

MARKET STREET



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

MESSENGER

Market Street church of Christ

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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..... 7:00 p.m.

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Preaching Jesus!

David A. Cox

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them... Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him" — (Acts 8:5, 35).

In Acts 8, we see Philip after the Christians were scattered and preached the word. Luke records in verse 5 that Philip "preached Christ." Many people in the religious world today say, "We need just to preach Jesus and forget about the church and the plan of salvation." They think preaching Jesus should be "about the man and the plan." As we look at the Samaritans and the man from Ethiopia, notice how preaching Christ involved the man and the plan.

The Preaching To The Samaritans

In verse 5, we find Philip going to the city of Samaria. Philip went there to preach Christ. As Philip preached, he confirmed his teaching by performing miracles. "When they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized" (Acts 8:12). Even a man that had used sorcery and bewitched the people of Samaria believed and was baptized (Acts 8:13). Philip preached Christ or Jesus involved the teaching of what man must do to be born again; saved. The reason for this is the Samaritans were baptized after the preaching of Christ. Why? I suppose that teaching them about Jesus involved the things He did and taught. Philip taught about Jesus and His baptism to fulfill all righteousness and the great commission He gave before His ascension to heaven (Matthew 3:13-15; Mark 16:15-16).

The Ethiopian Eunuch

After the conversion of many in Samaria, Philip came into contact with a man, the Ethiopian treasurer, on the road to Gaza. This man had been to Jerusalem to worship God. He had traveled many miles and was reading from the prophet Isaiah while returning home. The prophecy he was reading was about Christ, but he did not understand who Isaiah was

speaking of, and he asked Philip to see if he could give him an answer. "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him" (Acts 8:35). After Philip preached Jesus, as they rode along, they came to some water, and the Ethiopian said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" We see Philip preaching Jesus resulted in the Ethiopian learning of his need to obey the commands of the Lord. He obeyed by being baptized just as the Samaritans had done earlier.

To preach Jesus today will do the same thing it did in the first century as the Samaritans heard the preaching of Jesus and the man from Ethiopia. The preaching of Jesus is what will save the souls of men. Let us resolve to preach Jesus!



True Thankfulness

Nathan Peeler

As we conclude the Christmas season and resume our normal life activity we probably reflect upon how blessed we are. We consider the gifts we received, the money spent on us, and the time off work we had and we are thankful. Perhaps you reflected on how being able to spend time with family was a blessing.

When we bring up the idea of being thankful we generally mean we are thankful for being blessed physically. I would venture a guess that most of us are thankful for our physical blessings. And God has truly blessed us! This year was overwhelming as I considered that I didn't need or want anything. Everything we have comes from God and we should be thankful to Him! Israel made the mistake of grumbling and not giving God thanks on many occasions (Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 11:1-4, 33-34).

But if all we are thankful for is our physical blessings then we need to reconsider our thankfulness. We should give thanks for all things (Ephesians 5:19; 1

Thessalonians 5:16-18) even the bad situations in life because we know that God can turn them into good (Romans 8:28).

Consider the following verse and how they call us to give thanks for many things:

- Psalm 103:12 — "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."
- Psalm 106:1 — "Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His loving kindness is everlasting."
- Romans 1:8 — "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world."
- Ephesians 1:15-16 — "For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you while making mention of you in my prayers..."
- Colossians 1:12-14 — "...giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

These are just a sampling of a few verses that call us to give thanks for God's forgiveness, God's goodness, for each other, and, perhaps most important, for the salvation that God offers to us. So the question for us is are we thankful for these things?

~via Spring Warrior Weekly Newsletter; Perry, Florida.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Sunday Mornings

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



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News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Nathaniel Adams	Paul Adcock
Sheila Holt	Carol Dean
Mike Wheeler	Betty Pepper
Brad Brown	Shirley Miller
Betty Lovell	Doris Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Cornelia Pepper	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Matt Bassford
Sadricia Wilson	Leigh Ellen Elliott
Wynell Romine	Elmina McLemore
Anthony Sutton	

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Marie Nave, rm. 117a

Limestone Health Facility:

Bobby Ogles, rm. 113	Ann Bush, rm. 75
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Bobbie Adcock; Limestone Manor
Nell Barksdale; at home
Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Traditions
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Irene Inman; at home
Stan Stanford; at home
Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Dale Adcock; Huntsville Hospital; rm. 573
Irene Inman; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 313
Carolyn Hill; Athens-Limestone Hospital; rm. 221

Updates:

Dale Adcock fell this past week and broke her elbow.

She had surgery for it on Thursday... *Carol Dean* is to go to the doctor on Tuesday to schedule tests... *Irene Inman* fell early Thursday morning and broke her hip. She had surgery to repair it on Friday in Athens... *Jennifer Ibreet* had a Cardioversion done on Thursday and it went well... *Debra Holt's cousin, Anthony Sutton*, is scheduled for surgery on next Wednesday, June 29th... *Carol Dean's aunt, Carolyn Hill*, is in the hospital, but they have determined that her problems are not related to the virus... *Ann McLemore's daughter-in-law, Elmina McLemore* continues to decline in her battle with cancer.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The class is studying "*The Christian in a Secular Age*."

UKRAINE: We continue to see the terrible atrocities being inflicted upon the Ukrainians, and they are heart-wrenching to see. Remember to pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our brethren there.

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet Monday morning at 10:30 to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them in the morning at 10:30.

MARCI BASSETT (1925 – 2022): It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of sister *Marci Bassett*. Marci passed away last Monday night during her sleep. Marci was a good, sweet, precious lady. She had moved to Athens three years ago and became a member of the Market Street church. Since that time she endeared herself to the people here. We are saddened by her passing, but have great hope due to the life she lived in serving the Lord. Marci's funeral will be Saturday, June 25th at the Sutherland Rankin Funeral Home in Salem, Illinois. She will be laid to rest in the Okaloosa Cemetery in Okaloosa, Illinois. May the Lord bless *Barb, Harold Ash and all the family* at this time.

OUR VBS: This week, we have been engaged in our 2022 Vacation Bible School. It is the first VBS we have had since 2019 due to the shutdown due to the virus. The VBS was very good. The average attendance was 131. We had 97 children attend the VBS, and 58% came 3 or 4 days of the VBS. The speakers in the auditorium did their work well. The work that each one did in helping to prepare for the VBS: for our teachers who worked diligently in preparing to teach their classes, was outstanding, for those who invited people to come and those who helped in bringing people to the VBS. I appreciate everyone's work in this effort. Vacation Bible Schools can be a lot of work, but sowing the seed

of God's word into young hearts is well worth all efforts. I commend all of you for this effort.

I am looking forward to the VBS next year, Lord willing. Anyone that would like to be involved in some way, I would strongly encourage you to do so. You will be glad you did.

OUTOFTOWN: *Ronnie Locke* has been in Michigan this past week... *The Curriers: Kevyn & Mary* are in Sylacauga visiting with Brettlyn and Josh... *Bonnie Sutton* is visiting with family today... *Frank Melton* has been in Chattanooga a couple days this past week... *Angie Hinkle* has been at the Gulf this week... *Keenon Currier* is in Monterey, California, where he will be stationed.

GOSPELMEETINGS/VBS: The *Tri-Cities church* in Muscle Shoals is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Bruce Hastings*... The *Jordan Park church* in Huntsville will begin a Vacation Bible School on Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. and it will continue through Friday morning... The *Isbell church* south of Russellville is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Russ Bowman*... The *Midway church* in Green Hill is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Greg Gwin*.

PICTURES: We are continuing to make and update pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for week of June 12th:*

Sunday: Bible Classes 112
 Morning Worship 146
 Evening Worship 107

Wednesday:
 Bible Classes 87



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Albert Haraway
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Bonnie Sutton
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Hunter Cox
 Assisting Joel Hamm
 Serving Kenneth Adams, Roger Hammonds
 Matthew Vaughn..... Harold Davis
 Closing Prayer Larry Tucker

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Albert Haraway
 Song Leader Jonathan Traylor
 Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Hunter Cox
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith
 Other Assignments for the week of June 19th:
 Ushers..... Tommy Coblenz/Heath Dollar
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

Wednesday, June 22nd:

Song Leader Griffin Holt
 Bible Reading Danny Johnson
 (John 14:15-14)
 Prayer..... Joel Hamm
 Invitation..... Dan Reed
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Sunday, June 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Larry Holt
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Hunter Cox
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Keith Hinkle
 Assisting Harvey Nixon
 Serving Jonathan Traylor Hayden Pierce
 Clayton Hamm Matthew Uesery
 Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Larry Holt
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Tommy Coblenz
 Preaching..... Song Service
 Lord's Supper Keith Hinkle
 Closing Prayer Roger Hammonds
 Other Assignments for the week of June 26th:
 Ushers..... Tommy Coblenz/Heath Dollar
 Work Sound System..... Russ Wulfekuhl