

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..... 6:30 p.m.

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“Be Anxious For Nothing...”

David A. Cox

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” — (Philippians 4:6-7).

Paul reminds Christians at Philippi to not be anxious. What is anxiety? Or what causes stress? Anxiety is manifested by worry, fear, and uneasiness. Many times to totally involved in our thoughts, but it can appear in a physical feeling such as our stomach turning, tension, or tingling feelings in our body. The fact is that anxiety is not a new phenomenon. If you experience anxiety, you are certainly not alone. Still, things can improve, and we can learn to overcome this problem. Let us consider why we should free ourselves from anxiety.

Anxiety Violates Scripture. Jesus, in the sermon on the mount, teaches that we are not to be anxious. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus three times says, “Do not worry.” Why does Jesus make this point repeatedly in the text? Jesus shows us as believers in God, we know that God loves us, cares for us, and has promised to meet our needs. Since we know these things are true and we are the glory of His creation, to live a life filled with anxiety just does not fit the child of God. We must understand that an anxious life leads to fear, discouragement, and doubt.

Work On Our Anxiety. It is important to understand that anxiety does not come from God (2 Timothy 1:7). Where does it come from? Some things in life are distressing and can lead us to be anxious. Health concerns of a family member or yourself, financial difficulties, personal issues with family and co-workers, or many other things can make us anxious. If you are anxious, it is because there is something that your mind feels is threatening to the good you desire in life. It is a simple fact; as children of God, we must develop a life fully trusting in God and His word. As we face our anxiety, we can work on how to resolve the problem. When we realize that it is not something God desires for us,

we must recognize many things in life that we cannot control. At this point, we must change our thinking about the things we can't control. Many times anxiety stems from things we cannot change. Do not let your mind wander to the catastrophic, worst-case scenarios. Let your mind remember that even though you are not in control, God is, and He is with us. God has blessed us in many ways, and ultimately, He is in control. Let us work on our anxiety and not let it take up residence in our life.

God Made Us To Be With Him. Anxiety is ultimately about trying to avoid something that we believe is bad and threatening to us. God made us in such a way that our brains are functioning to help protect us and help us survive. We are created in a way that desires to be safe and free from harm. But, because the God who made us has also told us not to be anxious, it is something we can overcome. God knows that our brains can be changed, and we can react differently. The key to changing our thinking is seen in Romans 12:2 says, "...be transformed by the renewing of your mind." We do not have to be anxious and worried about things we may feel are threatening. We can look to God and His will that place our trust entirely in Him.

No More Anxious, But At Peace. Paul continues telling the Philippians that the peace of God will be the focus in their life with anxiety gone. The life Paul describes will not fear and be consumed with things they cannot control; rather, it will be a life that accepts the peace that we experience when we place our life in Christ. The peace Jesus offers and gives us is not just one day and certain times; it is peace for every day and every situation.

May we come to know the peace that Jesus gives. May we place our trust, focus on Him, and replace the fear and anxiety that consume the physical side.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.



**MARKET STREET
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Where Did We Fail?

Robert F. Turner

A mother or father tells me, "My son (or daughter) obeyed the gospel when twelve years of age. He never missed Bible class or worship, and made talks on Wednesday nights. When he went away to college and began to hear arguments on evolution and all that junk, he really stood up for the Bible. I remember the first Thanksgiving holiday he came home, he told us all about the discussion he had with his teachers. He even tried to convert his roommate. But now — the boy has finished college and is married. He never goes to church, and he won't let us talk to him about it. Bro. Turner, our boy has lost his faith."

The dad is terribly hurt about the matter, and certainly thinks he is telling me the truth about everything. But let's run it through again — if we can bear the pain of doing so.

The boy (or girl) was "brought up in the church," and from early childhood was impressed with the fact that as soon as he was old enough he would be baptized and partake of the Lord's Supper. So he did! He never missed a service, because his parents wouldn't allow it. He "made talks" dutifully, being true to "the system," just as he studied and recited at school. His parents, their social circle, peers of his environment, all, "believed in God and the Bible" so he thought he believed also. Evolution was "that junk," but if he ever heard it intelligently discussed it was ridiculed in specious arguments, or in labored terms he didn't understand.

When he first met evolution, modernism, social theism, etc., as real live concepts, espoused by those he now respected (teachers), or his social peers (students), he dutifully responded. (He spent an hour finding 2 Timothy 3:16-17, and was shocked at its seeming incongruity in this new setting.) They didn't even believe the Bible! Or, he sought to meet a Ph.D on the professor's ground, and of course was unprepared. At Thanksgiving he may have passed the questions on to his parents, and they said, "Oh, you know that is wrong." Did he??

His bride came from this setting, or maybe a generation later; but do not blame her. (He selected her, remember!) The truth is, he has never had a mature faith,

has never really obeyed the gospel. Inherited religion is a poor substitute for the real thing! The boy may never have seriously appraised himself, the scriptures, or the gospel. He probably blames his parents for the inner conflict he feels at times — and yet he treats his own children the same way, with different standards of course. He tries to teach them what he thinks is best for them, in the best way he knows how. He can't believe his dad faced such situations as he has had.

We can't dismiss the matter by saying, "Let children grow up *absolutely free* to believe and act however they please." We may not teach them, but none live in a vacuum. Also, this is an abdication of responsibility, and assumes that man is an authority unto himself. Godless societies certainly do not recommend themselves upon honest investigation, even in this world.

~via *Cyfair Family News & Notes*; Cypress, Texas.

Editor's Note: The above article is heartbreaking to see what happened to this young Christian and many other people. However, the lessons to be learned for those of us who have an influence on children. Parents have the most significant influence, but others, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and church family, can greatly impact our children. Remember that children are entrusted to us to care for, train, and "bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Children need to be taught and encouraged as they develop their faith in God. For this reason, our Bible Class periods, Vacation Bible Schools, and Children's Bible Drills are so important. Let us, as adults, set examples among our children and encourage them to ask questions to learn about God's will and His way.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Bob Broadus	Phillip Vaughn
Jared Smith Family	Paul Adcock
Dale Adcock	Steve Stringer
Helen Blankenship	James Adams
Shirley Miller	Betty Lovell
Doris Lovell	Keith Holt

Buzz Lovell
Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Sharon Nave	Tim McGuire
Peggy Pepper	Priscilla Tucker
Freddie Mae Elmore	Vicki Stringer
Anita Wheeler	Nikki Ogles
Judy Vaughn	Lona Jackson
Doris Reid	Jeanette Weir
Charles Burns	Lloyd Adams
Kenneth Fisher	Cindy Walker
Matt Bassford	Al Pollard
Wynell Romine	Sadricia Wilson
Jerry Lawrence	Anthony Sutton
Henry Fusch	Barbara Piper
Kimberly Pressnell	Liz Fusch

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

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

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	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; Goldton at Athens
 Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
 Irene Inman; at home
 Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee
 Stan Stanford; Goldtron at Athens
 William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Updates:

Weston Gregory had his tonsils and adenoids out on Friday and it went well...***The Smith Family:*** *Jared, Jennifer, Owen, Wyatt & Henry* are doing better after having rounds of sickness go through the family...***Phillip Vaughn*** has not been doing well this past week...***Dale Adcock*** is going to have nerve induction test done on Tuesday...***Steve Stringer*** has not been doing well and they have begun having hospice to come in and assist them...***Paul Adcock*** received a good report from the MRI he had done last Friday...***Mitzi Carruth*** has back surgery scheduled on February 27th...Remember our expecting mothers, ***Heather Cox***, and ***Laura Adams*** in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Remember the

Children's Bible Drill this afternoon at 4:45 before our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

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.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Ashes:* Harold & Barb are at Orange Beach.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Parkway church* near Caddo is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Lance Blackburn*... The *East Albertville church* will begin a meeting today it will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Phillip Owens*.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Phillip and Margaret Vaughn* and *all the family* in the passing of Phillip and Margaret's son, *Michael Vaughn*. Michael passed away on Thursday morning in Columbia, Tennessee. There will be a visitation at Limestone Chapel on Monday from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. followed by a graveside service at Roselawn Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. May the Lord richly bless the Vaughn family at this time.

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING: On Saturday and Sunday February 25th-26th, *Tim Stevens* will be with the church here following the Annual Singing on Friday night. Tim will be working with our Song Leaders as they will be focusing on directing our worship to God. There will be sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon. Mark your calendars for this weekend.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Feb. 5th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	118
	Morning Worship	142
	Evening Worship	108
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	90

Eleventh Annual Singing

February 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Tim Stevens



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
514 WEST MARKET STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 12th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Hunter Cox
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Tucker
Assisting	Terry Andrews
Serving	Marvin Putman
	Harold Davis
	Heath Dollar
	Roger Hammonds
Closing Prayer	Landon Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Albert Haraway
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Tommy Coblentz
Other Assignments for the week of February 12 th :	
Ushers.....	Tommy Coblentz/Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

Wednesday, February 15th:

Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading.....	Dan Reed
	(Acts 5:1-16)
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Invitation.....	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Sunday, February 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Albert Haraway
Assisting	Larry Mitchell
Serving	Sam Gregory
	Griffin Holt
	Ronnie Locke
	Hayden Pierce
Closing Prayer	Clayton Hamm

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Jerry Baker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Albert Haraway
Closing Prayer	Christian Utery
Other Assignments for the week of February 19 th :	
Ushers.....	Marvin Putman/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews