

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

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David A. Cox, Editor

"Do You Also Want To Go Away?"

David A. Cox

"From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, 'Do you also want to go away?' But Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'" — (John 6:66-67).

In John 6, the ministry of Jesus had grown in popularity. In His teachings, Jesus instructed the followers about the spiritual work He was to do (John 6:48-59). As Jesus began to speak plainly to them about the fact that He was the Christ, many that had problems with His teaching said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" (John 6:60). It was at this time John records "many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." Seeing the reaction, Jesus turned His attention to the twelve and asked, "Do you also want to go away?" (John 6:67). It is Simon Peter who answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The question Peter asked is very crucial. Why would people turn away from following Jesus? There are very good reasons why we should not turn away from following Christ.

There Is No Substitute

Peter recognized that there was no substitute for the gospel of Christ. Christ is the one to whom "all authority has been given to Me" (Matthew 28:18). To look to something else or someone else would separate one from Christ. Jesus said, "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad" (Matthew 12:30). Peter recognized that if he was to receive eternal life, he must remain with Christ.

Many Disciples Refuse Christ

The people in John 6 wanted Christ and recognized that they needed Him to have eternal life, but they failed to accept His teaching. Jesus asked, "Does this offend you?" (John 6:61). Jesus explained, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). The Jews were unwilling to accept that Jesus has "the words of eternal life." Unfortunately, there are people like this today. They will make statements such as: "We cannot all

understand the Bible alike” or “You practice one thing, and I can practice another, but we will all get to heaven in our way.” The two statements are saying that the words of Christ are not that important and eternal life is not based on what Christ taught. Peter understood that the words of Christ were vital if he was to be saved. Peter remembered that Jesus said, “... the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).

We all realize, as Peter did, that there is no substitute for the teachings of Christ, and we will be judged by the word of God.

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Take With You Words

Jacob Hudgins

“Take with you words and return to the Lord”
(Hosea 14:2).

The book of Hosea pictures God as a jilted lover, waiting for his betraying spouse to return. Hosea lives out this truth personally, accepting his wife despite her adultery (Hosea 3:1). God threatens and expresses his anger in the book, but he also shows the tenderness of one who refuses to give up on his beloved (Hosea 11:1-9). All his anger is intended to bring Israel back. But how do you come back to God? How do we approach the God we have deserted and wronged? “Take with you words and return to the LORD” (Hosea 14:2). Through Hosea, God teaches us that real repentance involves fully sincere commitments to change.

We tell God what we will do. “Take with you words and return to the LORD; say to him, ‘Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips’” (Hosea 14:2). We pledge to obey and honor God. We will give him the things he asks. We will serve him alone. One of the great concerns in Hosea is halfhearted repentance. “What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away” (Hosea 6:4). Efforts at doing right, God laments, only last as long as the early-morning dew. What is the solution? “For I desire steadfast love and

not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings” (Hosea 6:6). Instead of only grieving over our sin and offering sacrifices to get rid of it, we declare that we will live in a higher way. We will pursue knowledge of God. We will treat others with mercy. Things will be different, from this moment forward.

We tell God what we will not do. “Take with you words and return to the LORD; say to him... ‘Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses; and we will say no more, ‘Our God,’ to the work of our hands’” (Hosea 14:2, 3). Repentance demands acknowledgement of the things that have angered God and that we pledge to stop. God’s anger has been aroused because the people have turned to other nations to save them rather than to him. Tell him you’ll stop! God’s anger has been aroused because his people have abandoned him and made their own gods. Tell him you’ll stop! Repentance has this stark, focused approach to our past: I’m never going back there again. If we are unwilling to make this commitment, pledging to stop our sin, then we have work to do.

Hosea’s words are practical for us. Christians try not to sin, but honesty demands that we admit we do sin from time to time (see 1 John 1:8-2:1). How do we return to God? We take words with us. We make commitments. We will stop this—and we will do this instead. It is important that we do more than simply get rid of the guilt and ask for forgiveness (though this is a part, 1 John 1:9). It is important that we take words pledging to do God’s will again.

..via *Good News*; Little Rock, Arkansas.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

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



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News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Paul Adcock	Mary Stroud
Marvella Adams	Nathaniel Adams Family
Jennifer Smith	Jeanette Weir
Jennifer Threet	Steve Stringer
Pat Nixon	James Adams
Dan Lovell	Helen Blankenship
Shirley Miller	Betty Lovell
Doris Lovell	John Harbin
Glenda Key	John Lovell

Richard Wulfekuhl

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Harvey Nixon	Sharon Nave
Priscilla Tucker	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Nikki Ogles	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	Henry Fusch
Liz Fusch	Kimberly Pressnell

Tim McGuire

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Dwaine Allfrey, rm. 102	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:

Ruby Jones; U. of Cincinnati Hosp. – Cincinnati, Ohio

Updates:

Paul Adcock has been sick this past week and has not been able to be out... *Mary Stroud* has been sick with sinus infection this week, but is doing some better... *Dwane Allfrey* spent several days in the the Athens-Limestone Hospital, but has moved to the Limestone Health Facility for rehabilitation... *Rita Smith's* cateract surgery this past Tuesday went well on her left eye. She will be having the right done this Tuesday... *Frank Melton* was dismissed from the hospital on Friday and is now at home... *Jeanette Weir* was able to come home Friday evening and will need rest as she recovers... *Russ Wulfekuhl's father, Richard Wulfekuhl*, surgery for his leaking heart valve this past Tuesday went well ...*Brenda Jones' mother-in-law, Ruby Jones*, did well through her surgery this week for her broken hip. She continues to recover in the University of Cincinnati Hospital... Remember our expecting mother, *Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: We extend our deepest sympathy to *Tommy & Marcella Coblentz* in the passing of Tommy's sister, *Barbara Piper*. Barbara passed away early last Sunday morning in Arab. The visitation wwas on Friday at the Spry Funeral Home. There was a graveside service Friday afternoon in the Roselawn Cemetery. Keep *Tommy, Marcella and all the Family* in your prayers at this time.

FREDDIE MAE ELMORE – (1932 – 2023): It is with sadness that we note the passing of sister Freddie Mae Elmore this past Wednesday morning. Freddie Mae had been unable to attend services for the last four years due to the decline in her health. She was always faithful in her attendance at services and we have missed her presence among us. Sister Elmore's visitation will be today from 1:00 to 2:00 at Limestone Chapel. The funeral will follow at 2:00 in the chapel. She will be laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery.

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.

YERA SURENDER: *Yera & Mercy Surender*, from *Hyderabad, Telangana India*, will be with us tonight at our evening service. Brother Surender preaches the gospel in India and will be reporting on the work being done there. I hope everyone will be able to be present to hear the report.

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.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Hays Mill church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Nick Woods* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Brookhill church* in Killen is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Alan Yeater*.

COMMUNION BREAD: The Communion Bread sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the ladies who would like to make the communion bread for the worship services. The bulletin board is at the northwest entrance from the rear parking lot. The recipe for the bread is below:

- 2 cups Plain Flour
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- 2/3 cup Shortening
(minus two tablespoons)
- 1/3 c Water

Cook at 275° for 30 minutes

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 Holts: Larry & Shelia* are in Branson, Missouri this week on vacation... *Polly Leopard* has been on vacation in Michigan... *The Burns: Tommy & Susan* have been out of town on vacation... *Kevyn Currier* has been working during the week in Mobile... *Landon Adams* has been working an outage at Watts Bar near Decatur, Tennessee.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of April 30th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	107
	Morning Worship	135
	Evening Worship	108
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	91



June 26-29, 2023

Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 7th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements..... Larry Tucker
- Song Leader Albert Haraway
- Prayer..... Harvey Nixon
- Preaching..... David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
- 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..... Yera Surender
- Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
- Closing Prayer Landon Adams
- Other Assignments for the week of May 7th:
- Usher Heath Dollar/ Danny Johnson
- Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

Wednesday, May 10th:

- Song Leader Tommy Burns
- Bible Reading Marcus Morris
- (Acts 9:20-31)
- Prayer..... Bob Broadus
- Invitation..... Nathaniel Adams
- Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Sunday, May 14th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
- Song Leader Hunter Cox
- Prayer..... Marty Adams
- Preaching..... David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding..... Larry Snell
- Assisting Stephen Lynn
- Serving Roger Hammonds Heath Dollar
- Charles Vaughn Marvin Putman
- Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds

Evening Worship

- Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
- Song Leader Clayton Hamm
- Prayer..... Larry Tucker
- Preaching..... David Cox
- Lord's Supper Larry Snell
- Closing Prayer Hayden Pierce
- Other Assignments for the week of May 14th:
- Usher Larry Mitchell/Tommy Coblentz
- Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews