

MARKET STREET

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



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DIVINE DELAYS

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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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Buc Chumbley, Editor

"Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was." John 11.1-6.

Word has reached Jesus, Lazarus is sick. Throughout His ministry Christ has demonstrated His power to heal illness of all kinds. From back ailments to leprosy, Jesus has confirmed that He was indeed the Great Physician through His miracles of healing. Now His friend is sick. It would be a simple thing for Him to go to Bethany and heal him. But instead Jesus waits and delays two days.

On the surface, the Lord's delay to come to the aid of His friend does not make sense. If you love someone, and you have the power to help them, wouldn't you rush to their aid as soon as you receive word of their illness? Instead, Jesus delays two days.

What do we do with God's delays? Clearly God does some things differently than we would if we were God, but that's precisely the point. Jesus stayed away two days because He intended not to heal Lazarus of his illness but to raise Lazarus from the dead. He even goes so far as to say to his disciples in John 11.15, *"I am glad... I was not there."* To us this may seem callous and unkind, but God's ways are not our ways. God's ways are always the best ways because they are the greater ways.

If Jesus had healed Lazarus, that would have been a great miracle. A miracle people would have talked about for days maybe months. But to raise Lazarus from the dead would be a greater miracle and one people would talk about for the rest of time.

Divine delays always accomplish the greater glory for God. We have to learn to accept them.

LATTER DAY REVELATIONS

Johnny Ramsey

Nearly all the denominations that have sprung up since 1800 have as a basis "latter day revelation." That is, some religious leader (usually self-appointed) claimed to have received a direct communication from God in which salvation for this modern age is revealed. The names of some of these so-called "prophets of God" were: Joseph Smith, Charles Taze Russell, Ellen G. White and Mary Baker Eddy. The cults which they founded are known as "Mormons" (or Latter Day Saints), Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists and Christian Scientists. Remember now, each of these leaders claimed to have founded his or her system on a revelation from God.

"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace" (I Corinthians 14:33). So we know that all of these conflicting theories, or systems, cannot be right. The Lord wants His followers to "Be of the same mind and the same judgment" (I Corinthians 1:10). Therefore, God did not tell early Christians to worship on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 16:1,2) and then instruct Mrs. White to teach the continuation of the Jewish Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. However, we do not have to concern ourselves over which one of these cults is right, because the Bible plainly teaches that the basis on which they all began is false. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Timothy 3:16,17). In other words, all of God's Will for mankind today is revealed in the Bible -- not in the Book of Mormon, the Harp of God or the writings of Ellen G. White.

When John, the beloved apostle, put down the pen of inspiration on the Isle of Patmos in A.D. 96, all of God's Will had been recorded. From many plain Scriptures we can see that any addition to or subtraction from the inspired Word would be an abomination in God's sight. Everything God desired for us to know and to follow from the Cross

of Christ until the end of the world was penned by the inspired men of God (II Peter 1:20,21) and is recorded in the New Testament. This leaves no vacuum for the so-called latter-day revelations to fill.

Notice these passages of Scripture:

- "But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema" (Galatians 1:8).
- "Seeing that His divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that called us by His own glory and virtue" (II Peter 1:3).
- "God...hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:1,2).
- "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son" (II John 9).

These passages, dear friends, teach us that God's will is complete, within the New Testament. Man dare not tamper with it. Our plea is simple: Return to the Lord's system which is revealed in the Bible, and the church of the Lord which the Lord Jesus through His apostles established in Jerusalem in A.D.33.

LEPROSY

Paul Williams

The repulsive disease of leprosy has a strange fascination. God's law for Israel described its symptoms in detail and gave minute instructions to the priest for its diagnosis. This law also said, "As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and the hair of his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover his mustache and cry 'Unclean! Unclean!'" (Leviticus 13:45).

So it was with interest that I listened to two members of a Leprosy Mission interviewed on Radio South Africa (March 2, 1976). This ancient disease is still a terrible scourge, especially in the poorest countries. The good news is the sulfa drugs can now cure it, so that it is not the sentence of a slow death it was in Bible times.

But what caught my ear was said at the end of the program. The interviewer asked, "How is leprosy spread?" The experts replied, "It used to be thought that it was spread only by prolonged skin-to-skin contact. But now we think it is spread by coughing and sneezing."

So it has taken medical science 3,500 years to discover that God's way of preventing leprosy is medically correct. His law said, "he shall cover his mustache." The leper was to wear a cloth, what we would call a face-mask, which would hang down from his upper lip. The spread of the disease was thus prevented because the sneeze or cough was covered. God's people were in this way protected from the spread of the terrible disease by the law of a loving God.

Nothing about leprosy would lead a person to guess it could be spread by droplets in the breath of a sufferer, for leprosy is a skin disease. Certainly Moses, the lawgiver, had no human way of discovering that the disease could thus be spread. But God knew, and He gave the law that protected His people. He gave a law which only now is appreciated for its wisdom. He gave a law which, in its nature, shows that it came from God, not man, for it contained this, and other, provisions which show a knowledge which science did not attain until thousands of years later. Praise be to our wonderful God!



News & Notes

THE SICK:

Donna Wright	Helen Blankenship
Mildred Lambert	Winfred Corsbie
James Johnson	Loretta Warner
Doris Lovell	Jennifer Sellers
Linda Jones	Ann Bush
Damien Powers	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Janice Cagle	Jeanette Weir
Patsy Thomas	Ella Melvin
Marvin Putman	Lucille Craig
Cornelia Pepper	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	Ava Brooke Campbell
Cindy Glass	Una King Currier
Susan Cox	Wayne Gooch
Gene Carpenter	Cindy Walker
Elizabeth Howard	Wayne Wooldridge
Linda Ordonez	Phillip Harwell

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Dean Holt; Huntsville Hospital – MICU-17
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

JoAnn Gilbert, rm 117	Kathleen Wales, rm. 110
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Joyce Martin, rm. 63	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Leonard Clines, rm. 94	

Limestone Health Facility:

Doris Reid, rm 11
Bobbie Adcock; rm. 116

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
 Virginia Meyer, Traditions Assisted Living
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison

UPDATES:

Beverly Sutton had a shot this past week to help to relieve pain in her neck...*Jackie Cox* has the shingles... *Don Osborn* has been moved to the Athens Health and Re-hab Center, room 92....*Phyllis Broadus* had a test done this past Friday and is awaiting results....*JoAnn Gilbert* had knee replacement surgery this past week.

WORKGROUPS: **Work Group Two** will be meeting after our evening service. If you are in group two remember to meet with your group tonight.

SERVICE TIME:

Sunday evening services will be moved to 4:00 pm starting November 4th.

LADIES CLASS:

Will held at the *Chumbley's, 17851 Elles Dr. Athens,* on Monday, November 5th at 6:30 pm

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Oct 21st*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	125
	Morning Worship.....	165
	Evening Worship.....	128
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	113

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Every Sunday Morning
on WVNN
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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Wayne Vaughn
Assisting	Keith Hinkle
Serving.....	Nathaniel Adams...Christian Usery
	Charles Vaughn.....Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer	Albert Haraway

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Preaching.....	Singing
Lord's Supper	Wayne Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Landon Adams

Other Assignments for the week of October 28th:

Ushers.....	Steve Usery, Marcus Morris
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, October 31st

Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading	Jerry McGlocklin
	Mark 9:30-37
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Invitation	Nathaniel Adams
Closing Prayer	Arvid McGuire
Usher.....	Tommy Coblentz

Sunday, November 4th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Wayne Vaughn
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Marty Adams
Serving.....	Harold Davis..Russ Wulfekuhl
	Marvin Putman..Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Holt
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Hunter Cox

Other Assignments for the week of November 4th:

Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell...Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Will Chumbley