

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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Gospel Meeting

September 11th – 14th

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist – Buc Chumbley

MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Saving the Lost!

Cecil F. Cox

We do not like to think of anyone being lost. Even children lost from their parents or someone lost in a forest or some other similar scenario. Such times are tragic and no one would enjoy such.

In this article I am not thinking of this kind of being lost. I am thinking about one being lost forever in Hell. We must watch and avail ourselves of what God has done for us. He loves us and does not want anyone of us to be lost. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

A soul cannot be saved by force. Jesus came to save the lost, "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Jesus sought to get the lost to come to Him by "inviting" them to "come" to Him, to "learn" of Him. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly at heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28,29). He is "knocking" at the door (Revelation 3:20). Jesus is calling. "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Luke 5:32).

We must be impressed with the truth that men are lost. Luke 19:10 tells us that "the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." The very fact that Jesus came into this world proves that souls are lost. What an unpleasant thought! How tragic! But true! If Christ had not come man would be without hope and without God in this world.

From this verse of Scripture we learn that men are lost but we also learn that men can be saved. Man is not without a means of salvation. The good news is that Jesus came to save us. And let us clearly understand, He is able to do so. "He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). Some people believe that there are some who are lost and are bound by an irrevocable decree of God that He has predestinated some from the foundation of the world that they cannot be saved. And that this number is so fixed that it cannot be changed, added to, or taken from. You know it is a funny thing, but you never see one that

believes this way thinking that he is among the number who is lost. They seem to think that they are among the predestinated ones to be saved. But I assure you that the Bible does not teach such doctrine. It teaches that there is room in the kingdom for each and everyone that desires to enter. Jesus said in John. 8:32, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Notice that Jesus said that being free from sin is conditioned upon one knowing the truth. The same book of John tells us what the truth is. It says, "Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy Word is truth" (John. 17:17). The context of the passage, John 8:32, shows that Jesus was speaking of being free from sin. Notice also 1 Cor. 15:1,2 — "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that Word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain." Notice in this passage, salvation is conditioned upon their "receiving" and "standing firm" in the gospel.

We urge you to hear the gospel — we urge you to obey the gospel in order to be saved. In closing I ask you to read 2 Thess. 1:7-9, "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels. In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power."

~via *Gospel Power* Anderson, Alabama.



"The Lord Hates Us"

Buc Chumbley

Deuteronomy 1, Israel is on the brink of invading Canaan. Before they do, twelve men are sent in to spy out the land. In verse 28 they give their report to the people, "*The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.*" Moses records the reaction of the people in verses 26-27 "*Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God; and you complained in your tents, and said, 'Because*

the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.”

Think how ridiculous that statement by the children of Israel that “the Lord hates us” really is: Obviously the Lord hates Israel. That’s why he worked miracles for them in Egypt and led them by a cloud and a pillar of fire out of bondage. His hatred was displayed as He parted the Red Sea for them so they could cross on dry land. His hatred for Israel was obvious while He fed them manna and quail in the wilderness and gave them water to drink. In fact, God hated Israel so much, He gave them the Ten Commandments, not once but twice.

He must hate you a lot to treat you so well. How quickly we forget the blessings of the Lord when we face a new challenge. How quickly we would give up all we have gained for the pleasures of living in slavery in Egypt.

So now things aren’t going so well for you. Maybe the news from the doctor wasn’t what you hoped. Perhaps your children are struggling. Maybe your friends have disappointed and your marriage seems to be falling apart. When times are hard, it’s easy to think that God hates us. But whatever else we can say, God does not hate His own children. He loves them with an everlasting, unending, infinite love. He proved it at the cross.

Do not be quick to turn against God when times are hard. Do not say, “He hates me.” The fact of the matter is, no one who hates you would treat you so well.

Jeanette Weir	Doris Reid
Lloyd Adams	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Matt Bassford
Sadricia Wilson	Leigh Ellen Elliott
Wynell Romine	Elmina McLemore
Anthony Sutton	Charlotte Adams
Nanette Chancellor	

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

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

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 79a	Bobby Ogles, rm. 113
Ann Bush, rm. 75	Betty Christopher, rm. 109
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	

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
 Irene Inman; at home
 Stan Stanford; at home
 William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Charlotte Griffin; Athens-Limestone Hosp.,

Updates:

Charlotte Griffin was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday night. She has fluid collecting from her cancer and they are unable to remove it... *Sharon Nave* is to begin her radiation treatments on Tuesday and they will continue for the next four weeks. There will be 21 radiation treatments and 2 chemo treatments... *Judy & Brad Brown* are sick at home with the virus as Brad continues his recovery from surgery last week... *Harold Davis* did not get any definitive word on his scan last week. He is scheduled for an appointment with the RA doctor on October 31st ... *Sharon Nave’s son, Shawn Nave*, fell last Friday about 30 feet off of a roof and crushed all the bones in his right foot. He is scheduled to have surgery on Thursday to repair what they can... *Doris McGuire’s son, Tim McGuire*, is scheduled for an endoscopic ultrasound on September 20th at UAB in Birmingham... *Debra Holt’s aunt, Charlotte Adams*, continues to be very low and the family is with her around the clock ... *Barbara Ash’s brother, Stephen Bassitt*, has begun having hospice to help with his care... *Harold*

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Dale Adcock	Barbara Ash
Sharon Nave	Leigh Ann McGlocklin
Judy Brown	Ruby Dean Ezell
Brad Brown	Margaret Carter
Steve Stringer	James Adams
Shirley Miller	Betty Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	Doris Lovell

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Charlotte Griffin	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Judy Vaughn

Davis' sister, Linda Meeker, was able to go home this week andn will be doing out-patient therapy ...*Keith Holt, the oldest son of Danny and Larry's brother, Mike*, is doing better and was released from the hospital this week. He is continuing to recover at home.

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

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet on 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.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Bonnie Sutton* in the passing of his nephew-in-law, *Preston Boyd*. His visitation was Thursday night at Limestone Chapel. The funeral for Preston was on Friday morning. His body was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery. May the Lord bless 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Q & A: I continue to take questions to answer in our Bible Study on Wednesday nights, during Question & Answer sessions. If you have questions that you would like for me to deal with, please write the questions or topics you are interested in hearing about, and I will deal with them.

COMING TO VISIT: *Ashley Goosen*, who preaches for the church in Port Elizabeth, *South Africa*, will be with us this week. He will arrive on Monday and will be here until next Monday. Next Sunday, Ashley will preach and report on the work in South Africa. If you would like to spend some time with him, let me know.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Adams: Landon, Lynsey & Jessie* are in Destin, Florida for a few days this week... *Christian Usery* was in California last weekend.

AWAYFROMUS: Some of our young people are away from home. Keep them in your prayers.

Kenneth Adams is in Auburn for school.
Keenon Currier is stationed in Monterey, California.
Addison Holt is in Birmingham for school.
Christian Usery is in Birmingham for work.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of August 28th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	121
	Morning Worship	138
	Evening Worship	105
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	95

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 11th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Jerry Baker
 Song Leader Larry Holt
 Prayer..... Joel Hamm
 Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
 Assisting Larry Tucker
 Serving Charles Vaughn Luke Vaughn
 Danny Johnson Sam Gregory
 Closing Prayer Hayden Pierce

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Jerry Baker
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer.....Dan Reed
 Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
 Lord's Supper Larry Tucker
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt
 Other Assignments for the week of September 11th:
 Ushers.....Marvin Putman/Tommy Coblentz
 Work Sound System..... Russ Wulfekuhl

Wednesday, September 14th:

Song Leader Griffin Holt
 Bible Reading No Reading
 Gospel Meeting
 Prayer..... Frank Melton
 Invitation Buc Chumbley
 Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Sunday, September 18th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Harold Ash
 Preaching..... Ashley Goosen
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Marcus Morris
 Assisting Jerry Baker
 Serving Christian Usery Danny Johnson
 Hayden Pierce Ronnie Locke
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Preaching..... Ashley Goosen
 Lord's Supper Marcus Morris
 Closing Prayer Larry Tucker
 Other Assignments for the week of September 18th:
 Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Heath Dollar
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews