

MARKET STREET

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



MESSENGER

**Market Street
church of Christ**
514 West Market Street
P.O. Box 388
Athens, Alabama 35612
Phone (256) 232-1525

Volume X

July 15, 2018

No. 28

LIFE ON EARTH

Berlin R. (Buc) Chumbley

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.

Elders

Marty R. Adams..... (256) 503-8843
Tommy Coblentz..... (256) 232-3312
Jerry McGlocklin..... (256) 232-7620
Kenneth Smith..... (256) 777-6737
Bonnie Sutton (256) 232-2081

Deacons

Joel Hamm (256) 278-1977
Danny Holt (256) 206-2746
Larry Mitchell (256) 230-0185
Marcus Morris..... (256) 232-8871
Russ Wulfekuhl (256) 683-9396

Evangelists

Buc Chumbley..... (256) 777-1065
David A. Cox..... (256) 233-8910
Cell: (256) 614-3757

Visit Us On The Web

MarketStreet-church.com

MARKET STREET MESSENGER

is published in the interest of New Testament Christianity and to enhance the work of the Market Street church.

*Editors: David Cox
Buc Chumbley*

"Life on Earth has another good 1.75 billion years to go, study says"

This headline greeted me the other day as I opened my web browser. The headline was intriguing enough to catch my attention so I just had to read more about this wonderful news. The article stated that barring a nuclear holocaust, errant asteroid or some other world-wide disaster earth could continue to host life for at least 1.75 billion years.

But all news in the article was not good news. According to these learned scientist, somewhere between 1.75 billion and 3.25 billion years from now, earth will travel out of our solar system's habitable zone and into a "hot zone." This "hot zone" is determined by a planet's proximity to the sun which would make it uninhabitable.

As I read this article I couldn't help but be struck by how this news would be received by the various "doom and gloom" groups today. You know the ones, the "Earth First" people and those who tell us that global warming will eventually make the planet unlivable. These groups and many more like them have been preaching for years that man is destroying the earth unless we give up our air-conditioning, stop having backyard cookouts and send Al Gore thousands of dollars in "carbon credits."

As much as I would love to laugh at the folks who wrote this article and those who actually believe it. I'm reminded that these people are the modern day versions of what Paul spoke of in Romans 1 as he charged the Gentiles with all types of ungodly acts. Ungodly acts brought about by their denial of the one true God. Rom 1.21-22 ***"Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things."***

So sleep easy tonight, according to the “experts” we have a long way to go on this earth, or do we? 2 Peter 3.10 *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”* Now that’s real “global warming!”

IMPROVING OUR WORSHIP

R. J. STEVENS

The New Testament tells us what early Christians did in their worship and also the manner in which it was done. It is not up to man to invent ways to improve worship apart from the word of God. John 4:24 records, “God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.” If I practice something in worship for which there is no scriptural authority or if I have an attitude of bitterness in my heart when I worship, such is unacceptable before God (MT 5:23–24). Therefore, worshiping God acceptably involves doing what God says and doing it from a sincere heart.

God deserves my best. Obviously, as a disciple of the Lord, I can worship God at any time and in any place. However, as a Christian, I have the responsibility and privilege to assemble with fellow disciples. Even though there are times when we worship with others in an assembly, worship is still an individual matter. What can I do to improve my worship?

How can I improve my worship in song? Passages such as 1 CR 14:15, EP 5:19, and CL 3:16 teach us to sing with spirit, with understanding, with a melody in your heart and with a heart filled with grace. The command to sing involves my learning something about singing. If I am a song leader in song worship, I need to learn to lead singing to the best of my ability.

How can I improve my worship in partaking of the Lord’s Supper? It is obvious that the early disciples partook of the Lord’s Supper

on the first day of every week (AC 2:42; 20:7). However, according to 1 CR 11:23–29, I must partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine in memory of Christ. I must discern the Lord’s death till he comes again. Sometimes it helps me in my discernment to read scriptures or lyrics to songs that take my mind back to the cross.

How can I improve my worship in teaching and hearing God’s word? As a preacher of truth, I can improve my worship in proclaiming the Word when I speak with all boldness (AC 4:29). My worship in preaching will be more effective when I preach in the spirit of meekness and humility (GL 6:1–2). I must also speak with love in my heart; not only for my Lord, but also for the same people He loves (1CR 13:1). Those who hear the gospel are also worshiping while listening. As a hearer, I should receive the message with all readiness of mind just like the Bereans (AC 17:11). The worshipful hearer not only receives the Word but also embraces it (believes) and obeys.

How can I improve my worship in praying to God? As one leading the prayer, I need to prepare myself. The lack of preparation in prayer often leads to wordy repetition. I need to pray loud enough that the congregation can hear the words and be able to say “A-men.” The scripture teaches me to pray with spirit, understanding and faith. I need to be enthusiastic when I pray and mean every word that I say. On the other hand, as a listener to a public prayer, I need to concentrate on what is being said while having an attitude of prayer in my heart.

How can I improve my worship in giving? The Bible teaches me to give on the first day of the week, as I have prospered, as I have purposed, and to give cheerfully, willingly and bountifully (1 CR 16:1–2; 2 CR 8:7–8; 8:12; 9:5–7). I believe it is as essential to learn the truth about giving as it is to learn the truth about partaking of the Lord’s Supper on the first day of each week or about singing praises to God without instrumental music. To not give as God instructs will make my worship vain.

My worship needs to be improved if, in any way, it is according to the commandments of men rather than instruction from God. My worship needs to be improved when it is only from my mouth and not

from my heart. Whatever we can do that is in harmony with God's expressed will - to worship according to truth and to worship from our hearts - needs to be put into practice. And remember- true worship glorifies our heavenly Father and edifies our brothers and sisters in Christ.

News & Notes...

LIBERAL, MISSOURI

It was during the summer of 1880, that George H. Walser founded the town of Liberal in the southwest corner of the state of Missouri. The town got its name from the "Liberal League" to which its founder belonged. Walser's objective in founding the town was *"to establish a town without a church, where unbelievers could bring up their children without religious training, and where Christians were not allowed"*

Walser's vision was to build a town that would be exclusively suited for infidels and heathens. A town where religion was not allowed. In an advertisement published by the town, Liberal boasted that *"This is the only town of its size in the United States without priest, preacher, church, saloon, God, Jesus, hell or devil."* In Walser's mind Liberal would represent an atheist utopia where *"sober, trustworthy, industrious individuals would thrive for years on end."*

So what happened? In an article that appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch dated May 2, 1885, titled "An Infidel Experiment" reporter Clark Braden described what Liberal, Missouri was all about. He said that drunkenness is widespread and swearing was the most common form of speech in the city. Children have a lack of reverence for parents and disobedience rules the day. Because of the "one child policy" physicians of Liberal say that a large portion of their practice had been trying to save females from the consequences of feticide (self-induced abortion).

It took only a few short years for the immorality and unattractiveness of Liberal to be exposed. People cannot exclude God from their lives, and expect to remain a "sober, trustworthy" town. Godlessness equals disorderliness, which results in a repugnant, immoral people. In the end, the town of Liberal, like all others who have tried to live without God was a complete and utter failure. ***"Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies"*** Psalm 40.4.

Buc

THE SICK:

JoAnn Gilbert	Cornelia Pepper
Bobbie Adcock	Linda Jones
Ann Bush	Wayne Reyer
Doris Lovell	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:

Dorothy Draper, rm. 73	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 63	Matty 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

UPDATES:

Sympathy is extended to **Betty Bolton and Peggy Mitchell** and their families in the passing of their sister **Barbara Christopher. Dean Holt** is home following her shoulder surgery. **Marion Pepper and Ragan Hamm** have been battling strep throat this past week. The **Hinkle's and Hamm's** are ut of town this week

GOSPEL MEETINGS:

Jones Rd	Sun- Fri	David Thomley
Hughes Rd	Sun- Wed	Don Truex
Westview Hartsville	Sun- Fri	Ben Walker

WORK GROUPS: **Work Group Two** 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 July 8th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	123
	Morning Worship.....	190
	Evening Worship.....	134
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	108

CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET: From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 15th:

Morning Worship

Announcement.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader.....	Tyler Cox
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper:	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting.....	Larry Mitchell
Serving.....	Christian Usery, Russell Wulfekuhl
.....	Kenneth Adams, Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer.....	Marty R. Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Larry Tucker

Other Assignments for the week of July 15th:

Ushers.....	Heath Dollar, Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, July 18b:

Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading	Marcus Morris
.....	
Prayer.....	Jerry McGlocklin
Invitation	Buc Chumbley
Closing Prayer	Bonnie Sutton
Usher.....	Russ Wulfekuhl

Sunday, July 22nd

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	A. J. Price
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Marty R. Adams
Assisting.....	Albert Haraway
Serving.....	Matthew Vaughn, David Terry
.....	Danny Johnson, Landon Adams
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Other Assignments for the week of July 22nd:

Ushers.....	Marvin Putman, Dwaine Allfrey
Work Sound System.....	Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Steve Usery
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Marty R. Adams
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz