

MARKET STREET

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



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A GOOD WORK

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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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Irena Sendlerowa died in May 2008 at the age of ninety-eight. Few people have ever heard of her, but that doesn't negate the extraordinary courage she demonstrated over seventy years ago in German-occupied Poland. As an employee of the Warsaw Social Welfare Department, Irena received permission to enter the Warsaw Ghetto—where the Nazi's had isolated the Jewish population—to check for signs of typhus.

Through her access into the Ghetto, Irena, aided by the help of other Polish men and women, was able to organize the smuggling of Jewish children out of the Ghetto. She did this by carrying children out in a tool box, suitcases, and under a burlap sack in the back of her work truck.

Over the course of four years, she and her friends managed to smuggle approximately 2,500 children to safety and place them in the homes of families throughout the city. She kept careful records of these children in jars, which were buried in her back yard.

Eventually, Irena was arrested by the Gestapo, severely tortured, beaten, and sentenced to be shot, but incredibly, she escaped execution and lived the remainder of the war in hiding, continuing to do what she could for the children. When the war ended, she dug up the jars and attempted to locate the children and return them to their parents. Sadly, most the parents had been murdered or sent to places unknown. For her extraordinary courage, in 2007 Irena was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. She lost to Al Gore and his slide show on global warming.

In Matthew 5.16, Christ told His disciples to, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." The true test of goodness is not merely in doing a good deeds (Matt. 6.1-16) or in recognizing another for their good

work (James 2.14–17). Rather, what truly makes a deed a good deed is whether it is done to bring glory to God.

It is true that not everyone can do things like Irena Sendlerowa did, but every day we have the opportunities come our way in which we can let our light shine and glorify the Father. We can feed the hungry and thirsty. We can clothe the naked or open our homes to strangers. We can visit the sick or those in prison. Indeed, we can “do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6.10).

We can do many things that will never get us nominated for a Nobel Prize, but can nevertheless turn the lost toward our Father in heaven. Now isn't that a good work?

CONFESSION

ALLEN RUPERT

The fourth step in God's Plan for becoming a "Christian" is confessing one's desire, before one's fellow man, that I am about to bury the mortified "old man of Sin" and become "a new creature".

The first 3,000 recorded souls who became "Christians" on the day of Pentecost A.D. 33 give us all 5 steps, as deduced by Peters statement in Acts 2:38. The verse before lists the completed first 2 steps, hearing and believing: (2:37. Now when they heard this (hear), they were pricked in their heart (the type of believing the Bible teaches), and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? - In verse 38 we read; "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

If you were there on the "Day of Pentecost", being a Jew and bringing the feasts of weeks to a close, the statement "in the name of Jesus Christ" would have said to you just what is meant in "confessing before man" that this man whom you were taught by your religious elders was not the messiah, truly is.

The account of the Ethiopian Eunuch a short time later also plainly teaches the same. Luke's record says he was reading in the book of Isaiah and was pondering the statement there of the sheep going to the slaughter, when Philip joined him on his chariot. As they rode along Philip preached unto him about Jesus. Here we again see all the steps laid out: He, the Ethiopian was hearing/reading; he believed to the point of wanting an explanation of the Old Testament prophet; and Philip (as being instructed by the Spirit), recognized that he was repenting from the false teachings he had received and wanting to change, had this further instruction to give him upon his query of "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" replied "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest,". Note here the importance of a complete heart change (all thine heart / repetitive). Next, we observe the words of the penitent Ethiopian when he said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

I will attempt at this point to make clear what the Scriptures teach about what was involved here. The Jewish Nation at this time did not believe Jesus, the son of Mary and the stepson of the carpenter Joseph, to be the messiah prophesied in the Old Testament. John the Immerser was only on the scene about four and a half years earlier as the forerunner unto Jesus, preaching of the one to come after him. Jesus had taught for only three years prior to this time. And now, the Ethiopian Eunuch was in Jerusalem for some fifty plus days and returning home pondering on what had happened this year and of Jesus. His conversion in process caused him to confess before Philip that "Jesus Christ is the Son of God".

Jesus had taught His Apostles, when He sent them out to look for penitent people. - (Mat. 10:32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.). Jesus had already put the listeners to a test when He said in Luke 6:46. And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

When we think of the many physical weddings of our life we recognize that our laws of the land want witnesses to the marriage. Paul through inspiration likens the physical marriage to the spiritual marriage (Eph. 5:21–28). Of course we all know that in the

spiritual marriage our Groom will never forsake His promise. But the point here being; 'we as a bride must be submissive to our Groom'. Sarah called Abraham her lord in (I Peter 3:6). Witnesses are a major part of any agreement. The confession that "Jesus is the Son of God puts the confessor in the position of changing everything in his or her life to whatever Jesus commands. With this "change of heart" and "the confession of the mouth," as Paul reminded the Christians at Rome that they had done (Rom. 10:9), harmonizing completely with Jesus' words before His ascension.

The Great Commission given to the Apostles carried a command often forgotten, that one is to continue to learn more of Jesus' commands and commit them into our lives. (Mat. 28:19,20). The confession or commitment before man lets the world know of the "change of heart" or the "repentant heart".

Philip tested the heart of the Ethiopian by answering his question about immersion; "if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest". If one is not willing to make this open declaration, then, all baptism does is get that person "wet". Since A.D. 33; one can go to Hell "wet" but one cannot go to Heaven unless one is buried in baptism. The five steps that one has to do to become a "Christian" can be thought of in the statement Jesus made about entering the strait (or restricted) gate in Mat. 7:13. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. "

There is only one Book (Acts) shows us how to become a Christian and then there are twenty-two that tells us how to live the Christian life or remain a Christian. In final words "Confession" is an open declaration that I am going to study the Words of the New Testament and submit to every one of them as I learn them, like them or not. Jesus said it all in John 12:48; "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

Remember our services today at 5:00 PM

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

JoAnn Gilbert	Cornelia Pepper
Bobbie Adcock	Polly Leopard
Ruth Sullivan	Linda Jones
Doris Lovell	Wayne Gooch
Wayne Reyer	Ann Bush

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:

Dorothy Draper, rm. 73	Macon Horne, rm. 102
Joyce Martin, rm. 63	Mattye Murray, rm. 2
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Mable Crafts, rm. 39

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:

Polly Leopard is now at home recovering after surgery-
Jackie Whitt's mother, Dean Holt, did not have surgery and is awaiting a second opinion. Please keep her in your prayers...*Kim Rogers* has been staying with her mother

in Vernon ... *Adrian Maynard*, from the *Hindsbury Road church in Barbados*, has been in touch with the doctor about his brain surgery. Still waiting.

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.

OUT OF TOWN: *Steve Bradley* is in Houston, Texas... *The Holts: Larry, Sheila, Griffin & Addison* are camping in Tennessee this weekend... *Brenda Haraway & Doris Fisher* have been in Kentucky this week... *Donna Wright, Wendy & Heather Hammonds* have been in Kentucky at the Ark Exhibit this week... *Jim Whitt* has been in Seattle, Washington with his work. *Lona Jackson* is out of town this weekend

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Sermon in Song

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of May 20th

Sunday:	Bible Classes	150
	Morning Worship	186
	Evening Worship	137
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	101



June 11-14, 2018

Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer..... Dan Reed
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
Assisting..... Albert Haraway
Serving Harold Ash..... Nathaniel Adams
..... Kenneth Adams..... Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer..... Harvey Nixon
Preaching..... Song Service
Lord's Supper Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Other Assignments for the week of May 27th:

Ushers..... A. J. Price/Hunter Cox
Work Sound System..... Landon Adams

Wednesday, May 30th:

Song Leader Larry Holt
Bible Reading.....
..... Kenneth Adams
Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton
Invitation..... David Cox
Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Sunday, June 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Ashton Gatlin
Prayer..... Joel Hamm
Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Marty Adams
Assisting..... Larry Holt
Serving Marvin Putman Danny Johnson
..... Tommy Burns..... Roger Hammonds
Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Albert Haraway
Prayer..... Hunter Cox
Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper Larry Holt
Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Other Assignments for the week of June 3rd:

Ushers..... Heath Dollar/Keenon Currier
Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews