

# 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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### 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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## *Biblically Correct or Woke, Which?*

David A. Cox

*"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"— (Isaiah 5:20).*

The prophet Isaiah describes the time that he was living as wholly backward from the truth of the matter. He said those of his day "call evil good and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness." How much this sounds like the time in which we now live. The idea is that you must align yourself with things that are simply contrary to the teaching of the scriptures; if you are to be politically correct or woke. Now, consider a couple of issues set forth today by the woke or politically correct and compare them with the scriptures.

### Homosexuality as an Alternate Lifestyle.

Those promoting woke agenda today will say, "Homosexuality is just an alternate lifestyle. Who can blame someone because they were born that way." There is nothing true in either statement.

First, in Leviticus 20:13, we read, "If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death..." In Romans 1:26-27, Paul says concerning the Gentiles, "God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due." From these passages, it is clearly taught that homosexuality is a sin!

Next, homosexuality is a learned (abnormal and perverse) behavior and not an inborn desire that one cannot deny. God first made man; then, seeing it was not good for man to be alone, God made a helper comparable to him (a woman) (Genesis 2:18-ff). In speaking of the homosexuality committed among the Gentiles in Romans 1, Paul clearly states that men and women are not naturally attracted to those of the same sex. Paul said

they had “exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.” To accept the idea that it is just an alternate lifestyle is wrong and makes one as guilty of the sin as those who practice it! (Romans 1:32). People who live this kind of life simply choose to live this kind of life.

### **Abortion as a Right of Choice.**

The issue is promoted today by advocates of political correctness or being woke of a woman’s right to have an abortion. They will say, “A woman has the right to choose what she does with her body.” Many people seem to have fallen for this line of thought. First, understand that all, men and women, have the freedom to choose. God has given men and women the ability to decide what he is going to do. We see an example of this in Genesis 2:16-17, “And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’” God placed Adam in the garden and told him to eat of every tree, but one, the tree of the knowledge, but told him not to eat and the consequences of doing so. As we come to Genesis 3, the woman had been created and told the serpent what the Lord had commanded, but she made a choice to eat the forbidden fruit. So it is today that God has set forth His principles concerning man taking the life of another (Genesis 9:6; Leviticus 24:17; 1 John 3:15). A man/woman has the choice to do what he/she will do, either right or wrong. So, a woman can choose to have an abortion, but what is she choosing? She is choosing to murder the child or baby within her body. Yes, the unborn are babies. Notice what is said in Luke 1:41, “And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb....” After the birth of Jesus, the shepherds came to see Christ. Luke 2:16, speaking of the shepherds’ visit, says, “They came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.” Yes, by the inspiration of God, the word “babe” is used to describe both Christ after His birth (while in the manger) and the unborn child within Elisabeth. Almost everyone would agree that it is wrong to murder a living being, so how can we believe the scriptures would support this kind of behavior. The scriptures would not support the action of abortion; rather, it would be murder!

When one considers this idea of being woke and politically correct, it is clear that there is a problem with it and being acceptable to God. In Acts 5, Peter and John are threatened for their stand for truth. They responded,

“We ought to obey God rather than man” (Acts 5:29). We would do well to remember that statement. It does not matter how politically correct or woke something may be; it does not make it right in God’s sight. God has revealed His will to us (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:13). Therefore, we do not need to be blind followers of today’s political and woke thinkers. Let us study the word of God and know what God has revealed to us to ensure we are biblically correct and pleasing in God’s sight.



## *Learn From Philip*

**Chuck Bartlett**

When Jesus started His ministry, the Lord began calling men to follow after Him. One such person that Jesus summoned was Philip (John 1:43). Upon making the decision to follow Jesus, we are told that Philip went to Nathanael and said, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” (v. 45). When Nathanael heard this, he said to Philip, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Then Philip said, “Come and see” (v. 46). Let’s learn some great lessons from Philip.

### **To be a follower, first be convinced**

We are not told how Philip was convinced that Jesus was the Messiah. However, it is clear that he was familiar with the law of Moses and the prophets. He knew they contained teachings about the coming Christ. It was during this encounter with the Lord that Philip knew exactly who He was. Having total assurance of who Jesus is will help one be a faithful follower.

Paul, in writing to Timothy, stated, “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day” (2 Timothy 1:12). This commitment comes from knowing.

### **Having a desire to tell others**

One can’t help but admire Philip’s desire to go and

tell Nathanael that he found the Lord. In the text, it stated that Philip “found” Nathanael. This means that he went and sought him out. This is what the Lord wants us to do. We are told to “go” into all the world (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19-20). What is also worth noting is that Philip went with what he knew. In other words, you can’t tell someone something you don’t know.

To state that “we have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote”, reveals he is just speaking the word of God. Not only that, but he was reminding Nathanael about what Moses and the prophets foretold. It’s one thing to go; it’s another matter to go with the facts.

### He didn’t give up quickly

As soon as Nathanael uttered, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” there was obviously some skepticism. But it was Philip’s response that was great. He stated, “Come and see” (v. 46). In other words, he was encouraging Nathanael to do some investigating. This is exactly what we need to be doing today. When someone says, “Oh, all churches are the same.” Just say, “Come and see.” This passage reveals something about Philip that we need to remember. He didn’t know how Nathanael would first respond. Yet that didn’t stop him from trying. Too often, children of God create fears, assuming what people will say before they even asked. Even if you are correct in your assumption that someone is not eager right away, learn from Philip and encourage investigation. After all, the only thing that suffers from investigation is error. Truth is not fearful of being checked out.

### He didn’t act as if he was the special one

When Philip first went to this man, he told him, “We have found Him...” (v.45). Others had found the Lord so Nathanael could too. Those who seek will find (Matthew 7:7). Finding the Lord isn’t left to the elite few, but to the few willing to “come and see.” Are you the same kind of follower as Philip? Are there individuals that you can find and encourage to seek the Lord? Let’s learn from this follower of the Lord to help us be the kind of follower we need to be.

~via *Kirkwood church of Christ*; Kirkwood, Missouri.

## Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

# News & Notes...

## THE SICK:

Duane Thomas	Delmer Carter
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
Wynell Romine	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

## Updates:

**Marci Bassett’s** continues with hospice care at the Limestone Health Facility ... **Delmer Carter** has had EKG of his heart and it has been determined his heart is out of rhythm. They plan to treat him with medication at home ... **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.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *Christian Usery* has been in Birmingham working this past week...*The Coxes: Hunter, Heather and Beckett* are in Atlanta this weekend...*Keenon Currier* is in San Antonio, Texas, for his basic training in the Air Force...*The Coxes: David and Kerry* are in Atlanta this weekend.

**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.

**GOSPEL MEEETING:** The *Brookhill church* in Killen is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Don Patton*.

**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.

**YERA SURENDER:** It was good to have *Yera Surrender* and his wife, *Mercy*, with us last Sunday evening to report on the work in India.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for week of May 8<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	117
	Morning Worship .....	168
	Evening Worship .....	102
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	71



**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 15<sup>th</sup>:*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Joel Hamm
Preaching.....	Nathaniel Adams
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Stephen Lynn
Assisting .....	Keith Hinkle
Serving .....	Matthew Usery..... Marvin Putman
.....	Clayton Hamm .....
Closing Prayer .....	Hayden Pierce
.....	Roger Hammnds

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	Joel Hamm
Lord's Supper .....	Stephen Lynn
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns
Other Assignments for the week of May 15 <sup>th</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Danny Holt/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl

*Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:*

Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading.....	Landon Adams
.....	(John 12:27-36)
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Invitation .....	David Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Danny Holt

*Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>:*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting .....	Hunter Cox
Serving .....	Nathaniel Adams..... Heath Dollar
.....	Sam Gregory .....
Closing Prayer .....	Charles Vaughn
.....	Marty R. Adams

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper .....	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer .....	Terry Andrews
Other Assignments for the week of May 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews