# MARKET STREET



*“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)*

# MESSENGER

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## *Without Regrets*

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#### Sunday

Bible Classes ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

Fifty people over the age of 90 were once asked this question: “If you could live your life over again, what would you do differently?” Three answers appeared most frequently: 1. I would reflect more, 2. I would risk more (take more chances), and 3. I would do more things that would live on after I died.

Many people, at the end of their lives, look back with regret. They say things like, “I wish I had spent more time with my family” or “I wish I could go back and place value on the things that are truly important.” In other words, if they could start over, they would do so with a different set of priorities.

The apostle Paul, in his prison epistle to the church in Philippi, encourages a life without regrets. Notice what he recommends for living right now that won't require any wishful thinking when death is near.

**Spend more moments in meditation.** Paul's imprisonment gave him plenty of time for reflection. “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you” (Philippinas 1:3), he said. He thought of them often, and when he did, he thanked God for them. He probably remembered Lydia and the women he met by the riverside. He most likely recalled the night the Philippian jailor was baptized. A few verses later, he wrote, “I have you in my heart” (1:7). There was such a closeness between them that it was as if they were right there with them. Meditating about them and what the Lord had done with them brought him great joy, even while in prison.

There is never a bad time to think good thoughts. It is unfortunate that we typically equate meditation with yoga, headbands, and natural soundtracks. It is simply the contemplation of what is most important, setting “your mind on things above, not on the things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2). When you let your mind dwell on them, you start to practice them. But keep in mind. You may have to turn some things off before you can engage in quiet reflection of God's grace and goodness. And you'll be glad you did.

## *It's Original!*

**Bill Hall**

**Don't shrink back from opportunities to grow.** Paul put himself on the line. When his preaching was met with opposition, he could have easily toned his message down. His persistence led to imprisonment, but the message continued to spread. It turned out "for the greater progress of the gospel" (Philippians 1:12), becoming well known throughout the governor's palace (1:13). And instead of quieting his brethren, it enabled them with "far more courage to speak the word of God without fear" (1:14). Rather than shrink back, Paul pressed forward.

One of the ways personal growth is accomplished is through personal challenges. It's easy to quit when you feel resistance or stay at a level where you are comfortable. But such ease eventually leads to the wonders of "what if?" If you have faith in God, then take steps to increase it, trusting that He will give you the strength needed for the task. You may experience "growing pains," but with the Lord leading, you are sure to find higher ground. Along the way, you might even encourage someone else to start growing in the same direction.

**Live for what is worth dying for.** Paul felt no pressure from his imprisonment. He confidently said, "For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). If he was released, he would keep preaching the gospel. If he was executed, he would go home and be with the Lord. Either way, he won. He found something worth living for, and he would eventually give his life for it.

What do you live for? What is most important to you? The coach expects the team to be the number one priority in the lives of his players. The band director expects the same devotion from his performers. The boss can't think of any good reason for you to miss work. But which of those things can you take with you when you die? When Christ is your life, you will make sacrifices in other areas because of the ultimate price He paid for you. And you'll invest in something that will live on long after you go the way of all the earth.

Later, Paul looked back at his life and said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). No regrets there. Let us chart the same course that in the end we have no guilt in life, no fear in death.

-via *Family Items*, Athens, Alabama.

**Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.**

"It's original," you say. Oh yeah? It may be no more original than an article I wrote recently for Perspectives. I thought it was original, but then ran across a similar article by Ralph Williams that had been written long before my article, which had no doubt influenced my thinking and had become such a part of me that I was sure that those thoughts were mine. My original thoughts!

Or it may be no more original than some of those original (?) thoughts that Sewell and I come up with for sermons, only to learn that our dad has presented those thoughts in sermons since we were boys. In fact, I'm wondering now who has written an article on the subject of "It's Original."

We are blessed with a rich heritage. We have heard great men preach great sermons, bring out just about every thought imaginable from the greatest book that has ever been written. Most of the sermons we have forgotten. Nor are we able to relate specific thoughts to the men whom we first heard preach them. But those thoughts became a part of us, and those sermons, little by little, changed our lives and our thinking to bring us to our present convictions and status before God. We are indebted to so many, but especially to God, from whom all truth originates (John 17:17).

But a warning is in order at this point. For, whereas we are grateful for the truths that have been taught through the years, we must never accept any teaching as truth just because brethren have "always" believed and taught it. Humility would demand that we be slow to reject such, but truth is determined only by an examination of Bible teaching. "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). The old, accepted teaching must be examined, not only by each generation, but by every individual within that generation, with the same care with which any new teaching is examined.

Independence of thought does not demand a rejection of old, accepted teaching, but it does demand a careful examination of that teaching in the light of the scriptures.

-via *Light*; Birmingham, Alabama.

# Following Jesus

Shane Williams

How would you answer the following questions?

1. Did Jesus ever sin?
2. Was Jesus resurrected?
3. Do all religions teach the same basic ideas?

According to one research study, many people who call themselves Christians have a hard time with questions like these. When these professing Christians were surveyed, 1/4th said Jesus committed sins, 1/3rd said He did not rise from the dead, and 1/3rd said all religions are basically the same.

I don't know about you but these are troubling statistics. They reveal a serious lack of biblical understanding. The answers to the questions are made clear in the Scriptures and are foundational truths of the gospel. Why would I follow Jesus if He wasn't perfect? (Hebrews 7:26; 9:14; 1Peter 1:18-19). Why would I follow Jesus if He didn't overcome death? (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 12-20). Why would I follow Jesus if anything and everything else was OK also? (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Matthew 7:21-23). Do I really want to follow just another person who has the same shortcomings that I have? No, I wouldn't!

We need to be "established in the faith," so we will not be shortsighted in our thinking of Jesus.

Colossians 2:6-7, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."

First, we must dedicate ourselves to read and study the Bible. We must be taught! (Romans 10:13-17). Second, we are to "walk in Him." 1John 2:6, "the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked."

The result of the teaching and the walking is that we are "rooted and built un in Him, and established in the faith." The idea here is a firm solid foundation that is not easily moved. Ephesians 3:17 "so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love."

As God's people, we must love the truth, look for

the truth, and live by the truth.

-via *The Lilburn Light*, Lilbourn, Missouri

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Mot Beasley	Benton Ball
Betty Hastings	Delmer & Margaret Carter
Wynell Casteel	Gwen Bullock
Jesus' Trevino	Charles Burns
Morgan Barksdale	Abby Gilbert
Phillip Harwell	Barbara Piper
Una King Currier	Anita Willis
Elizabeth Kate Miller	Jerry Taylor
Ava Brooke Cambell	

### In The Hospital:

*Mark Hargrove*; Athens-Limestone Hosp., rm. 211

### Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Beulah Pope, rm. 100	Mattye Murray, rm. 60
Harvey Pope, rm. 18	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Mable Craft, rm. 71	

### Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
Albert Norton, rm. 36	

### Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

### Limestone Manor:

Jack Cannon, rm. 82

### Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

### Veterans Home Facility:

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B

### Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home  
Lola Colwell, at home  
Mary Ruth Gardner, at home  
David Rice, Mobile, Alabama  
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**BAPTISM:** We rejoice last week as *Nathan Smith* expressed his desire to be baptized into Christ. We rejoice over Nathan's decision and his determination to do what God desires him to do. May we all encourage Nathan, as Nathan has encouraged us.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** We want to extend a warm welcome to *Joe and Mary Hinkle*. They have let it be known that they desire to be a part of the work at Market Street... Also, *Jerry (Buddy) and Cornelia Pepper* let it be known that they want to be a part of the work here as well. We are thankful for the Hinkles' and the Peppers' decision to work with us at Market Street. May the Lord bless our work together.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** There will be a gospel meeting beginning today at the *Pepper Road church*. The meeting will continue through Tuesday. *E. R. Hall of Wise, Virginia* will be the speaker in the meeting... The *Old Moulton Road church* in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday night. *Larry Vinson* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *River Bend church*, west of Florence, is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday night. *Ken Chapman* will be the speaker in this meeting.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Carl Hargrave and all the family*, in the passing of his sister-in-law, *Iretha Hargrave*, this past Wednesday morning. Her funeral was on Friday afternoon.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Coblentz's: Tommy and Marcella* have been out of town this past week... *Ida Nell Griffin* was in Kentucky last weekend.

**PREACHING TODAY:** This morning *Micah Legg* will preaching for us. Micah preaches for the church in *Tablequah, Oklahoma* and we help support him in the work there. We look forward to hearing his report during Bible class period and to his sermon during our morning worship service.

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

**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 One** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group tonight.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of Sept. 15th*

<b>Sunday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	122
	Morning Worship .....	170
	Evening Worship.....	114
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	97

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, September 22nd:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer ..... Larry Mitchell  
 Preaching ..... Micah Legg  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Joel Hamm  
 Assisting ..... Marty Adams  
 Serving ..... Bonnie Sutton ..... Marion Mitchell  
 ..... Delmer Carter ..... Danny Johnson  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Coblentz

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Marcus Morris  
 Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
 Prayer ..... Todd Williams  
 Preaching ..... Song Service  
 Lord's Supper ..... Joel Hamm  
 Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 22nd:

Usher ..... Paul Hasting  
 Work Sound System ..... Nathaniel Adams

**Wednesday, September 25th:**

Song Leader ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
 Bible Reading..... Mark 5:21-34  
 ..... Terry Andrews  
 Prayer ..... Keith Hinkle  
 Invitation ..... Jordan Lovell  
 Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

**Sunday, September 29th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Assisting ..... Norman Brown  
 Serving ..... Stefan Fudge..... Landon Adams  
 ..... David Terry ..... Hunter Cox  
 Closing Prayer ..... Ross Melvin

*Evening Worship*

Announcements ..... Kenneth Smith  
 Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
 Prayer ..... Dan Reed  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Closing Prayer ..... Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 29th:

Usher ..... Delmer Carter  
 Work Sound System ..... Terry Andrews