

MARKET STREET



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

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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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Jesus' Visit to Bethany

David A. Cox

“And when she had said these things, she went her way secretly called Mary her sister, saying, ‘The Teacher has come and is calling for you’” — (John 11:28).

In John 11, Lazarus is stricken with sickness that takes his life. Jesus was in Decapolis, beyond the Jordan, and received word from Lazarus' sisters that he was sick and nearing death. Mary and Martha's devotion and faith in Jesus wanted Him to be with them. Jesus delays His journey to Bethany, and when He arrives, Lazarus has already passed away. When Martha hears that Jesus has come, she immediately goes out to meet Jesus. After meeting and conversing with Jesus, Martha went and told Mary that Jesus had arrived and wanted to see her. Let us consider some things we can learn from this.

The Teacher Has Come.

In times of great distress and trouble, Jesus had arrived to be with His dear friends, Mary and Martha. It was the time of the passing of their brother, Lazarus. The sorrow that had come to Mary and Martha is typical of the distress and trouble mankind deals with (Job. 14:1). We can learn from this that Jesus will be with us in our times of trouble. Jesus is always with us and will not forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6). Jesus came in the flesh and dwelt among man and understands the sorrows and trouble of life. He can sympathize with us in our afflictions (Hebrews 4:15). As our example, Jesus shows us how we should go to sympathize with and comfort others in times of distress and trouble. Let us follow Jesus by coming to others in their times of need.

He is Calling for You.

We all have experienced times when someone we know has been talking to another person we know, and they ask about us and send word to tell us “hello.” Indeed, Mary must have had this incredible feeling knowing that Jesus was calling for her. This is a personal call for Mary. Why? Because Jesus, as Mary's dear friend, wanted to be a source of

comfort and strength in her time of trouble. When Mary arrived where Jesus was, He asked, "Where have you laid him?" (John 11:34). Jesus did not beat around the bush but went directly to the source of the sorrow Mary and Martha were facing. They went immediately to the grave, and we are told, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Jesus came face to face with sorrow. Jesus calls for Mary so that He can sympathize with her and Martha. He comforts them by:

- Giving reassurance of the truth of God's word.
- A great demonstration by bringing Lazarus back.

We learn much about the care and concern Jesus has for His friends and His people. But as the day ends and they leave the empty tomb of Lazarus, let us not overlook the renewed assurance of the hope that is in Christ. The hope of the great resurrection of us all in the last great day. To go to the home that Jesus has prepared for us where there is no sorrow, no pain, no tears, and no death.



Because He Was Faithful

Chuck Bartlett

As one reads through the book of Daniel, there are many great stories to revisit. One that stands out is when Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were cast into the fiery furnace for not bowing to the golden image (Daniel 3). Another is when Daniel was thrown into the lion's den for breaking a law by praying to God (Daniel 6).

Do you remember how Daniel's enemies were able to get him in trouble with the king? In Daniel 6:4, the governors and satraps concluded that "they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error of fault found in him." You might expect these evil men to struggle to get Daniel to do anything wrong. You would be right...in the eyes of the Lord.

The interesting thing is what these wicked individuals decided to do. "Then these men said, 'We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.'" (verse 5). They realized that if they are going to discredit Daniel in the eyes of king Darius (who liked Daniel), they would have to use Daniel's loyalty to his God against him.

They convinced the king to make a decree that for thirty days no one could petition any god or man except the king (verses 7-9). Thus, when Daniel prayed to God as he always did, his enemies now had something of which to accuse him to the king (verses 12-13). They had successfully used Daniel's faith against him.

This is a valuable lesson we need to learn as Christians today. When God's people are faithful, Satan will do all he can to get us to grow weary in doing good (Galatians 6:9). If members of the church will not engage in the immoral acts the world offers, then the devil will use our dedication to the Lord to create division within the body of Christ. This is exactly what the faithful church at Philadelphia was warned about (Revelation 3:7-13).

The devil can use the faithfulness of Christians against them by having our good actions condemned as evil ones (1 Peter 3:15; 4:14). For example, the world criticizes Christians who are rightly opposed to homosexual acts (Romans 1:26-28). Similarly, local churches can be criticized for rightly disciplining a person who brings reproach upon the church. Some people will resist scripturally-required church discipline, and well-intentioned, faithful Christians can stumble in the face of this criticism even though it is something God calls for.

This should not surprise us. Why? Just like the enemies of Daniel, a local church full of godly members who are united in serving the Lord can still be divided by Satan if he uses their faithfulness against them. If the church strives to please the Lord by trying to keep itself unspotted, Satan can try to use this as a tool (1 Peter 5:8). However, the faithful will endure because they stay focused on two Godly goals; keeping the church unspotted (Ephesians 5:27) and doing everything we can to help others be faithful to God (James 5:19-20).

To illustrate these points, I was told a wonderful story recently. A congregation and its preacher were trying to help return his wayward daughter to the Lord. She had been living in an ungodly way, and they wanted her to repent. Eventually, the preacher had to tearfully read the letter of withdrawal. His daughter stood up while he was reading and started to come forward. The preacher (her dad) ran down and embraced her. There was not a dry eye in the building. I was told this while attending a funeral. Both the preacher and his daughter were in attendance at the funeral. May we trust in the Lord and in His ways even when those around us offer criticism.

~via *Southside Sower*; Springfield, Missouri.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Harvey Nixon	Carol Dean
Delmer Carter	Marvin Putman
Tommy Coblentz	Lona Jackson
Betty Pepper	Brenda Jones
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
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

William Thomas; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 437

Updates:

Don Bates came home this week after having triple bypass surgery last week. He will go back to doctor on

June 14th... **Tommy Coblentz** was involved in an automobile accident on Tuesday afternoon. He suffered a punctured lung and some broken ribs. He spent one day in the hospital but is now at home. He is to go back to the doctor this week... **Jennifer Threet** has been having issues due to the medication for her heart rate. She is to go back to the doctor on Friday ... **Carol Dean** has been sick with digestive problems and unable to be at services... **Marvin Putman** has been sick with the virus and is doing better... **Lona Jackson** fell this past week but was not seriously hurt... **Delmer Carter** is at home and not doing well. They have had hospice to begin with him this week... **Marci Bassett's** health continues with hospice care at the Limestone Health Facility ... **Debra Holt's** cousin, **Anthony Sutton**, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer of the jaw. He had several scans this past week and is scheduled for surgery on June 29th. Keep Anthony and the family in your prayers... **Ann McLemore's** daughter-in-law, **Elmina McLemore** continues to decline in her battle with cancer.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our VBS is scheduled for **June 13-16**. There are cards at the entrances to take and pass along to those you invite. Please tell others so that they can come and join us as we study together.

VBS MATERIAL: Teachers, the VBS material is in the west auditorium. Please check the material, and if you see anything, you need, please let me know.

OUT OF TOWN: **Allison Usery** is in Gulf Shores this week at a conference with work ... **The Wulfekubls:** **Lisa and Ali** are going to Savannah, Georgia, this week ... **The Holts:** **Danny and Debra** were out of town last week for the wedding of their grandson... **The Adams:** **Landon, Lynsey & Jessie** were in the mountains last week... **The Burns:** **Tommy and Susan** were back home last weekend after being in St Augustine, Florida... **Keenon Currier** has been transferred to Monterey, California, where he will be stationed.

GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS: The **Eastside church** is beginning a Gospel meeting today, and it will continue through Friday. There will be morning and evening ser-

vices Monday through Friday. the speaker will be *John Gibson*... The **Pepper Road church** is engaged in a gospel meeting this week through Thursday with morning and evening services. *Brett Hogland* is the speaker in this meeting... The **Hickory Heights church** in Lewisburg, Tennessee, is beginning a gospel meeting today, and it will continue through Friday. *Jeff May* will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Oakland church** will begin a Vacation Bible School on Monday morning, and it will continue through Friday morning... The **Westview church** will begin a Vacation Bible School on Monday morning, and it will continue through Friday morning... The **College View church** will begin a Vacation Bible School this week. It will continue Monday through Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of May 29th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	105
	Morning Worship	134
	Evening Worship	93
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	88

Vacation Bible School

June 13 - 16

(Monday through Thursday)

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Classes from 6 months through High School will be studying:



Speakers for the week in the Auditorium Adult Class:

Monday 10:00 a.m.-----	Mike Richardson
Tuesday 10:00 a.m.-----	Lonell Plyler
Wednesday 10:00 a.m.---	Lance Taylor
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.---	Stacy Crim
Thursday 10:00 a.m.----	Eric Reynolds

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

514 West Market Street
Athens, Alabama

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Harold Ash
Assisting	Keith Hinkle
Serving	Harold Davis
	Heath Dollar
	Sam Gregory
	Kenneth Adams
Closing Prayer	Frank Melton

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Harold Ash
Closing Prayer	Jerry Baker
Other Assignments for the week of June 5 th :	
Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Steve Bradley
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl

Wednesday, June 8th:

Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Bible Reading	Hunter Cox
	(John 13:1-17)
Prayer.....	Larry Mitchell
Invitation.....	Hayden Pierce
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Sunday, June 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblenz
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Stephen Lynn
Assisting	Jerry Baker
Serving	Christian Usery
	Charles Vaughn
	Luke Vaughn
	Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer	Hayden Pierce

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Albert Haraway
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Stephen Lynn
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed
Other Assignments for the week of June 12 th :	
Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Keith Hinkle
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews