

MARKET STREET

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



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SAVING THE GOOD?

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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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There are some people who teach that as long as a person is morally pure, obeys the laws of the land, and is generous to others, they will go to heaven when their life is over. The only problem with such teaching is that the Bible never once says this is true. In fact, we have a perfect example of a man who was moral, upright and generous yet when God looked at him He saw a man who was lost. On top of that, the man himself realized there was something missing in his life. This man was Cornelius.

Cornelius is described in Acts 10.2 as a "a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always." Despite all his goodness to the community, and him being a godly man, God told him to send for Peter, and "He will tell you what you must do." (Acts 10:6). Cornelius needed to know what to do to be saved, and Peter was going to be the one to tell him.

When Peter arrived, Cornelius was told, "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ— He is Lord of all" (Acts 10:36). Peter proceeded to teach Cornelius that Jesus died on the cross, was buried and arose the third day (Acts 10:38-40). He was taught the necessity of believing in Christ as the son of God and was commanded to be baptized (Acts 10:48). Nowhere does Peter tell Cornelius that he had been saved already because he was a godly man. Instead, Peter preached to Cornelius the same message he preached to the Jews in Acts 2 who had been directly involved in the death of Jesus.

Morality, generosity and godliness alone will not save. It takes the shed blood of Christ to save men (Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 1:5). Regardless of what the people of this world might or might not say, let us follow the Lord's will. Let us be found changing our attitudes, opinions and life for the better that we might be found pleasing in the sight of God!

ARE YOU LISTENING?

Wilson Adams

Our youngest, Luke (age 6), likes to reminisce about days past when he was a "kid" - you know, when he was three or four. Like the Sunday morning in his younger years when he mounted the pulpit after most folks had already left the church building and announced to the few who remained: "Sit down, I'm gonna preach!" So we did. And he did. "Repent!" he yelled as he glared at his audience. So far so good. "Be baptized!" he shouted enthusiastically. He then slapped his hands, leaned low and yelled, "Are you listenin'?" Those who stayed said it was the best sermon of the day. Hmm. Out of the mouth of a babe came a sermon title that cannot be improved upon.

Are you listening? It's a good question. Scripture has always placed a premium on hearing God's voice. The great command from God to Israel through His servant Moses was this: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!" The people in Nehemiah's day were commended because they "were attentive to the book of the law" (Neh.8:3). "Blessed is the man who listens to me" proclaimed God through Solomon. It's no different in the New Testament. Jesus began the story of the farmer sowing his field with the words: "Listen to this!" (Mk.4:3). Rev. 3:20 issues the great invitation, which is conditioned upon hearing. Every letter to the seven churches of Asia concludes with these words: "He who has an ear, let him hear." And may I remind you of this: "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Are you listening? People of the Book

There was a time when members of the church of Christ were noted for being "people of the Book" i.e., people who knew their Bible. It was a stigma of the highest compliment.

But no more. And for one simple reason -we don't read the Bible like we used to. If there is one thing I emphasize in my preaching work it is encouraging, motivating and persuading people to read their Bible every day. Every day. There are some things you do daily. You eat. You drink. You breathe. You read your Bible. Those things are non-negotiable.

I write these words the first of January at a time when many resolve to make personal improvements. And that's a good thing. Some need to begin a discipline of exercise and weight loss. Others need to be more diligent when it comes to organization. Still others need to be more in touch with their family. But ALL OF US need to resolve (and stick with it!) to spend a few minutes every day in the Book.

Read the Bible a Little at a Time The Bible is not a newspaper to be skimmed over but a gold mine waiting to be quarried (Prov.2:4-5). I've had people boast - "Bro. Adams, I just finished reading the Bible cover to cover." Good. Now how much of it do you remember? Did you read the Bible just to say you read the Bible or... did it affect you and change you? I think those are fair questions.

When God sent the manna in the Old Testament, He didn't dump the whole load all at once. He sent enough each day to provide for their needs. I think that's a good principle to employ when it comes to reading the Bible. I would rather dedicate the year to reading and rereading one book of the Bible - Mark, James, Ecclesiastes, etc., (it's Luke & Acts this year) so that at year's end I know that book frontward and backward. Seems to me that would be more helpful than superficial skimming.

Here it is: Pick one book of the Bible and find a quiet place. Start on any day with verse 1 and read until you find the one verse that hits home. And when you find that verse, STOP. Yes, STOP. You've gathered your manna and quarried your gold. Underline and highlight that verse. Make that verse your "soul food" for the day. Then bow your head and ask God to help you

apply that truth. And the next day, go gather a little more. You don't have to spend an hour and read four chapters a day to learn the Bible. It would be advantageous if we would spend a few minutes in smaller sections and give some thought-time to what we read.

Your Bible is the best friend you have. Wear it out. Invest some time every day reading the Word. There will be nothing you can do that will profit you more. Are you listening?

DAD AND HIS BIBLE

Berlin R. (Buc) Chumbley

Today across our nation we celebrate Father's day.

My father died on February 2, 2000 after falling down a flight of stairs to the basement of his central Illinois home. Over the years since that fateful day, I have tried to remember all I could about him and the times we spent together. The times he would drive me to a ball game or pick me up from practice. Then there were the two times we went to Canada to fish for walleye.

There are many things I remember about my dad, but what I remember most was not something we did together but something dad did alone every night. My father was a farmer so his days were long and hard. But every night when he came in from the field dad would sit in his chair and read his well-worn Bible.

I don't remember him ever saying anything as I would lay in the floor at his feet watching TV, and I don't remember me ever saying anything about his nightly habit. During that time of my life, I read the Bible just so I could fill in the spaces in my lesson book. But that wasn't why my dad read his Bible. Unlike me, he read the Bible because it brought him great joy and peace. Because in it he found the things pertaining to eternal life. The things we need most.

Psalms 119.105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

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

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	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 63	Mattye Murray, rm. 2
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

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

Sympathy:

Is extended to **Brenda Jones** following the death of her husband **Jack**. Arrangements have not been made yet. **Mabel Crafts, Mildred Lamberts sister** died Wednesday morning. **David Sides** who is a cousin of **Jannette Weir and Doris and Dan Lovell** passed away

Updates:

Janice Cagle had a biopsy done this past week and is waiting results. **Sue Gilliam, Sam Gregory's** grandmother, fell this past week and was taken to Huntsville Hospital. She has since been released. **Krysten Scott, Vickie Browns daughter**, was admitted to Madison Hospital with blood clots in her right lung. **Bryan Adcock** had surgery at Decatur General this past Thursday. **Jackie Whitt's mother, Dean Holt**, will have surgery sometime in July. **Steve Bradley** continues to deal with kidney stones. **Marcella Coblentz** is battling the shingles. **Peggy Pepper** is in Madison Hospital with a ruptured appendix

MEETINGS IN AREA: Eastside June 17-22 7pm with Greg Chandler

OUT OF TOWN: **David**, is preaching at Brookhill today

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

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of June 3rd

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	134
	Morning Worship.....	168
	Evening Worship.....	134
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	126

Vacation Bible Schhol Attendance:

Monday.....	106
Tuesday.....	125
Wednesday.....	112
Thursday.....	121



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcement.....	Dwaine Alfrey
Song Leader.....	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper:	...
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting.....	Mike Ogles
Serving.....	David Terry, Griffin Holt
.....	Heath Dollar, Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer.....	A.J. Price

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Dwaine Alfrey
Song Leader.....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper.....	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for the week of June 17th:

Ushers.....	Danny Holt, Steve Usery
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams

Wednesday, June 20th:

Song Leader.....	Joel Hamm
Bible Reading.....	Mark 4:1-20
.....	Daniel R. Reed
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Invitation.....	Buc Chumbley
Closing Prayer.....	Arvid McGuire
Usher.....	Danny Johnson

Sunday, June 24th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader.....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting.....	Marcus Morris
Serving.....	Tony Thomas, Matthew Usery
.....	Matthew Vaughn, Clayton Hamm
Closing Prayer.....	Bob Broadus

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader.....	Ashton Gatlin
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper.....	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer.....	Keenon Currier

Other Assignments for the week of June 24th:

Ushers.....	Heath Dollar, Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews