

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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David A. Cox, Editor

“The Truth Shall Make You Free”

David A. Cox

“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free’” — (John 8:31-32).

Freedom is something that man longs to have. God made and gave him the freedom to choose to do what he wanted to do. The freedom to choose does not mean that whatever man chose was right. God gave one command to not eat of the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” Making that choice to eat from that tree would violate God’s will and separate God and man because of sin. The Jews were God’s people in the Old Testament. God gave them a law, but they could choose to obey it or disobey it. Disobeying the law caused the children of Israel to be guilty of sin. There was no remission of sin under the law of Moses. The Jews had been told that the Messiah would come and take sin away; they should have been looking for Him. But they did not accept Him when Christ came as he promised Messiah. In John 8, the conflict between Jesus and the leaders of the Jews was intensifying about true freedom. Jesus speaks to those who are guilty of sin and tells them what would free them.

The Liberating Truth.

Truth liberates man because it brings us to understand the things that please God. Jesus lived His life, but He did not just do whatever He wanted. He did things that were pleasing to His Heavenly Father. He certainly did not relish the thought of going to the cross and dying the terrible death and suffering as He would. But it was not He will but the Father’s will that should be done (Matthew 26:36-ff). Jesus went to the cross to free us from our sins. However, our sins are not taken away from us unless we do the will of God. Let us have the attitude of the Psalmist, “I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart” (Psalm 119:32).

The Truth Allows Us To See.

The wise men in Jesus’ day would lead the Jews into the bondage of

lies and deceit. The respected Pharisees were not going to accept Christ, and not accepting Christ would continue to have them living lives without peace, no forgiveness, and no relationship with God. As the people heard Jesus speak and saw His miracles, they could judge that He was the truth. They could then accept the truth and be truly free.

The Truth Brings Us to A Loving and Gracious Life.

The truth seen in Jesus brings us to a heart that was free of prejudice, bitterness, and hatred. The truth will show us a divine love uncontaminated by the things in the world. The freedom experienced by such a life of release from the evils and bad attitudes will allow us to have a graciousness about life. Life will not be about me; it will focus on the revelation of truth and the value of the soul.

Let us remember these valuable lessons about true freedom found in truth. Let's seek for truth, live the truth, and share the truth.



What the King Said

Frank Himmel

Premillennialism is the doctrine that Jesus will one day return and reign on earth for a thousand years. The theory says that Jesus came to establish His kingdom 2,000 years ago but postponed it when the Jews rejected Him. Nevertheless, He will be successful next time. Following a horrific war, the battle of Armageddon, He will transform the earth into a utopian society.

These elaborate predictions are the product of overflowing imaginations and a handful of out-of-context Scriptures. Such false conclusions could easily be avoided by simply listening to Jesus, the king, discuss the kingdom. After all, who knows the subject better than He?

The Nature of the Kingdom

“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting

so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm” (John 18:36). Does that sound like it is ushered in via a great war with saints fighting for Christ?

“The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or, ‘There it is!’ For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst” (Luke 17:21). Why, then, do so many insist that “signs of the times” point to the kingdom’s imminence?

Jesus likened the kingdom to a mustard seed: small in its beginning, yet growing larger than others (Matthew 13:31-32). How can a kingdom initiated by His return in world conquest be described as growing from a small beginning?

At the conclusion of another parable, in which Jewish rejection of Him is central to the story, Jesus clearly said, “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you [the Jews] and given to a people, producing the fruit of it” (Matthew 21:43). Yet contrary to that plain declaration, premillennialists argue that Israel as a nation is still central to God’s kingdom plans.

The Time of the Kingdom

Early on, Jesus preached that the kingdom of heaven was at hand (Matthew 4:17). In the final year of His ministry, when Jewish rejection of Him was evident, the message was still the same (Luke 10:10-11).

Mark 9:1 is unmistakable: “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.” If the kingdom is still future, where are all these 2,000-year-old people?

The Setting of the Kingdom

Several of Jesus’ parables address the setting of the kingdom.

The parable of the tares makes the point that “sons of the kingdom” live side-by-side with “sons of the evil one” in the world. Separation does not come until the end (Matthew 13:24-20, 36-43). There is no hint of a renovated, utopian earth.

In the parable of the pounds or minas, Jesus likened Himself to a nobleman going away into a far country to receive a kingdom (Luke 19:11-27). Jesus said He has now taken His seat on His throne (Revelation 3:21). It is in heaven, at God’s right hand, not in Jerusalem or any other earthly capital.

The Kingdom's Entrance Requirements

How does one become a citizen in Jesus' kingdom? "Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). That changed character is depicted in the Sermon on the Mount, in which the king vividly describes the attitude and conduct of His disciples in contrast with contemporary standards.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). The new birth requires baptism as well. All of this points to the spiritual nature of Jesus' kingdom.

Conclusion

Did Jesus tell the truth about the kingdom? If He did, popular millennial notions are completely off base. It makes no sense to ignore these straightforward statements from the king himself while weaving fantastic theories based on more obscure passages. Do not interpret Old Testament prophecy so as to contradict Jesus' teaching.

~via *Path Lights*; Bossier City, Louisiana.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Dale Adcock	Carol Dean
Mike Wheeler	Paul Adcock
Betty Pepper	Brad Brown
Doris Lovell	JoAnn Gilbert
Betty Lovell	Shirley Miller

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
Anthony Sutton	

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Irene Inman, rm. 121
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 Brenda Wilson, rm. 77

Limestone Health Facility:

Bobby Ogles, rm. 113 Ann Bush, rm. 75
Alice Roberson, rm. 49 Marie Nave, rm. 79a

Shut-In or Away From Home:

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

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Anthony Sutton; UAB Hospital, rm. ICU

Updates:

Dale Adcock was able to come from the hospital on Monday and begin taking her rehab at home... **Carol Dean** got a good results from her test done on Wednesday, and will need to have further testing... **Danny Holt** is better now after having the virus... **Helen Blankenship** had some tests done this week and will get the results on Wednesday... **Ruby Dean Ezell** is scheduled for injections in her back on August 16th... **Dan Lovell** is not making the progress they would like to see since his shoulder surgery ... **Peggy Pepper** fell again this week and spent a day in the hospital, but is now at home... **Irene Inman** was moved Wednesday afternoon to Athens Health and Restore Rehabilitation for therapy... **Debra Holt's aunt, Charlotte Adams**, has begun having hospice to come help with her care... **Debra Holt's cousin, Anthony Sutton**, had surgery on Wednesday but all indications were that the surgery went very well, and they were able to get all the 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 next Monday morning, July 11th, at 10:30 to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them next Monday morning.

LEAVING FOR SCHOOL: *Kenneth Adams* will

be leaving this coming Friday for Auburn. He will be entering medical school there. We will miss Kenneth being with us while he is away and look forward to when is back.

ADDRESS: Several have ask for the address of *Keenon Currier*. the address is below:

443 Chaplain Magsig Avenue
 Stop # 2564
 Monterey, California 93944

OUT OF TOWN: ... *The Tuckers: Larry & Theresa* are back home after being out of town last week. ... *The Wulfekubls: Russ, Lisa & Ali* left Friday for a vacation in the midwest states ... *The Coxes: Hunter, Heather & Beckett* are in Haleyville today ... *Keenon Currier* is in Monterey, California, where he is stationed.

JERRY McGLOCKLIN — (1943–2022): With sadness, we note the passing of brother *Jerry McGlocklin*. Jerry passed away on Thursday morning at his home. Jerry has been a long-time member of the Market Street church. He loved the church and worked hard for the cause of Christ here. Jerry served as a Deacon for several years and then as an Elder for about 13 years. He loved the Lord, the people of God, and his family. We all have many good memories of Jerry and the good things he stood for. Jerry’s funeral was Saturday afternoon at the Spry Funeral Home Chapel. He was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery. May the Lord bless *Joyce, Leigh, Kayla, and all the family* at this time.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made? 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 June 26th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	100
	Morning Worship	125
	Evening Worship	98
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	88



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Joel Hamm
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord’s Supper
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting Stephen Lynn
 Serving Danny Holt Marvin Putman
 Landon Adams..... Heath Dollar
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Jonathan Traylor
 Prayer..... Keith Hinkle
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord’s Supper Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Frank Melton
 Other Assignments for the week of July 3rd:
 Ushers..... Danny Holt/Danny Johnson
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

Wednesday, July 6th:

Song Leader Clayton Hamm
 Bible Reading Matthew Usery
 (John 15:15-25)
 Prayer..... Keith Hinkle
 Invitation..... David Cox
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Sunday, July 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord’s Supper
 Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
 Assisting Keith Hinkle
 Serving Griffin Holt Marvin Putman
 Sam Gregory Harold Davis
 Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord’s Supper Keith Hinkle
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns
 Other Assignments for the week of July 10th:
 Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Tommy Coblentz
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt