

# MARKET STREET



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

# MESSENGER

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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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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## *He Paid My Debt*

**David A. Cox**

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." — (Romans 6:23)*

Paul tells us that sin pays the wages of death and separation from God, but God paid the debt so we can live. A song we sing says,

*"He paid a debt He did not owe,  
I owed a debt I could not pay,  
I needed someone to wash my sins away.  
And now I sing a brand new song, "Amazing Grace."  
All day long.  
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay."*

What a blessed thought, that Jesus, God in the flesh, would come to this earth and live a perfect life and give His life on the cross as a ransom for my sins (Philippians 2:5-8; Matthew 20:28). But what is required of me, since Jesus paid it all?

### **Jesus Expects My Total Commitment.**

When a lawyer asked Jesus, what is the law's greatest commandment? Jesus replied: "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). It is clear Jesus expects us to give ourselves entirely to Him. As another song says, "All to Him I owe." Yes, we owe Jesus everything. Not just the time that is left over, not just accepting the commandments of His that I like, but a life that is filled with commitment. A commitment that involves seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Acceptance of His commands even when they may be "hard sayings" and things that will be difficult for me. Jesus died a terrible, horrific death, and He expects me to surrender my life completely to Him and conform my life to His will.

### **Paul Gives A Great Example of The Life To Live.**

Paul was a prime example of one that surrendered his life to the will of Christ in all things. In many cases, the choices Paul had to make were very tough, but his concern was to please Jesus, the one who had "paid

it all” for him. In Philippians 3, as Paul is mentioning things about his life, the prominent position that he had among the Jews in the religion that he had been raised in said, “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, ...” (Philippians 3:7-9). In Galatians 2:20, Paul says, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Let us all recognize the great sacrifice Christ gave for us, and then surrender our will to His will and obey Him in all things which He has commanded us. May we never stop short of full surrender.



## *Eternal Perfection*

**Gary Henry**

*“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (Deuteronomy 33:27).*

*In Our Present Condition, We Are Fragmentary Creatures Who Long For The Wholeness We Have Lost.* We are driven by deep desires to find some kind of “fulfillment.” Yet our hopes for perfection must not be set on the outcome of our own efforts, but on the completeness of our God, a God whose perfection is eternal. He is the “goal” of our existence.

The eternity of God may be hard to comprehend, but it is strengthening to consider. “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.” Boggled down as we are in all the limitations and frustrations of the temporal world, we need the hope that can only come from faith in a God who transcends time. The Scriptures present us with the soul-nourishing truth that God had no beginning and will have no end. Immortal, eternal, and infinite in all His attributes, He is able to deal in perfect wisdom with every one of the short-term

problems that plague our mortal world, including the problem of our own sinfulness. God is not limited by time or space or worldly difficulty in any way. He is a God whom we may trust.

We are goal-striving creatures who always seem to be reaching for something in one way or another. In our moments of greatest courage, we reach forward. And in our moments of greatest hope, we reach upward. When we reach toward God, we are moving along the only path that holds any real promise for us. If it is not in our Creator, where else can we find the pieces that are missing from our created nature? “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power” (Colossians 2:9,10).

The only arms strong enough to support us are the “everlasting arms.” And those arms are, in fact, waiting for us. Our eternal God waits for us to confess our weakness and come home to Him. The story contained in the Scriptures is the story of how God made this homecoming possible. It is the story of an infinite God in whose perfection we may find our sustenance and support.

*And I smiled to think God's greatness flowed  
Round our incompleteness,  
Round our restlessness, His rest.*

(Elizabeth Barrett Browning)

.-via *North Beach Bulletin*; Fort Worth, Texas.



## *The Consequences of Doing Nothing*

**Mark W. White**

Matthew 25 records three judgment day scenes. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins (vv. 1-13), the parable of the talents (vv. 14-30) and the description of the Lord separating the nations as a shepherd dividing sheep from goats (vv. 31-46) are all about judgment.

Notice that in each case, either some person or group of persons is rejected by the Lord. Also notice that in each instance, those rejected by the Lord are not

condemned for doing something wrong— but rather for failing to do what was right.

The five foolish virgins were not excluded from the wedding because they were liars or fornicators, but because they failed to make preparation for the arrival of the bridegroom (the Lord). The one talent man was not judged for stealing or extortion, but for failing to use what the Lord had entrusted to him. Those called “goats” by the Lord were banished from His presence not because they assaulted or insulted the poor, but for failing to do good to them. They simply ignored their plight and rendered no aid whatsoever.

When you consider your service to God, do you find yourself thinking only of all the things you do not do? Of course, Christians must “abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22, NKJV) — but they must also be “zealous for good works” (Titus 2:14, NKJV). After all, failing to do what is right is just as sinful as doing what we know is wrong (James 4:17). While those who fail to know God (1 John 2:3-4) and who fail to obey the gospel will also fail to enter heaven (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9) — the saved can look forward to being welcomed to Paradise with the words, “Well done, you good and faithful servant...” (Matthew 25:21).

It is essential to remember, however, that Jesus cannot say “well done” to people who have not done anything at all!

~via *Cy-Fair Family News & Notes*; Cypress, Texas.

## News & Notes...

### THE SICK:

Jeanette Weir	Jennifer Threet
Steve Stringer	Mitzi Carruth
Pat Nixon	Margaret Carter
James Adams	Dan Lovell
Helen Blankenship	Shirley Miller
Betty Lovell	Doris Lovell
John Harbin	Glenda Key
John Lovell	Richard Wulfekuhl
<i>Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:</i>	
Harvey Nixon	Sharon Nave
Priscilla Tucker	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler

Lona Jackson	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Doris Reid
Lloyd Adams	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Matt Bassford
Sadricia Wilson	Wynell Romine
Anthony Sutton	Jerry Lawrence
Barbara Piper	Henry Fusch
Liz Fusch	Kimberly Pressnell
Tim McGuire	

### *Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:*

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Connie Brock, rm. 62	Auteen Campbell, rm. 96

### *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; Goldton at Athens  
 William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison  
 Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

### *In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:*

Frank Melton; North Ala. Specialty Hosp.; rm. 255

### *Updates:*

*Jennifer Threet* has been sick with bronchitis. Also, she has been having trouble with her hip and getting around... *Ragan Hamm* has been sick with strep throat this past week... *Jonathan Traylor* was sick with strep throat last week... *Frank Melton* continues to be in the North Alabama Specialty Hospital as they work with his oxygen levels and rehabilitation... *Jeanette Weir* was able to come home Friday evening and will need rest as she recovers... *Jewel Dean Kennemer* fell last weekend and was not seriously hurt, but was unable to be at services... *Russ Wulfekuhl's father, Richard Wulfekuhl*, had surgery on Friday to get a pacemaker. He is scheduled for heart valve surgery on May 2<sup>nd</sup>... *Lynsey Adams' grandfather, John Harbin*, is at home and has been removed from hospice care... Remember our expecting mother, *Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our deepest sympathy to *Duane and Marcia Thomas* in the passing of their grand-

son, *Dalton Adams*. Dalton passed away on Tuesday night in Mobile. The visitation will be this afternoon at Limestone Chapel from 1:00 to 2:50. The funeral will be at 3:00. Keep *Duane, Marcia, Kelly, Mark and Brock* in your prayers at this time.

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL:** Remember the Children's Bible Drill this afternoon at 4:45 before our evening service. I hope all our children can come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

**COMMUNION BREAD:** There is a sign-up list for the ladies that would like to make the communion bread. The sign-up list is on the bulletin board at the northwest entrance from the rear parking lot.

**PICTURES:** Have you had your picture made? We continue to make and update photos of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS:** The Ladies' Bible class will meet on Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. They are studying "*The Parables of Jesus*."

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Ashes:* *Harold & Barb* have been out of town this past week... *The Burns:* *Tommy & Susan* are out of town on vacation... *The Coxes:* *Hunter, Heather, Beckett & Lucas* are in Haleyville today... *Kewyn Currier* has been working during the week in Mobile.

**AWAY FROM US:** Some of our 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 April 23<sup>rd</sup>:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	111
	Morning Worship .....	132
	Evening Worship .....	112
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	85



**June 26-29, 2023**

**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, April 30<sup>th</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Snell
Assisting .....	Marcus Morris
Serving .....	Luke Vaughn ..... Matthew Usery
.....	Sam Gregory ..... Matthew Vaughn Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Nathaniel Adams

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader .....	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Christian Usery
Preaching.....	Joel Hamm
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Snell
Closing Prayer .....	Larry Mitchell
Other Assignments for the week of April 30 <sup>th</sup> :	
Usher .....	Tommy Coblenz/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl

*Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:*

Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading.....	Heath Dollar
.....	(Acts 9:1-19)
Prayer.....	Terry Andrews
Invitation.....	David Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Larry Mitchell

*Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader .....	Albert Haraway
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblenz
Assisting .....	Terry Andrews
Serving .....	Charles Vaughn ..... Ronnie Locke
.....	Jared Smith..... Luke Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Larry Tucker
Song Leader .....	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Tommy Coblenz
Closing Prayer .....	Landon Adams
Other Assignments for the week of May 7 <sup>th</sup> :	
Usher .....	Heath Dollar/ Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt