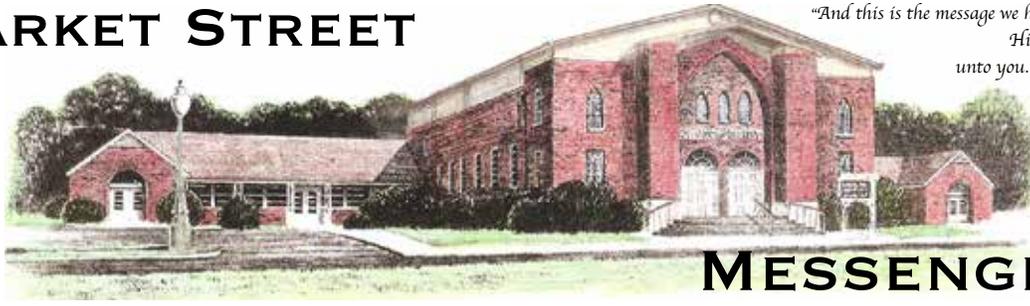


# MARKET STREET

*"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*

## Counting It All Joy

**David A. Cox**

*"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" – (James 1:2-4)*

James is writing his letter to encourage Christians to bear patiently through their trials and help them understand the correct response. James uses the word "when" to speak of trials to come. James' point is that life will involve trials, troubles, or difficulties. However, as humans, we do not want to believe it. We somehow want to believe troubles or trials will not come, but the truth is affirmed here: troubles will come. Everyone will not have the same trials as someone else, but they are trials, and we must endure them, counting it all joy. How can we do that?

## Change Your Focus

In life, we are constantly bombarded with "you need something," if we are not careful, we can fall into believing it. The world tells us we need money, fame, fortune, sex, cars, or all kinds of gadgets to be happy. However, as disciples, we must realize that Jesus did not teach that happiness, comfort, and peace are found in the things of life. We cannot build our lives on physical things and find enduring joy (Matthew 6). At best, it will give us momentary satisfaction, but then we will need more to keep us happy. So, as disciples of Christ, we need to change our focus in life. Instead of focusing on the things the world offers us, we need to strive for the focus Jesus shows to us. We need to fix our eyes on Jesus and see the joy He reveals to us as He does the Father's will (Hebrews 12:2-3).

## Have Patience Through the Trials

James writes, "But let patience..." Patience is sometimes translated as "perseverance" or "steadfastness." James continues to show how the testing of your faith produces patience." To put it another way, the testing of faith will bring steadfastness to bring you to maturity. Often, people will see the trials in life as failures, and that is precisely what Satan wants us

to believe, but James is telling us trials are not failures but are to bring us to maturity. God does not want His people to see themselves as failures or victims, but rather an attitude of victory. Remember, the Lord responded to Paul when he suffered a trial in life, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Paul responds, “Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities...” (2 Corinthians 12:9). Let us have the patience and perseverance to deal with our trials to glorify Christ.

As the disciples of Christ, let us understand our purpose in this life. The purpose is to show the life of Christ in our lives (Matthew 5:14-16). May we use every day, every situation, and every circumstance to show Christ living in us and how to glorify God.



## *Faith & Trust*

Michael W. McLemore

Faith in God must be of such a nature as to cause the one possessing it to rise up and act upon the commandments which God gives him. Anything short of this is not faith. But, faith is more than this. Faith is more than mere obedience to commandments, even though it most surely must encompass this completely. It is in reality absolute trust in God whether in His commands or in every other area of life.

The Bible tells us that, “By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore,” Hebrews 11:11,12. Nothing is spoken in this text of obedience to God’s commands for the simple reason that in these various verses the Hebrew writer does not discuss commands to be obeyed. This was a promise from God, and involved the woman’s trust that the one who promised could discharge the promise made. It is

understood that Sarah was a Godly woman who did obey the commands of God under all circumstances.

This serves as a lesson in trust. The subject of faith depends on God to do that which we would find difficult or impossible without His help. Sarah was at the time of the promise of a child, Isaac, ninety years old. Her husband Abraham was 100 years old. No Bible student has trouble accepting the reality that “Abraham and Sarah were past the age of normal childbearing.” They would have no normal expectancy of becoming parents. Yet, concerning Sara, God said, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her,” Genesis 17:15-16.

The Hebrew writer looks back upon this event when he comments upon Sarah’s faith. Sarah simply believed in, that is, she trusted in God. She trusted Him to do what He promised, even though she could not understand how He would accomplish it.

Modern Christians find themselves in many situations in which we are called upon to exercise much the same faith — trust. Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you,” Matthew 6:33. This is a promise of the Lord. It takes faith to accept it. It takes trust. But, nothing short of that faith or trust can be of any value to the disciple of Christ. This sort of faith was lacked by the Israelites of old when they listened to the spies who gave an unfavorable report concerning the land of Canaan, saying, “We cannot take it!” Joshua and Caleb had the faith — trust — the rest lacked, for they said, “With the Lord’s help it can be done,” even though by human standards it can never be done. It is that kind of faith which we need when confronted with the responsibilities of life. Jesus assured, such trust will nullify the greater part of all our worries.

It is just absolute trust in God.

~via *Weatherly Weekly*; Huntsville, Alabama.

## **Communion Preparation for February**

Communion Bread — Heather Cox  
Communion Cups — Larry Mitchell

# News & Notes...

## THE SICK:

Anita Wheeler	Dan Lovell
Penny Bates	Lisa Wulfekuhl
Jackie Cox	Sherry Davis
Jennifer Threet	Claudia Bates
James Adams	Shelby Kirkland
Pat Nixon	Shirley Miller
Wayne Faulk	

## Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Danny Johnson	Doris Lovell
Priscilla Tucker	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Wynell Romine	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Lloyd Adams
Charles Burns	Larsen Plyler
Cindy Walker	Al Pollard
Anthony Sutton	Jerry Lawrence
Henry Fusch	Liz Fusch
Tim McGuire	Monica Nelson
Mary Cox	

## In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

*Anita Wheeler*; Huntsville Hospital; rm. 847

## Updates:

*Anita Wheeler* was med-flighted to Huntsville Hospital Tuesday night after suffering a stroke... *Sherry Davis* was released from the hospital on Wednesday and is at home... *Lisa Wulfekuhl* had surgery in Athens on Friday to remove her thyroid. She stayed over night following the surgery... *Jennifer Threet* is doing much better after taking therapy to help the issues with her back pain... *Larry Tucker* had surgery on Thursday for his finger dexterity on his left hand... *Dan Lovell* had a biopsy taken from his colonoscopy done on Thursday. He will go to the the doctor this Thursday to learn the results... Remember to keep all of our sick in your prayers.

## Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15    Brenda Wilson, rm. 38  
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 2      Connie Brock, rm. 62  
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

## Limestone Health Facility:

Ann Bush, rm. 75

## Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home

Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville

Barbara Carter; Limestone Lodge  
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville  
Lona Jackson; Vitality Living, Huntsville  
Marion Mitchell; Decatur Health & Rehab  
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee  
Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens  
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison  
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS:** The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the West Auditorium. All ladies who are able to come are invited to be a part of this class.

**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.

**NURSING HOME SINGING:** Remember the singing on Tuesday evening at the *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care* at 5:30 p.m. Please join us to sing, if you are able.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** The outline for the VBS studies is uploaded in the **Shared Files** area, "*VBS -2024*". This will be a starting place for the material we will putting together this year. Please look at this before our next VBS meeting. We will plan to meet on Sunday afternoon, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**TWELFTH ANNUAL SINGING:** Friday night will be the time for our Twelfth Annual Singing. As we have in the past there are a number of things needing to be done to assist with the singing. We will need to set the out chairs on Wednesday evening following our Bible study. Also, we will need some that would be able to help with assisting people with parking, ushering to find seats, etc. If you can do this, please let me know.

**IRENE INMAN (1925 – 2024):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of *sister Irene Inman*. Irene passed away early last Sunday morning at her home. Irene was a longtime member of the Market Street church, having been a member here from about 70 years. She was an encouragement to so many sending cards for birthdays and anniversaries even after she was no longer able to attend services. We have missed Irene's presence with us in our services, but we have a great hope for her due to the life she lived. Irene's visitation was Tuesday at McConnell Funeral Home. There was a graveside service at the *Limestone Memorial Gardens* where she was laid to rest. May the Lord bless the family at this time.

**CARD WRITING:** There is a card writing group that meets regularly to write and mail cards to people for

appreciation and encouragement. The group will meet next Monday morning, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30. If you want to participate, join them next Monday morning.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Ashes:* Harold & Barbara have been in Orange Beach this past week.

**PICTURES:** Have you had your picture made lately? We have several that need to be updated. If you have not had your picture made or had it done lately, please plan to to it soon.

**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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Market Street's dates that you will want to mark on your calendars:

February 23 12th Annual Singing  
 April 14-17 Gospel Meeting with *Mike Richardson*  
 June 24-27 Vacation Bible School  
 Sept. 8-11 Gospel Meeting with *Roger Hillis*

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The *Pepper Road church* is engaged a gospel meeting this week. The meeting will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in the meeting is *Ken McDaniel*. . . The *Oakland church* is beginning a gospel meeting today. The meeting will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in the meeting is *Jason Shackelford*. . . The *Eastside church* is beginning a gospel meeting today. The meeting will continue through Tuesday evening. The speaker in the meeting is *Jonathan Reeder*. . . The *Sandlin Road church* in Elkmont is beginning a gospel meeting today. The meeting will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in the meeting is *Matt Lannom*.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance for the week of Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday: Bible Classes ..... 139  
 Morning Worship ..... 163  
 Evening Worship ..... 105  
 Wednesday: Bible Classes ..... 103

## Twelfth Annual Singing

February 23, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Steve Klein



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## Men Privileged To Serve:

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

### Morning Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Marty Adams  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding..... Harvey Nixon  
 Assisting ..... Keith Hinkle  
 Serving ..... Sam Gregory ..... Clayton Hamm  
 ..... Charles Parks ..... Christian Usery  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Burns

### Evening Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm  
 Song Leader ..... Tony Thomas  
 Prayer..... Frank Melton  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Keith Hinkle  
 Closing Prayer ..... Hayden Pierce  
 Other Assignments for the week of February 18<sup>th</sup>:  
 Usher ..... Larry Mitchell/Matthew Usery  
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader ..... Tony Thomass  
 Bible Reading..... Marcus Morris  
 ..... (Acts 24:1-9)  
 Prayer..... Larry Tucker  
 Invitation..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Closing Prayer ..... Danny Holt

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

### Morning Worship

Announcements..... Jerry Baker  
 Song Leader ..... Larry Holt  
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell  
 Preaching..... David Cox  
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Assisting ..... Terry Andrews  
 Serving ..... Matthew Vaughn ..... Heath Dollar  
 ..... Luke Vaughn ..... Larry Snell  
 Closing Prayer ..... Roger Hammonds

### Evening Worship

Announcements..... Jerry Baker  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer..... Landon Adams  
 Preaching..... Song Service  
 Lord's Supper ..... Tommy Coblentz  
 Closing Prayer ..... Christian Usery  
 Other Assignments for the week of February 25<sup>th</sup>:  
 Usher ..... Stephen Lynn/Hayden Pierce  
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews