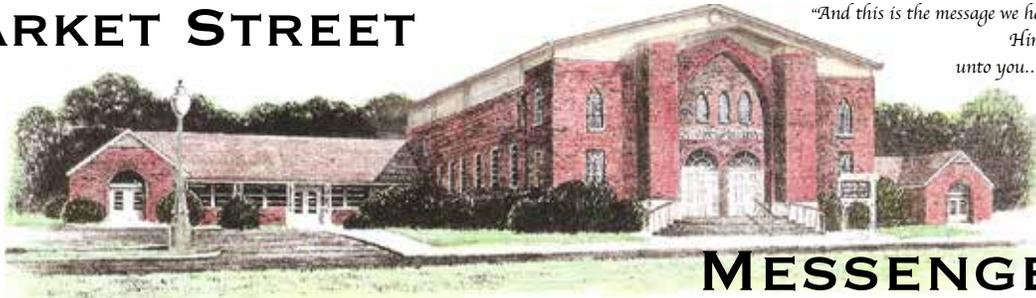


MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

Market Street church of Christ

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Athens, Alabama 35612
Phone (256) 232-1525

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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Tommy Coblantz..... (256) 232-3312
Kenneth Smith..... (256) 777-6737

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Danny Holt (256) 206-2746
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“Eternal Salvation to All Who Obey Him”

David A. Cox

“Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” — (Hebrews 5:8-9).

The Hebrew writer speaks of Christ learning obedience, then says that Christ is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. Jesus taught the importance of obedience as He said, “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). Jesus emphasized that the determination of a man’s salvation is dependent on doing the will of God or obeying God.

However, many believe and teach that obedience is not necessary for salvation. Many believe man is saved “wholly of grace” by faith in Christ. They will profess that man does not need to do anything to be saved from his sins. But what do the Scriptures say? Jesus and the Hebrew writer both stress that obedience accompanies salvation. In other words, without man’s obedience, there is no salvation but eternal destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). In James 2:14-26, James, talking about faith and works (works of obedience), says that “faith without works is dead.” If a man’s faith does not lead him to do the things God requires it will not produce life. Obedience to the commands of God is what causes us to be born again (John 3:3-5).

We must understand that obedience is not merely doing certain things but involves doing the things God has commanded, being prompted to submit to the will of God. Obedience must be based upon faith in God through Christ (Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 28:18). Noah, by faith, built an ark to save his house (Hebrews 11:7). By faith, Abraham pleased God as he obeyed the commands of God, even attempting to offer his only son upon the altar according to the command of God (Hebrews 11:17-19).

When Peter told those at Jerusalem to “Repent and be baptized” in Acts 2:38, he spoke the will of God to men. He told those gathered there that they needed to obey the command of God (Luke 13:3; Mark

16:16). On the day of Pentecost, these religious people had perhaps traveled great distances to be at Jerusalem for the observance. Still, they lacked obedience to the commands of God to be saved. They were similar to those in Matthew 7, that claimed to be workers of many wonderful works but were lacking in doing the will of the Father.

We must understand that to be saved, we must obey the commands of God to receive forgiveness. To do the will of God, we must do what the Lord has told us in His word; then, we will be saved by faith, but we will not be saved short of our obedience to God and His will. Noah, Abraham, and all the great men of faith were saved because they obeyed the commands of God. Have you done what the word of God teaches us to do? If not, obey him today, for those that “obey not the gospel... shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).



Two Rich Churches

Mike Noble

Things were not going well for the church in Smyrna -- from a worldly perspective, that is. In the letter addressed to them in Revelation 2, mention is made of their tribulation and how they had suffered at the hands of some Jews. Things weren't to get any better soon, either. Some of them were about to be thrown into prison because of their faith -- perhaps, even executed. They were an impoverished people, financially speaking. (It doesn't appear that they had heard of the 'health and wealth gospel' we hear preached so often today, does it?)

Yet the Lord looked at His people in Smyrna and said, “But you are rich” (2:8ff). Hmm...

About 100 miles away the church at Laodicea was doing great -- or so they thought. They were rich and had everything they needed -- so they said. Yet the Lord looked at them and told them they were “wretched, miserable, poor...” (3:14ff).

"How can this be?" someone asks.

Obviously the Lord doesn't look at riches the way we do. We can have all this world's goods we desire, live in luxury -- even meet with 'saints' in a beautiful building -- yet if we are “lukewarm” in the Lord's service (as was Laodicea), we are spiritually poor and without Jesus' approval.

On the other hand, we can be “rich,” even while living in squalor or rotting in a dungeon. If we have the Lord's approval and, consequently, look forward to a “crown of life,” we are rich indeed!

In our materialistic culture, we need to continually reevaluate our thinking about riches. Material wealth is fine, though it comes with many weighty responsibilities (1 Timothy 6:17-19). What truly matters is whether or not we are spiritually rich.

~via *Central Shelby church of Christ*; Shelbyville, Kentucky.



Real Confidence

Jason Moore

“The Lord is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words.

I sought Your favor with all my heart; Be gracious to me according to Your word.

I considered my ways And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

I hastened and did not delay To keep Your commandments.” - Psalm 119:57-60

Self-assurance is a sacred value in our day. We applaud those who possess it. But self-assurance is an apparition—it's a ghost, and not a friendly one. No man can be totally confident who has not first placed his total confidence in God.

“You are my portion, O Lord.” The man who has faith in God, always knows whence tomorrow's meal is coming. He doesn't have to fight to achieve and stay on top while neglecting his spiritual needs. The Lord is his portion. That's his confidence.

“Be merciful to me.” Forgiveness! Ah, what assurance it gives! The man who knows that God has forgiven

him need not fear death. He need not reason from consequences. He need not despair over life's inequities. He is forgiven. That's his confidence. What else does he require?

"I thought about my ways, and turned my feet." Men act with certainty. They exude confidence in their business decisions. They justify immoral behavior. But it's all a facade. The child of God thinks about his ways in the light of God's way, and gets on the right track. That's his confidence.

"I made haste, and did not delay to keep your commandments." Deadlines. Due dates. Appointments. So what if you keep them all, but never make an appointment with God? What have you accomplished? The believer doesn't put off spiritual priorities. He doesn't delay obedience. His priorities are in order. That's his confidence.

~via *East End church of Christ*, Lexington, Kentucky.

Wynell Romine Humbero Rodriquez
Elmina McLemore

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77 Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 Marie Nave, rm. 117a

Limestone Health Facility:

Marci Bassett, rm. 42 Bobbie Adcock, rm. 107
Bobby Ogles, rm. 113 Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Ann Bush, rm. 75

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Traditions
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Irene Inman; at home
Stan Stanford; at home
Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Alan Thornton; Limestone Lodge
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Brad Brown; Athens-Limestone Hospital, rm. 320
Norris Christopher; Athens-Limestone Hospital, ICU

Updates:

Marci Bassett's health continues with hospice care at the Limestone Health Facility ... ***Shelia Holt*** will be having surgery on her back in the summer ... ***Mildred Lambert*** spent a night and a day in the Athens Hospital this past week. It was determined she had issues with her stomach rather than her heart which had been feared... ***Irene Putman*** had cataract surgery on Thursday... ***Russ Wulfekubl's father, Richard Wulfekubl***, had heart procedure on Thursday and no stints were required... ***Lona Jackson*** will be going for additional tests... ***Humberto Rodriguez***, a preacher we support in Chiapas, Mexico, has a benign brain tumor. He does not mention it bothering him, but we need to keep him in our prayers.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying "*The Christian in a Secular Age.*"

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet Monday morning at 10:30 to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them in the morning at 10:30.

CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET: From time to time, the church at Market Street uses an

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Margaret Carter	Dale Adcock
Sherry Davis	Betty Pepper
Brad Brown	Shirley Miller
Betty Lovell	Doris Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	Diane Kilpatrick

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Cornelia Pepper	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Matt Bassford
Sadricia Wilson	Leigh Ellen Elliott

automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. The number may show on the caller ID, but it may appear as a spam call if you do not have it listed in your contacts. I would recommend that you enter the number as a Market Street church contact. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice-activated, so this will require you to say something, and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delay in the start-up of the message.

OUT OF TOWN: *Ann McLemore* is in Gatlinburg, Tennessee this weekend... *Phyllis Broadus* has been out of town several days this past week... *Polly Leopard* is back home from her trip to Italy... *Joe Hinkle* is back home now after being in Michigan visiting family... *Keenon Currier* is in San Antonio, Texas, for his basic training in the Air Force... *Hayden Pierce* has been in the police academy in Birmingham the last few months during the week. He graduated on Friday and we want to congratulate him and look forward to seeing him around more.

PICTURES: We are in the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

UKRAINE: We continue to see the terrible atrocities being inflicted upon the Ukrainians, and they are heart-wrenching to see. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren there.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for week of April 24th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	122
	Morning Worship	170
	Evening Worship	128
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	94



June 13-16, 2022

**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 1st:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Jerry Baker
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Albert Haraway
Assisting	Keith Hinkle
Serving	Matthew Vaughn... Clayton Hamm
.....	Hayden Pierce
Closing Prayer	Harold Ash

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Jerry Baker
Song Leader	Jonathan Traylor
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Albert Haraway
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell
Other Assignments for the week of May 1 st :	
Ushers.....	Marcus Morris/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, May 4th:

Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Bible Reading.....	Marty R. Adams
.....	(John 12:1-??)
Prayer.....	Nathaniell Adams
Invitation	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Sunday, May 8th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harvey Nixon
Assisting	Terry Andrews
Serving	Jonathan Traylor... Heath Dollar
.....	Roger Hammonds
Closing Prayer	Sam Gregory
	Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Joel Hamm
Preaching.....	Yera Surender
Lord's Supper	Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer	Stephen Lynn
Other Assignments for the week of May 8 th :	
Ushers.....	Hayden Pierce/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt