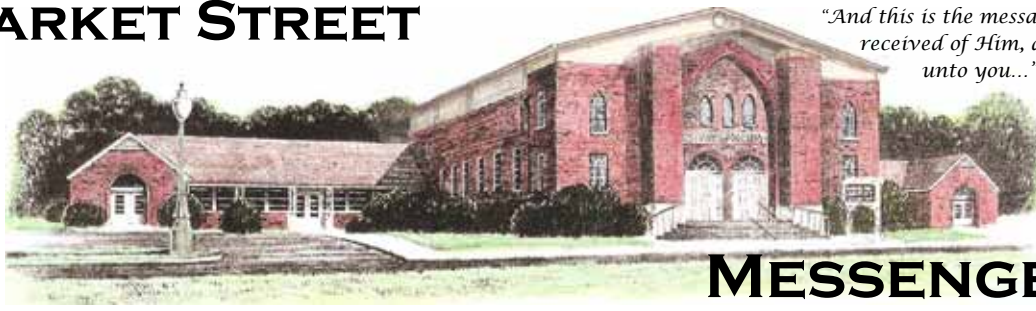


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*"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)*

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#### 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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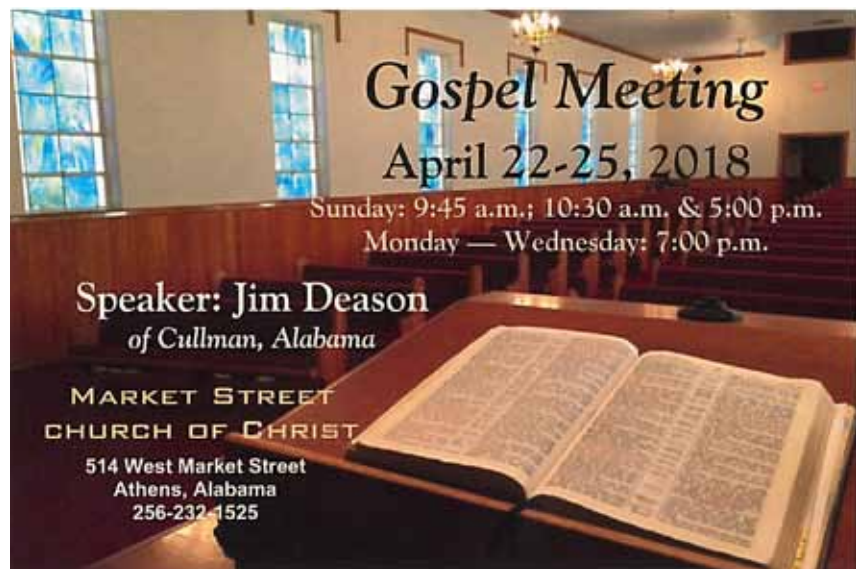
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*David A. Cox, Editor*



## Gospel Meeting

April 22-25, 2018

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday — Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

**Speaker: Jim Deason**  
of Cullman, Alabama

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## *Caleb and Conquering Mountians*

**Jim H. Deason**

Some of the most powerful and enduring lessons we learn were learned as children when we sat at the feet of a devoted sister in Bible class. The stories of the Bible came alive in our hearts as our imagination captured the scenes of Noah surviving the flood in an ark loaded with animals or David going forth to meet the giant of the Philistines armed only with a sling and five smooth stones. The story of Caleb is one of my favorites. It teaches us a valuable lesson about facing the mountains of our lives.

We are first introduced to Caleb in Numbers 13:6. He was one of the twelve spies chosen to spy out the land of Canaan. He faithfully encouraged his brethren, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it" (Numbers 13:30). He believed in the power of God to deliver and fulfill His promises (Numbers 14:6-9). Unfortunately, with the exception of Joshua, his fellow spies shared neither his courage nor his faith in God. As a result, Israel was condemned to wander in the wilderness.

Forty years and a new generation later, Israel entered and conquered

Canaan. Caleb, at 85 years old, called upon Joshua to give him what God had already promised – the hill country of Hebron (Joshua 14:6-14).

The hill country of Hebron belonged to the sons of Anak. These were men of great size (Numbers 13:33), renowned as warriors. They remind me of an old Jim Croce song, “You don’t tug on Superman’s cape, You don’t spit into the wind, You don’t pull the mask of the ole’ Lone Ranger and you don’t mess around with...” well, in this case, the sons of Anak.” In spite of the formidable opposition, however, Caleb asked, “Joshua, give me the mountain? I’ll take on the giants?” The mountains of Hebron and the giants that lived there represented a challenge to Caleb’s faith.

Every man, sooner or later, will face his own mountain. Some of them will be formidable. They are not physical mounds of earth and they have no giants living on them but they are mountains nonetheless. Your mountain may come in the form of a personal weakness, possibly an addiction of some sort or a personal character trait that you need to change. It may be a difficult task that needs doing, perhaps sin that must be confronted in a friend. The exact nature of the mountains we face are as different as the people who face them.

Like Caleb, these mountains will be a challenge to your faith. Several very important character traits are necessary to face mountains.

**1. You will need courage.** Earlier in his life Caleb accepted the difficult assignment to engage in espionage (Numbers 13). Such an assignment required a lot of nerve and the ability to stay cool under pressure. It involved taking a risk. Courage is not the absence of fear, but doing what you know to be right even in the face of fear. Caleb was up to the task which Moses assigned him. No mountain is ever conquered without the courage to climb.

**2. You must take the initiative.** Initiative is the action of taking the first step or move; taking responsibility. Caleb was the first to say, “Let’s take the giants.” It was Caleb who went to Joshua with his plan to take on the sons of Anak in Hebron. You will never conquer your giants without taking the first step to do so.

**3. You must possess single-mindedness.** Any worthwhile task requires focus and dedication to accomplish. Remember the words of Caleb, “I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land” (Joshua 14:8). Now, at eighty-five years old, Caleb is pleading, “...give me this

hill country” (Joshua 14:12). For forty-five years Caleb had his heart set on Hebron! That’s single-mindedness! Your world is filled with distractions that call you away from the mountains before you. Your mountain, however, will never be conquered, – your problems will remain unresolved – until you are able to remove those distractions and focus on the task at hand.

**4. You must work with whole-heartedness.** Of good king Hezekiah it was said, “Every work which he began in the service of the house of God...he did with all his heart” (2 Chronicles 31:21). Caleb possessed the same spirit for he “followed the LORD God of Israel fully” (Joshua 14:14). Someone long forgotten once said, “It doesn’t take much of a man to be a Christian, but it takes all of him that there is.” God expects whole-hearted service and will be satisfied with nothing less. Whatever mountain you have to conquer will require all the effort that you can muster.

Someone said that “men are made in crisis.” That may be the case. If it is, we need to make sure we possess the same mountain-moving faith that Caleb exhibited (Matthew 21:21).

~via *South Cullman Bulletin*; Cullman, Alabama.



## *Silence*

**Jordan Shouse**

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...a time to be silent and a time to speak.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1,7*

What comes to your mind when you think of silence?

Some people crave silence. Think of parents with little children whose house is constantly filled with loud noise. Or maybe you live in a busy area where there’s lots of noise from traffic, trains, or other happenings around you. You may have a job which fills your day with continual conversations and sounds. Silence is appealing to some.

Others can’t stand silence. Something always has to be turned on and plugged in. To them silence is awkward. They’d rather fill the void with music, TV,

anything than to be left with just their own thoughts.

Habakkuk 2:20 reads, "The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him."

There is a time for us to speak our mind, and to fill our mind with words and music and other influences, but we must also remember that there is a time for us to be silent. This silence recognizes the importance of God, the need to reflect before Him, seeking His wisdom and counsel.

There are times in our life when we need to spend in silence with the Lord in prayer. There are times when we need to quiet our mind and calm our heart, and listen to the words of the Lord through reading the Bible. Instead of constantly interjecting our own opinions, or filling the dead air with the words of others, be still, and seek the words of the Lord. Hear what He has to say.

Set aside some time this week in silence. Unplug from the world. Turn off all the distractions. Pick up the Bible and approach the Lord in silence - coming not to speak, but to listen.

~via *Reminder*; Greenville, Texas.



## *A Complete Change*

**Simon Harris**

In Ephesians 4:22-24 Paul describes conversion to Christ as putting off the old man and putting on a new man. He gives an example of what he means in verse 28 when he says, "Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need."

What he describes is a change so complete that the thief stops stealing, gets an honest job and starts giving to those in need. It's that kind of radical change Jesus is seeking.

It seems many folks have missed this simple but important concept. The modern notion of choosing the church of your choice has led people to look for churches that will not require them to change much. They look for churches that will accept them as they are and vilify others who encourage repentance of sins.

Repentance is a cornerstone of Christianity. One who isn't ready to make radical changes in his life isn't ready to accept Jesus as his Savior. If you are willing to change not only will Jesus forgive, but you'll also find brethren who are willing to help.

~via *Galena Bulletin*; Galena, Indiana.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Jane Meredith	Peggy Mitchell
Pat Nixon	Larry Mitchell
Jo Dunnavant	James Johnson
JoAnn Gilbert	Cornelia Pepper
Bobbie Adcock	Ann Bush
Doris Lovell	Linda Jones
Wayne Reyer	Wayne Gooch

### ***Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:***

Irene Inman	Jeanette Weir
Janice Cagle	Patsy Thomas
Priscilla Tucker	Ella Melvin
Bobby McLemore	Cindy Glass
Matt Poff	Susan Cox
Elizabeth Howard	Al Pollard
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Phillip Harwell
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Betty Christopher	Una King Currier
Ava Brooke Campbell	

### ***In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:***

*Norman Hamm*; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

### ***Athens Health & Rehabilitation:***

Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Mable Crafts, rm. 39
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 73	

### ***Shut-In or Away From Home:***

Robert & Mot Beasley, at City Center, Decatur  
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor  
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville  
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison  
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle  
Irene Inman, at home  
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison  
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

**Updates:**

**Arvid McGuire** had surgery on Friday for further removal of some non-malignant cells from his previous biopsy and got a good report...**Delmer Carter** has been sick this past week and has not been able to be at services ...**Ann McLemore** has been scheduled for surgery on Friday ...**Margaret Carter** has been having problems with her gall bladder...**Adrian Maynard**, from the *Hindsbury Road church in Barbados*, is scheduled to have the second part of his brain surgery on Wednesday. It was delayed this past week.

**DIRECTORY PICTURES:** We are in the process of making directory pictures. There are several pictures that we are needing for the directory and some pictures that need to be updated. The pictures will be made in the next couple of weeks in room 20 in the east wing.

**CONFESSION:** Last Sunday evening, **Sherry Davis** came forward asking for prayers for strength in living the life of a Christian. May we all encourage her as she has and will encourage us in living the life of a disciple.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The *Ardmore church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speakers in the meeting will be: *Sunday morning – Buc Chumbley; Sunday evening – Lowell Sallee; Monday – Donnie Rader; Tuesday – Jeff May; Wednesday – Tim Sutton* ... The *Somerville Rd. church* in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in the meeting will be *Jeff Himmel*... The *Jordan Park church* in Huntsville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in the meeting will be *Alan Yeater*.

**TEACHERS' MEETING:** There will be a Teacher's meeting this afternoon at 4:00. We will be discussing the plans for this year's VBS.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Burns: Tommy and Susan* are in Cancun, Mexico this week... *Jim Whitt* is in Boston, Massachusetts with his work... *The Ashes: Harold and Barbara* are out of town in Gulf Shores... *Buc Chumbley* is preaching at Ardmore this morning.

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

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of April 8th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	150
	Morning Worship .....	188
	Evening Worship .....	136
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	100

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, April 15th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Mitchell
Assisting .....	A. J. Price
Serving .....	Danny Johnson..... Russ Wulfekuhl
.....	Nathaniel Adams..... Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer .....	Danny Holt

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds

Other Assignments for the week of April 15th:

Ushers.....	Marcus Morris/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams

**Wednesday, April 18th:**

Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Bible Reading .....	Mark 1:40-45
.....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Invitation .....	David Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Mike Ogles

**Sunday, April 22nd:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Prayer.....	Tony Thomas
Preaching.....	Jim Deason
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblenz
Assisting .....	Marty Adams
Serving .....	Heath Dollar ..... Griffin Holt
.....	Matthew Usery..... Landon Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Ashton Gatlin
Preaching .....	Jim Deason
Lord's Supper .....	Tommy Coblenz
Closing Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin

Other Assignments for the week of April 22nd:

Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews