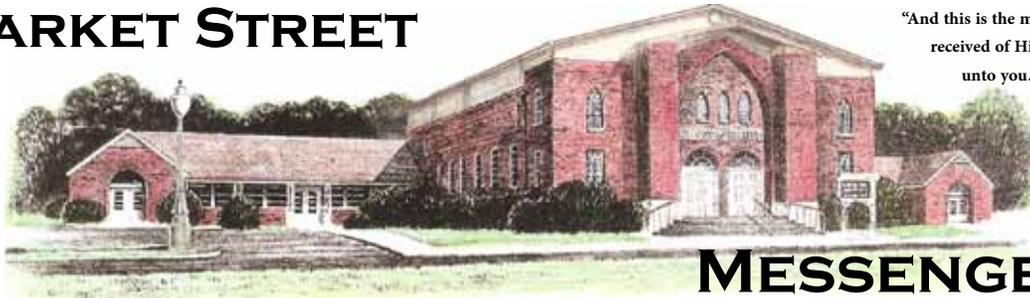


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“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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## *The Wondrous Word of God*

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#### 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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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

“Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law’ (Psalm 119:18). Why do otherwise successful people see little need to read, study, and obey the word of God? Perhaps the answer is found in different value systems. In the eyes of the world, many folks are successful because they have acquired great wealth, or because they have been recognized by their peers as having done something important. Yet, how can any people be successful unless they seek out the wonderful things found in the word of God? Christians become weak, discouraged, and begin to fail in their walk with the Lord. Can they not see the value of seeking eternal truths found in God’s word? Every person can be blessed if he chooses to be. Yet, we may be our own worse enemies. We face a greater danger from our own lack of interest than from the atheists and agnostics. If we are not careful we can destroy the power of God’s word, at least as far as we are personally concerned. A knowledge of God’s word is essential to an unyielding faith in God. The Bible, the wondrous word of God can help us if we will let it.

The Bible is a supernatural book. Man would not have written the Bible if he could have; he could not have written the Bible if he wanted to. Certainly no man, without God's help, could be responsible for such a majestic composition. The Bible claims to be from God. “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Prophets spoke for God; when doing so, they acted not by their own human intellect, but were guided by the Holy Spirit of God (2 Peter 1:20-21). The Bible originated with God!

The Bible is a sovereign book. That is, it expresses the supreme authority of God. It remains the supreme authority in religious matters. This is true whether you or I accept or reject it. We accept the Bible on its own authority. It claims to be from God; just so, God cannot lie, and we believe His word, and act accordingly. Some accuse us of worship-

ing the Bible, of engaging in Bibliolatry. We do not worship the Bible; we worship the God who gave us the Bible! The question is not: What does the church say? or, What does man say? or, What do I think? The question is: What does the Bible say!

**The Bible is a saving book.** It contains words of life (John 6:63ff). The Bible was written to tell us how to be saved. It produces faith in Jesus Christ as the divine Son of God (John 20:30-31). The gospel, God's power unto salvation, is the only message God has for saving us from sin. The gospel is the only message needed to save us from sin. Yes, if followed, the Bible will make us better people-in whatever relationship of life we are part of. Ultimately, the Bible brings us to God in this life and to God in heaven when this life is over. Read and study and obey the wondrous word of God.

-via *Stalling Drive Bulletin*; Nachogdoches, Texas.



## *A Call For Sincerity*

**Dee Bowman**

In our age of intense and concentrated advertising efforts, the finding of an open mind is indeed a rare thing. All of us are so bombarded with ideas from others that even from our earliest years we form prejudices which affect our lives from then on. Customs, traditions, backgrounds of various sorts influence the most insignificant decisions.

The only solution to the problem of prejudice is a serious effort by every individual to obtain and maintain an attitude of sincerity. A sincere person is, first of all, a truth-seeking person. His quest in every situation and circumstance is for the truth. A person who is determined to base all his decisions on the truth has laid out for himself a most difficult course, for truth is not always easily accessible. However, prompted by a sincere desire to be right, he will not be deterred.

The sincere person is looking for ALL the truth. Half-truths have ever been the major cause for man's demise. If the powers of evil can cause a person to subscribe to only part of the truth, the end is the same ruination as if he had subscribed to no truth at all! Such has been the problem of Protestant denominationalism from the very beginning. It is based on part, but not all of the truth.

"Getting to the bottom of a thing" is characteristic of him who sincerely seeks truth and that means he must engage in a sincere effort to find ALL the truth. Any person who seeks to excel in any area will solicit as much information as he can about that area. And the sincere person is interested in knowing as much as possible about a situation before rendering any decision about that matter.

The sincere person applies the truth. The truth known, while it may thrill the intelligence of him who procures it, is not really valuable until it is applied. The person who knows a truth and does not apply it is only slightly better off than the person who does not know that truth at all! The Scriptures compare that person who fails to apply truth to a foolish man who views his physical imperfections in a mirror and walks away unconcerned about what he has seen (cf. James 1:23-25). On the other hand, the person who applies the truth as he sees necessary "shall be blessed in his deed."

Furthermore, the sincere person applies the truth without regard to consequences. Faith in God requires that we put our complete confidence in Him. That is, when life says a situation calls for a certain application of truth, we obey without consideration of any circumstances and with full confidence in Him. The sincere person is fully persuaded that God's way is the right way and that He would not require of man that which did not benefit him.

A sincere person is respectful of the opinions of others. He has such a high regard for truth that he will not be guilty of forcing what he knows is opinion. Conversely, he has enough knowledge of truth to not allow you to force your opinions on him either! The sincere person is totally honest with the truth.

-via *Plain Talk*, Burnett, Texas.

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

## Three In One

Bill Robinson, Jr.

*“And he put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all” (Ephesians 1:22-23)*

What makes the church in the New Testament distinct? This one passage gives three easy to distinguish marks of the church we read about in the New Testament. As you read this article please observe two things: 1) How simple the New Testament is to understand 2) Compare the three distinguishing marks to the denominations in existence today.

The New Testament teaches that Christ is the Head of “the church, which is His body.” Thus, this passage clearly states that Christ is the head. As you think about the analogy, comparing the church to a body, ask yourself how many heads does a body have? The answer is too easy to miss (at least, without some expert help). There is only one “head over all things to the church, which is His body” and that is Jesus Christ.

The New Testament teaches that Christ’s headship over the church is unique. Christ’s headship is unique because God “gave Him to be head over all things to the church” - it belongs exclusively to Christ. The New Testament admits of no other person, synod, council, convention, etc. receiving this unique position but Christ alone. “He is the head of the body, the church...” (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23). Jesus is uniquely qualified to be the head over the church for only He can declare, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28: 18).

The New Testament teaches that the church is the one body. As the above passage clearly states, Christ is the head of the body. If you think about the analogy again, ask yourself how many bodies does one head have? Again, we can only answer one. Which body is that? Thus, the church, as the body of Christ, in the New Testament is distinct because there is only one, even as the apostle Paul wrote in several places. “There is one body...” (Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12; Romans 12:5).

There are many more characteristics of the church we read about in the New Testament distinguishing it

from denominationalism. Yet we must ask, how much more needs to be said before one can see the contradiction between denominationalism and the church we read about in the New Testament?

If Christ is the head, then it is not a matter of the body deciding by vote, personal likes or dislikes, or by some hierarchy what things they will follow or practice. For, if Christ alone has all authority and He alone is the head of the one body (church), then for that body to function properly it must follow the head. Consequently, since the one body belongs to Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27), to be a member of that body only must adhere and submit to His word (Ephesians 5:26; 1 Corinthians 12:13; John 12:48). For, the church in the New Testament is distinctly undenominational and exclusive of those who do not practice and teach what is found in the New Testament (Colossians 3:17). How could it be otherwise?

-via *Power Talk*, Lexington, Kentucky

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Ann McLemore	Joyce Harbin
Bill Claxton	Robert & Mot Beasley
Irene Mitchell	Buddy Pepper
Betty Hastings	Gilbert Hardy
Wynell Casteel	Gwen Bullock
JoAnna Coblentz	Una King Currier
Elizabeth Kate Miller	Jerry Taylor
Charles Burns	Mark Hargrove
Abby Gilbert	Lisa Swafford
Phillip Harwell	Ava Brooke Cambell
Morgan Barksdale	

### *In The Hospital:*

*Albert Bowers*; Huntsville Hospital; rm. 747

### *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:*

Beulah Pope, rm. 100	Matty Murray, rm. 60
Harvey Pope, rm. 18	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Mable Crafts, rm. 63	Ann Moore, rm. 81-B

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B	Jack Cannon, rm. 111A
Albert Norton, rm. 36	Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

**Limestone Lodge:**

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

**Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:**

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

**Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:**

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-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

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The **West Rogersville church** in Rogersville will begin a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. *Steve Klein* will be the speaker in this meeting ... **Lacey's Spring church** in Lacey's Spring will begin a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. *Jonathan Reeder* will be the speaker in this meeting.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Marilyn Wooldridge and Carol Dean** in the passing of their aunt and great-aunt **Beatrice Shedd**. Her funeral on on Thursday afternoon at Spry Funeral Home... Also, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Albert Bowers** and all the family in the passing of his sister, **Marie Elrod**. Her funeral was Friday morning at Limestone Chapel.

**OUT OF TOWN:** **The Hinkles:** *Keith and Angie* are out of town this weekend on vacation... **The Carters:** *Delmer and Margaret* are in Gatlinburg, Tennessee this weekend... **The Coxes:** *David, Kerry, Tyler and Hunter* are in Gatlinburg, Tennessee this weekend.

**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 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 the week of Nov. 3rd*

<b>Sunday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	141
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**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, November 10th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Jerry McGlocklin	
Song Leader .....	Stefan Fudge	
Prayer .....	Terry Andrews	
Preaching .....	Jordan Lovell	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding .....	Larry Mitchell	
Assisting .....	Dwaine Allfrey	
Serving .....	Delmer Carter .....	Heath Dollar
.....	Nathaniel Adams .....	Paul Hasting
Closing Prayer .....	Mot Dollar	

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer .....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching .....	Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer .....	Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 10th:

Usher .....	Danny Johnson
Work Sound System .....	Marty Adams

**Wednesday, November 13th:**

Song Leader .....	Todd Williams
Bible Reading.....	Mark 7:31-37
.....	Joel Hamm
Prayer .....	Tommy Coblenz
Invitation .....	Jordan Lovell
Closing Prayer .....	Ronnie Locke

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**Sunday, November 17th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Marcus Morris	
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox	
Prayer .....	Todd Willaims	
Preaching .....	David Cox	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding .....	Dwaine Allfrey	
Assisting .....	Marty Adams	
Serving .....	Marvin Putman .....	Kenneth Adams
.....	Marion Mitchell .....	Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams	

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer .....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer .....	Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 17th:

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