

# MARKET STREET



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

## MESSENGER

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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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### MARKET STREET MESSENGER

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## *What Barnabas Saw At Antioch*

**Ken Weliever**

Some time ago a nationally popular denominational preacher spoke to a group of Muslims that one blogger described as "cozying up to extremists."

Aside from that, one of the things that intrigued me was what he thinks the church needs to be fighting, what he called 5 global giants. — war, poverty, corruption, disease, and illiteracy. While I admit these are huge challenges and agree that as good citizens we ought to be concerned about them, is this the true, scriptural mission of the church?

In the New Testament book of Acts we learn about the founding, growth and work of the first century church. Following the persecution of Saul of Tarsus, the stoning of Stephen and the scattering of Christians, we read about the gospel message coming to Antioch of Syria, a city about 300 miles north of Jerusalem, which is the modern day city of Antakya.

The Bible says they were "telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord" (Acts 11:20-21).

As a result, the church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas to Antioch to see what was happening. The text says, "When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord" (Acts 11:23).

What did Barnabas see?

### **An Aggressive Outreach to the Lost**

They were sharing the Good News. Christ was preached. Hearts were touched. People were being converted. Barnabas joined in the efforts and enlisted the help of the apostle Paul.

These brethren were doing what Jesus came to earth to do. "To seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). They were fulfilling Jesus' Commission to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

It is our commission today. Our responsibility. Our reason for existing. William Temple expressed it this way, "The church is the only coopera-

tive society in the world that exists for the benefit of its nonmembers.”

When Barnabas saw the grace of God at work, he saw Christians reaching out to the lost. That is still our mandate. Our focus. Our purpose.

What else did Barnabas see?

### **A Grace Focused, Spirit Filled, God Praising Assembly**

Paul and Barnabas “assembled with the church” (v. 26). This verse and others throughout the Bible express the importance of Christians assembling for worship. To praise God. To edify one another. Their work and worship was directed by the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:1-3).

Too often people fail to make worship a priority. They consider it optional and regard it as a rite or ritual. “Worship,” wrote A. W. Tozer, “is man’s full reason for existence. Worship is why we are born and why we are born again.” Let’s never take the worship assembly for granted.

What else did Barnabas see?

### **A Warm, Inclusive Fellowship of Jews and Gentiles**

The Gospel was first taken to the Jews only. Then the Hellenists and to all Gentiles (11:18-21). They worshiped together. Fellowshiped together. Enjoyed mutual spiritual blessings in Christ. God’s grace was upon them all.

We must welcome everyone into our fellowship who is a baptized believer. Race is unimportant. Ethnicity is irrelevant. Social status is inconsequential. Economic standing is immaterial. Our fellowship breaks down barriers. And brings us all together as one in Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).

What else did Barnabas see?

### **Committed Christians Growing in Discipleship**

They were being taught the Word. They were learning. Growing. Developing. And maturing spiritually. Verse 26 says “the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

We might think the name “Christian” is found throughout the New Testament. But actually it’s used only 3 times. The term “disciple” however is found over 270 times in Scripture.

A disciple is a learner. A follower. A pupil. An adherent of another. It is an ongoing process. We are not to be Christians in name only, but to truly be disciples of Christ.

Finally what did Barnabas see?

### **A Benevolent Church Serving Others’ Needs**

It is interesting that the gospel began at Jerusalem and through their efforts, Antioch came to know the grace of God. Now they reciprocate by helping their brethren when a famine struck Judea (Acts 11:27-30). They were not isolationists. They realized they were part of the larger Family of God.

Today, we ought to be concerned about the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world. Whether it’s a disastrous famine in Africa. A devastating Typhoon in the Philippines. Or a destructive hurricane in Houston. When needs arise, let’s open our hearts and pocketbooks to help. When we do this we show forth the grace of God. “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10).

The church at Antioch is a great example to us. They grew both in spiritual strength and in numbers. Their growth was not produced by a program, plan or marketing strategy. They grew because of a right relationship with God. And because the grace of God manifests itself in evangelism, worship, fellowship, discipleship and service.

What Barnabas saw at Antioch needs to be seen in our churches today.

~via *The Preacherman*; Louisville, Kentucky.



## ***Jesus, Teach Us To Pray***

**Allen Malone**

Prayer is a learned activity. All of the New Testament writers address the subject — the evangelist Luke most of all. The pages of Luke-Acts are punctuated with the prayers and praying of the faithful. At the heart of Luke’s Gospel is the familiar occasion when Jesus’ disciples, having witnessed His praying, requested that He teach them to pray (11:1). We are blessed to have recorded in Luke not only the Model Prayer given in answer to their request, but numerous occasions when Jesus gave prayer-instruction through His teaching and example. The Spirit’s catalogue of times, places and situations in which Jesus prayed reveal much to encourage and educate our praying.

First of all, Jesus’ example teaches us that **prayer is crucial to all other service**. Though (because?) Jesus’

earthly ministry was to be brief and busy, He “often withdrew to lonely places and prayed,” even (especially?) when “crowds of people” were coming “to hear Him” (5:15-16). Like Him, we should be praying servants.

Prayer was His priority in another way, too. **Jesus prayed before** choosing the Twelve (6:12-13), He prayed all night — teaching us to pray before making decisions. Prior to feeding the 5000 (9:12-17), Jesus gave thanks — teaching us to pray before meals, and to express our gratitude to God. Prior to setting His face toward Jerusalem where He would die for our sins and be raised for our justification, He “went up on a mountain to pray” (9:51,28) — teaching us that our first step in seeking to save others should be prayer. Prior to His betrayal, arrest and trials, Jesus prayed repeatedly and earnestly (22:39-44) — teaching us to pray in the face of difficulty. Prior to breathing His last in death (23:46), Jesus prayed, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

In all of that praying, Jesus’ example not only instructs but assures us. As He prayed alone and with others (4:42; 9:18,28) we get to see that **prayer prompts providence**. In Jesus’ life we see in startling clarity that God provides special help and comfort when His children pray. When Jesus prayed on the mountain before setting out for Jerusalem, Moses and Elijah appeared to discuss His departure with Him (9:30-31). When Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, “an angel from heaven appeared to strengthen Him” (22:43). Indeed, these occasions show us that during prayer God often transforms His children. On one mountain Jesus was “transfigured” and on the other His anguish became resolve (cf., Mark 14:34, 42). And, as if to assure us that God will transform ‘ordinary’ people like us while we pray, Jesus’ prayer-transfiguration experience in Luke 9 is followed by His disciples praying for evangelistic laborers in Luke 10 and becoming such laborers themselves (10:1-3). On top of all this, Jesus’ intercessory prayers show us that prayer can also prompt God to provide for others. Especially noteworthy are Jesus’ prayers for Simon in advance of his being sifted as wheat (22:31-32), and His praying for those who crucified Him even as He hanged on the cross (23:34).

It’s within the context of all of this praying that Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. In addition to His familiar Model Prayer (11:1-4) are instructions such as, “Pray for those who mistreat you” (6:28), “pray and [do] not give up” (18:1), and “pray that you will not fall into temptation” (22:40, 46). Clearly Jesus’ instructions

serve to highlight what He did. He Himself is our Prayer Model, showing us that our prayers and lives should focus on God, address Him, praise Him, and express physical and spiritual dependence upon Him. For the good of ourselves, those we love, and God’s cause, let us read and meditate on Christ’s life as we plead, “Lord, teach us to pray”!

~via *Millersville Church of Christ*; Millersville, Tennessee.

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

JoAnn Gilbert  
Doris Lovell  
Ann Bush

Loretta Warner  
Bobbie Adcock

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

Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Lona Jackson	Janice Cagle
Judy Vaughn	Ella Melvin
Robert Beasley	Jeanette Weir
Cornelia Pepper	Pat Wulfekuhl
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Kenneth Fisher
Una King Currier	Matt Poff
Susan Cox	Gene Carpenter
Cindy Walker	Phillip Harwell
Wayne Wooldridge	Brittany Bates Carter

### *In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:*

*Lola Holt*; UAB Hospital - Birmingham  
*Norman Hamm*; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

### *Athens Health & Rehabilitation:*

Leonard Clines, 99	Valeria Dalton, 7
Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, 77
Evelyn Hogan, 36	Dorothy Draper, 73
Joyce Martin, 63	Barbara Cole, 121

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Bettye Harrison, rm. 117

### *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  
Irene Inman, at home  
Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison  
Stan Stanford, at home  
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison

Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

### **Updates:**

**Robert Beasley** had out-patient surgery on Friday in Decatur ... **Jewel Dean Kennamer's granddaughter, Brittany Bates Carter** is in Houston, Texas living in an apartment taking treatments at M.D. Anderson for five more weeks of treatments. She has completed 16 treatments at this point. Remember to keep **Laura Adams** in your prayers for the upcoming delivery of her baby soon.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The **Capshaw church** is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speakers in the meeting will be: *Sunday – A. J. Price; Monday – Matt Lannom; Tuesday – Trenton Barksdale; Wednesday – Matt Taylor* ... The **Danville Road church** in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. **Bill Hall** will be the speaker in this meeting.

**OUT OF TOWN:** **The Ashes:** *Harold & Barbara* have been in Illinois the later part of this week for a doctor's appointment for Barbara... **The Holts:** *Larry and Shelia* are back home after being in Holland on vacation... **Steve Bradley** is in Texas this week... **Will Chumbley** is in Tompkinsville, Kentucky this week visiting.

**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.

**GRADUATES:** Everyone is invited to a gathering at the *Athens Bible School Cafeteria* on Sunday evening, May 12, 2019, to celebrate the upcoming graduation of **Clayton Hamm** and **Matthew Usery**! Join us after the evening services and bring your favorite finger food or side dish. Individuals will provide hamburgers and hotdogs for all to enjoy.

**PICTURES:** We are in the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Pictures will be made in room 20 in the east wing.

**AWAY AT SCHOOL:** Remember our young people who are away in college:

**Brettlyn Currier**, at the Cumberland Law School

**Keenon Currier**, at the University of Alabama

**Griffin Holt**, at the University of Alabama

**Elizabeth Usery**, at Mississippi State University

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

Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 141

Morning Worship ..... 214

Evening Worship ..... 150

Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 123

## **Men Privileged To Serve:**

### **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>:**

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
Prayer..... Kenneth Smith  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Russell Melvin  
Assisting ..... Harvey Nixon  
Serving ..... Marvin Putman .. Matthew Vaughn  
..... Harold Davis ..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
Closing Prayer ..... Wayne Vaughn

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Terry Andrews  
Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
Prayer..... Larry Tucker  
Preaching..... Song Service  
Lord's Supper ..... Russell Melvin  
Closing Prayer ..... Roger Hammonds

Other Assignments for the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Steve Bradley/Christian Usery  
Work Sound System..... Landon Adams

### **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
Bible Reading ..... Danny Johnson  
..... Mark 15:1-15  
Prayer..... Kenneth Adams  
Invitation ..... Harvey Nixon  
Closing Prayer ..... Landon Adams

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### **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:**

#### *Morning Worship*

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon  
Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
Prayer..... Keith Hinkle  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding..... Wayne Vaughn  
Assisting ..... Albert Haraway  
Serving ..... Clayton Hamm .... Charles Vaughn  
..... Roger Hammonds .... Tim Griswold  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ogles

#### *Evening Worship*

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon  
Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
Prayer..... Marcus Morris  
Preaching..... David Cox  
Lord's Supper ..... Wayne Vaughn  
Closing Prayer ..... Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Danny Holt  
Work Sound System..... Marty Adams