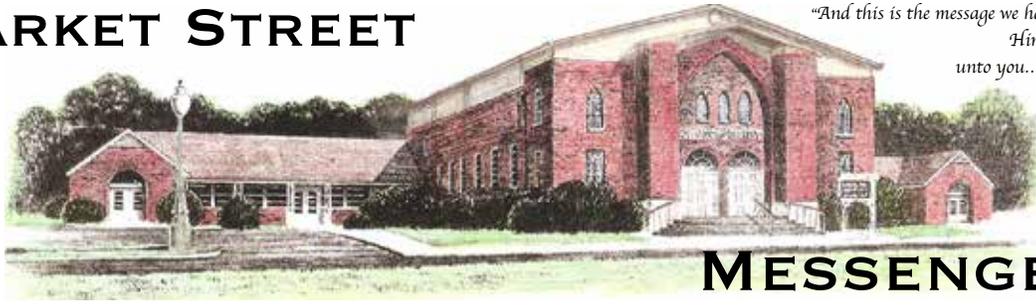


# MARKET STREET



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

# MESSENGER

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# Beginning Tomorrow 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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# *Seeking and Saving the Lost*

David A. Cox

*“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” — (Luke 19:10).*

Upon entering the city of Jericho, Jesus encounters a blind beggar named Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus is crying out to Jesus to be healed. Jesus heals him, and the crowd following Jesus continues to get larger. The crowd was so large that a man, Zacchaeus, who is short, wanted to see Jesus and climbed up in a sycamore tree to see Him. Zacchaeus was a tax collector, and few, if any, people would care to spend any time with him or would consider him as a friend. However, as Jesus comes to the tree, He calls out, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house” (Luke 19:5). Why would Jesus do this?

**The Complaints.** Undoubtedly, the Jews seeing this, would complain, and they did. The complaint about Jesus was “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner” (Luke 19:7). It is common for Jesus to have complaints and insults hurled at Him by the Jews. The Pharisee, Simon, who Jesus went to eat with, had similar thoughts when the woman came in and washed Jesus’ feet (Luke 7:37-39). When Jesus is eating with many tax collectors and sinners, the Pharisees asked the disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” (Matthew 9:11). But it is at times like this when Jesus shows a separation of what men thought the work of the Messiah was, and what the work of the Messiah truly was to be. In seeking the lost, we need to understand there may be those who do not understand or do not care to understand and may murmur against the work being done. It is our mission to save them and point them to Jesus. We must rise above the negative thoughts and serve.

**What We See in Jesus’ Response to Zaachaeus.** Even though Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, he probably never thought he would be singled out in the massive crowd around Jesus. But Jesus called him by name. It is truly a great thought to know that Jesus knows us. Also, Jesus’ statement to Zacchaeus shows his desire to spend time with him. This is something that an outcast like a tax collector has yet to experience. Why did Jesus do this? It was His love for Him and a desire to save

Him. Jesus did not come to save Zacchaeus in the condition he was in, but Jesus came to change Zacchaeus and change He did. Zacchaeus declared that day that he would give half of his goods to the poor and restore fourfold anything that was taken by false accusation (Luke 19:8). Indeed, we see a changed man because of his encounter with Jesus.

**How Jesus Concludes the Visit.** Jesus replies to Zacchaeus, saying, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:9-10). Why did Jesus make this statement? It was due to the full surrender of the life of Zacchaeus to please God. Salvation is available to all men, and we must see the opportunities of those with good hearts to be changed by encountering Jesus and the grace that has appeared to all (Titus 2:11-12).

Jesus came to “seek and to save that which is lost.” Do we value the souls of the lost as Jesus did? This week our Vacation Bible School will look at the “Lost and Found.” We can learn many great lessons from the teaching and example of Jesus in reaching and finding the lost to bring them to Jesus.



## *If...It’s A Big Word*

Bill Fairchild, Jr.

“If” is one of the most overlooked words in all of the Bible. Yet, if one begins to take note of its frequency in both Testaments, we start to realize just how important it is. It’s like when you’ve been looking at purchasing a vehicle or even purchase one ... all of a sudden you start seeing the same model, same features, and sometimes even the same color.

The little big word, “if” is little in that, it is only two letters in length, but big in its importance. It can make the difference between truth and error; obeying God, and disobeying God; being saved and being lost; being in Heaven or being in Hell. It should be the honest student’s conclusion that when this little word “if”

appears ... we need to sit up and take notice.

Reading a definition from the Cambridge Dictionary the word “if” is “used to say that a particular thing can or will happen only after something else happens or becomes true.” This little word “if” occurs some 1637 times, including 993 times in the Old Testament and 602 times in the New Testament depending on the translation.

This little subordinating conjunction does not stand by itself! Consider the following passages of Scripture and you should be able to draw the obvious conclusion and then ask yourself, “What if we don’t?”

- “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24) Why wouldn’t we want to do this?
- “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” (John 15:7) What if we don’t?
- “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35) What if we don’t?
- “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.” (John 15:14) What if we don’t?
- “...if you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.” (John 8:31) What if we don’t?
- “If you love Me, keep My commandments!” (John 14:15) Why wouldn’t we want to do this?
- 1 John 1:7—“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.” Why wouldn’t we want to do this?

And the truth is, that if we are going to take God at His Word ... then we must be of the disposition to do all that He says for us to do ... not some of it ... or part of it ... or even most of it ... but all of it! These “divine ifs” count! Jesus always puts the ‘if’ on man’s side and never on God’s side – If man does, God will.

~via *Custer Connections*; Plano, Texas.



## Communion for July

Communion Bread — Ida Nell Griffin  
Communion Cups — Russ Wulfekuhl

# News & Notes

## THE SICK:

Margaret Carter	Doris Fisher
Ronnie Locke	Jeanette Weir
Steve Stringer	Pat Nixon
James Adams	Dan Lovell
Helen Blankenship	Shirley Miller
Doris Lovell	Betty Carter

## *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	Wynell Romine

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

## *Updates:*

Sharon Nave's mammogram showed that she was cancer free. They will do additional testing on July 13<sup>th</sup> to confirm this result... Steve Stringer has come off hospice care and is back on general care... Jeanette

*Weir* continues her recovery at home... Remember our expecting mother, *Laura Adams*, in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Larry Tucker and all the family* in the passing of his aunt, *Shirley Cheatwood*. She passed away on Thursday afternoon in Florence. The visitation will be Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00. The funeral will follow at 11:00 at the Greenview Funeral Home. May the Lord bless all of this family 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.

**VBSTHISWEEK:** Beginning tomorrow morning, we will have our Vacation Bible School. This year we will be looking at the "*Lost and Found*" from Luke 15, and Luke 19. It will be at 10:00 a.m. There will be classes for all ages. I hope everyone who is able will be present for these studies.

**MONTEREYMEETING:** It was certainly a privilege to be with the *Monterey Peninsula church* in Monterey, California last week. The church requested a series called "*Evangelism in Our Lives*." The lessons were well received and the group was very encouraging. They really are glad to have *Keenon Currier* with them. It was especially good to be able to spend time with Keenon during the meeting. The church has recently had *Talan Gaskins* to come and work with them as the evangelist. The church there speaks highly of *Talan* and his wife *Courtney*. I look forward to hearing good things about the work at Monterey.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS:** The *Midway church* in Greenhill in Lauderdale county is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday night. The speaker in this meeting is *Chuck Durham*... The *East Albertville church* in Albertville is beginning a meeting and it will continue through Friday evening. *Bill Hall* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Jackson Heights church* in Columbia, Tennessee will be having their Vacation Bible School each evening this week through Wednesday.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	129
	Morning Worship .....	158
	Evening Worship .....	122
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	78

**Remember Our Service Today at 5:00.**

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

*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

*Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>:*

Song Leader .....	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading .....	Landon Adams
.....	(Acts 11:19-30)
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Invitation.....	Daniel Tucker
Closing Prayer .....	Dan Reed

*Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>:*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Snell
Assisting .....	Jerry Baker
Serving .....	Landon Adams..... Matthew Usery
.....	Danny Johnson..... Sam Gregory
Closing Prayer .....	Clayton Hamm

*Evening Worship*

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Snell
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns
Other Assignments for the week of July 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	
Usher .....	Keith Hinkle/Hayden Pierce
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl