

# 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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## Come Join Us For Our

### 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*

Classes from Infant through High School will be studying the theme:

## Lost and Found

**June 26 - 29**  
(Monday through Thursday)  
**10:00 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.**

### Speakers for the Week In the Auditorium Adult Class:

**Monday 10:00 a.m. – Frank Himmel**  
**Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – Clay Gentry**  
**Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – Greg Chandler**  
**Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Daniel Tucker**  
**Thursday 10:00 a.m. – Jeff Henderson**

## MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# *The Gift of Salvation Is Conditional*

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).*

In writing to the Romans, Paul refers to eternal life as “the gift of God.” Many conclude from this verse that salvation is unconditional. The thought is, “why would it be called a ‘gift’ if there are conditions connected to it?” Paul does indeed use the word “gift,” but notice he does not say that eternal life is an unconditional gift. Consider a couple of examples in scripture about the gift of salvation.

**The Sermon on the Mount.** In this sermon, Jesus spoke of those who would enter the kingdom of heaven. He said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). It is clear that Jesus says to enter the kingdom of heaven something must be done; the Father’s will. This means the gift has some conditions that must be met to enter the kingdom of heaven or receive eternal life.

**Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians.** In Ephesians 2:8, Paul mentions again the gift of salvation that we receive by the grace of God. The gift is not due to works of merit or something owed to us. Still, it is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:9). In verse 10, Paul continues, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Paul is saying the gift of salvation is coupled with “good works” that God has appointed for us to do.

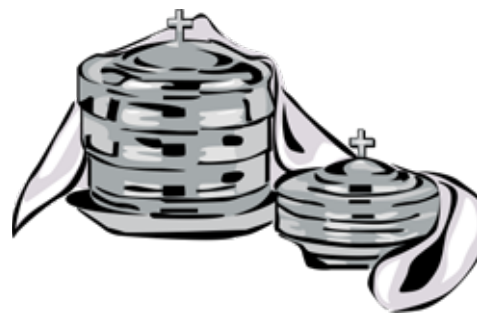
**What We Must Conclude.** From the previous passages, it is clear that there are conditions that God has ordained for men. What are these conditions that God has given for man to do?

1. **Believe.** In John 6:40, Jesus said, “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son of man and believes in Him may have everlasting life.” Jesus also said, “if you believe not that I am He, you will die in your sins” (John 8:24). John said, concerning the things that are written in the gospel record, “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples...but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have

life in His name.” It is evident that to receive the gift of God, one has to believe.

2. **Belief Will Lead One to Action.** Believing something and not acting on it will not help you. James said, “The devils believe and tremble” (James 2:19), but surely we know they did not receive the gift of salvation. Faith will bring one to change and respond to the offer of salvation. The devils did not do that. An example of this faith and action is observed in Acts 2. The Jews gathered at Jerusalem and heard Peter preach the gospel to them. Peter proclaimed, “...let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made this Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ.” At this point, the Jews that heard believed the preaching of Peter and cried out, asking what they should do. Peter responded, saying, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). Peter told them to receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of salvation, conditions must be met. Based on their belief and confession of faith, the conditions were to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins. On that day, three thousand responded in obedience and were baptized for the remission of their sins.

Salvation is an exceedingly great gift that God has given to man. When one hears, believes, repents, confesses, and is baptized, he has complied with the conditions that God desires man to do. Let each of us respond to receive the gift of salvation and then live each day faithfully serving Him.



## Communion for June

Communion Bread — Lisa Wulfekuhl  
Communion Cups — Danny Holt

# Social Injustice

Mark W. White

*God is absolutely concerned with Social Justice.* Moses penned, “You shall not oppress a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brethren or one of the sojourners who are in your land...you shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets (for he is poor and counts on it), lest he cry against you to the Lord, and you be guilty of sin...” (Deuteronomy 24:14-17). The prophets proclaimed vigorously that failure to treat the poor fairly made worship vain. Amos’ words are typical of such concern: “Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?’” (Amos 8:4-6). He went on to quote God saying, “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them ...but let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:21-24). A criterion of final judgment will be whether or not we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and take care of the sick (Matthew 25:31-46). The New Testament clearly condemns as sin prejudice and discrimination based on race or material wealth (Acts 10:34; Jas. 2:1-9). Therefore, it is Biblical to preach against such mistreatments among people and to teach employers to be fair with their employees.

So are we preaching the “social gospel” when we do so? Not at all. Then what is the difference between social justice and the social gospel? Well, the social gospel is an incomplete message, leaving out absolute essentials. The social gospel does not preach God’s loving gift of His Son as our propitiation for sin. It rightly recognizes racism and social injustice as wrong, but the social gospel never warns of personal sins or of the people’s need of redemption. It does not proclaim salvation by grace through faith, nor the necessity of repentance and baptism into Christ. It is “social,” but it is not “spiritual.”

It is “a different gospel” (Galatians 1:6-9).

Jesus crucified on the cross was the heart and core of Paul’s preaching (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Apostolic sermons centered on the resurrection of Christ, calling for repentance and reconciliation with God. If we preach the true Gospel, we address the causes of all human ills.

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

## News & Notes...

### THE SICK:

Angie Hinkle  
Ronnie Locke  
Jeanette Weir  
Pat Nixon  
Dan Lovell  
Shirley Miller

Doris Fisher  
Paul Adcock  
Steve Stringer  
James Adams  
Helen Blankenship  
Doris Lovell

### Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Harvey Nixon  
Priscilla Tucker  
Vicki Stringer  
Nikki Ogles  
Judy Vaughn  
Doris Reid  
Charles Burns  
Kenneth Fisher  
Matt Bassford  
Wynell Romine  
Jerry Lawrence  
Liz Fusch  
Tim McGuire

Sharon Nave  
Peggy Pepper  
Anita Wheeler  
Lona Jackson  
Jeanette Weir  
Lloyd Adams  
Cindy Walker  
Al Pollard  
Sadricia Wilson  
Anthony Sutton  
Henry Fusch  
Kimberly Pressnell  
Wynell Romine

### Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15  
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77  
Connie Brock, rm. 62

Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36  
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7  
Auteen Campbell, rm. 96

### Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a  
Ann Bush, rm. 75

Alice Roberson, rm. 49

### 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*; Lifecare Center — Ooltewah, rm. 116  
*Sheridan Goodwin*; St. Louis, Missouri

**Updates:**

**Ronnie Locke** continues his recovery and rehabilitation following his surgery... **Angie Hinkle** is improving but is still experiencing low energy levels... **Jeanette Weir** continues her recovery at home... Remember our expecting mother, **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 all our children can come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

**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/VBS:** The **Jackson Drive church** is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday night. The speaker in this meeting is *Phillip Owens*... The **Hickory Heights church** in Lewisburg, Tennessee begin their Gospel Meeting/Vacation Bible School today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Lowell Sallee* will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Tri-Cities church** in Muscle Shoals is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Nick Woods* will be the speaker in this meeting.

**OUT OF TOWN:** **The Hamms:** *Joel, Sharma, Clayton & Ragan* have been in Florida on vacation... **Wanda Nave** is in Arizona... **Danny Johnson** is in Arizona... **The Coxes:** *David & Kerry* are in Monterey, California this weekend for the gospel meeting. They will return on Thursday.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance Average for May:*

Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 125  
 Morning Worship ..... 154  
 Evening Worship ..... 115  
 Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 84

**Remember Our Study Periods**

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz  
 Song Leader ..... Albert Haraway  
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell  
 Preaching..... Hunter Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Stephen Lynn  
 Assisting ..... Harold Ash  
 Serving .....Heath Dollar .....Matthew Vaughn  
 .....Ronnie Locke .... Roger Hammonds  
 Closing Prayer .....Dan Reed

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz  
 Song Leader ..... Clayton Hamm  
 Prayer..... Larry Tucker  
 Preaching..... Nathaniel Adams  
 Lord's Supper ..... Stephen Lynn  
 Closing Prayer ..... Bob Broadus  
 Other Assignments for the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>:  
 Usher ..... Larry Mitchell/Danny Johnson  
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

**Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Bible Reading ..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
 ..... (Acts 11:1-18)  
 Prayer..... Terry Andrews  
 Invitation..... Harvey Nixon  
 Closing Prayer ..... Bob Broadus

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Marty Adams  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Harvey Nixon  
 Assisting ..... Marcus Morris  
 Serving .....Griffin Holt ..... Charles Vaughn  
 .....Marvin Putman ..... Harold Davis  
 Closing Prayer ..... Christian Usery

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle  
 Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
 Prayer..... Landon Adams  
 Preaching..... Song Service  
 Lord's Supper ..... Marcus Morris  
 Closing Prayer ..... Hayden Pierce  
 Other Assignments for the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>:  
 Usher ..... Russ Wulfekuhl/Tommy Coblentz  
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews