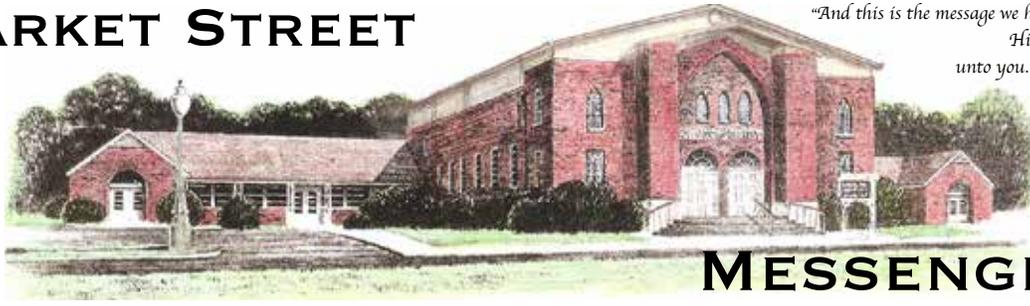


# MARKET STREET



*“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..... 7:00 p.m.

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## *“I Am the Bread of Life”*

**David A. Cox**

*“And Jesus said to Him, ‘I am the bread of life, He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst’” — (John 6:35).*

Jesus had just fed the five thousand with the five loaves and two fishes. Jesus sent His disciples to Capernaum while He sent the multitudes away. On the following day, when Jesus and the disciples arrived in Capernaum, the multitudes found Jesus. He took advantage of this occasion to preach to them about the bread of life. During the sermon, Jesus identifies Himself as “the bread of life.” Let’s consider this statement of Jesus and three things we can learn from it.

### **Jesus, Like Bread, is Food.**

Food is absolutely necessary for the existence of life. For the Jews, bread would remind them of the manna sent from God to sustain them in the wilderness. Bread is a food that builds, nourishes, and sustains the body. Jesus is the same in that He builds, nourishes, and sustains the spiritual side of man.

### **Jesus, Like Bread, is Universal Food.**

Bread is an essential food, a staple of many diets, and a very accessible food for all people regardless of social status or wealth. All people, regardless of race, wealth, or age, need food to live. When Jesus fed the five thousand, He fed everyone irrespective of who they were and their station in life.

The gospel of Christ is for everyone regardless of age, gender, nationality, or wealth (Romans 1:16). Jesus shed His blood on the cross to purchase redemption for all men. Jesus desires all men to hear the gospel and partake of the bread of life (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).

### **Jesus, Like Bread, is Indispensible Food.**

Bread is not a luxury; it is a necessity. Bread is something that we must have in any meal. Regardless of what we eat, we do not feel the meal is complete without bread. It is indispensable. Jesus is the same way. Jesus is

not a luxury, something good to have. Jesus is an absolute necessity for our spiritual life. Jesus should always be a part of our lives. He should be the first consideration in everything we do (Matthew 6:33). Our salvation is based on our relationship with Christ, which is essential for our spiritual life. Jesus is saying, "I am the bread of life," which means He is essential. There is no life spiritually without Christ. Indeed, He is the indispensable bread of life.

Remember the lessons from Jesus as "the bread of life." May we look to Jesus and feed on the word of God that has been given to us. In doing so, we will be built up, strengthened, and sustained in our spiritual life. We will never lack in the things we need to know how to live and serve God in our lives.



## *Can We Forgive?*

**Richie Jenkins**

We have at least one thing in common: We've all failed someone. And, each of us also knows the pain from someone's failure toward us. In a world characterized by this kind of personal hurt, even our most significant relationships are fragile. All relationships would eventually disintegrate if not for one healing and hard reality: We are called to be people who forgive and who in turn receive forgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15). If we sincerely desire a close walk with God, we already embrace the concept of forgiveness. We know that forgiveness is always the best plan – until the one who needs to do the hard forgiving is me.

Unfortunately, there are no easy steps to forgiveness. But we can be confident that what God directs us to do, He also provides the strength to accomplish. Consider the following Biblical principles when we are ready to take the freeing steps of forgiveness.

**First, consider God's example.** In Ephesians 4:32 Paul writes, "forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." The word "as" means that we should handle forgiveness the way God does. How has He

handled forgiveness? Christ's forgiveness is abundantly generous. He forgives willingly, leaving us free of guilt. It is not something we deserve or earn. God just gives abundantly! Out of these great riches, God asks us to share the grace He has given us with those who have failed us. That sounds really good, but how do we do it?

**Second, we must realize that forgiveness is risky business.** The person we forgive might fail us again ... and again – perhaps even in the same area. How many times should we forgive someone? Jesus described this as the "seventy times seven" "factor" (Matthew 18:22). He said we should set no limits. Forgiveness according to Jesus is not quantitative but qualitative. It is not how many times but how well. It cannot be measured and cannot be counted. It has but one substance; sweet mercy. It is important for us to realize we have been forgiven. What a terrible price was paid for that forgiveness. What a marvelous attribute of God's kindness that we have been forgiven. Forgiveness cannot be measured. Guilt, which is its ultimate object, cannot be measured. You can't measure guilt so that you come up with hyper-guilt or multiplied guilt. Guilt is guilt. My guilt added to your guilt does not make more guilt, it just makes guilt. So it is with forgiveness. Forgiveness is getting rid of the guilt. Extend forgiveness as many times as needed. That is what God does. Can we do any less?

**Third, forgiveness is also costly because it is not based on feelings but compassion.** It means consciousness plays a role in compassion. It means we consciously say we know we were wronged but we want to forgive the offender, because we have done wrong before. Forgiveness is not related to deservedness but mercy. Prompted by our being forgiven, the forgiven sinner will anxiously await opportunities to emulate his Masters forgiving spirit by forgiving others.

**Fourth, if we harbor ill-will in our heart forgiveness gets harder and harder.** The harder our heart becomes we will have a hardened conscience. It says we are not willing to do for others what was done for us, on a smaller basis. An unforgiving person will be lost. If we do not have an attitude of forgiveness then we cannot be forgiven and will not go to heaven when we die. Forgiveness is often neglected in lives of Christians.

Though we fail time and again – and are disappointed often by those we love – Christ forgives and restores. Let's follow His lead.

~via *Focus Magazine*; July 2018

# Uncompromised Truth

Scott Beyer

*“But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.” (Galatians 2:5)*

When Paul and Barnabas spoke with the brethren in Jerusalem about accepting the Gentiles without requiring circumcision – it was an unpopular view. Their lives became increasingly difficult because they refused to budge and accept circumcision. Paul knew that if he would only compromise a little bit, life would get a lot easier... but it was a compromise he was unwilling to make.

We cannot afford to bend truth to the whims of culture or tradition because making that compromise removes the “truth of the gospel”. The good news must remain preserved though the world would happily have us adjust and constantly pressures us to do so.

The gospel cannot be subject to man; man must be subject to the gospel.

*~via Eastland Church of Christ; Louisville, Kentucky.*

## News & Notes

### THE SICK:

Laura Adams	Jerry McGlocklin
Dale Adcock	Danny Holt
Carol Dean	Mike Wheeler
Paul Adcock	Betty Pepper
Brad Brown	Doris Lovell
Betty Lovell	Shirley Miller
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	Irene Inman, rm. 121
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77

### Limestone Health Facility:

Bobby Ogles, rm. 113	Ann Bush, rm. 75
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	Marie Nave, rm. 79a

### Shut-In or Away From Home:

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

### In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

*Johnny Lovell*; North Alabama Medical Center

### Updates:

**Jerry McGlocklin** is under hospice care at home. He has taken a turn for the worst this week and is not responding... **Dale Adcock** was able to come from the hospital on Monday and begin taking her rehab at home... **Carol Dean** is to the Athens-Limestone Hospital on Wednesday to have tests done... **Sheila Holt** is better now after having the virus... **Mike Wheeler** continues to improve from his gallbladder surgery... **Irene Inman** was moved Wednesday afternoon to Athens Health and Restore Rehabilitation for therapy... **Bobbie Adcock** moved from the Limestone Lodge to her son, Larry's home... **Debra Holt's cousin, Anthony Sutton**, is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday.

**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.*”

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them next Monday morning.

**OUT OF TOWN:** ... **The Ashes:** *Harold and Barb* are

in Salem, Illinois this weekend for Marci's funeral. . . **The Adams:** Marty, Marvella & Kenneth are at Yellowstone this week . . . **The Hardisons:** Nancy, Jaclyn & Sandra are going to the beach for vacation this week . . . **The Coxes:** Hunter, Heather & Beckett are in Gulf Shores this week . . . **The Gregorays:** Sam, Taylor, Cara Blake, & Weston are in Montgomery this weekend . . . **The Hammonds:** Roger and Wendy are in Gulf Shores this week. . . **Angie Hinkle** has been at the Gulf this week . . . **Keenon Currier** is in Monterey, California, where he is stationed.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Carol Dean and Marilyn Wooldridge** in the passing of Carol's aunt and Marilyn's sister-in-law, **Carolyn Adams Hill**. She passed away on Thursday. The arrangements are incomplete at this time. May the Lord bless Carol and all the family during this time. . . We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Lisa Wulfekuhl** and *all the family* in the passing of her cousin, **Jessica Lynne Burcham**. Jessica lived with Lisa's family when she was growing up. Jessica passed away unexpectedly Friday night. She is at the Morrison Funeral Home in Tusciumbia and the funeral are incomplete at this time. May the Lord bless Lisa and all he family at this time.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS:** The **Gooch Lane church** in Madison is beginning a gospel meeting today, and it will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be **Colly Caldwell**. . . The **Jackson Heights church** in Columbia, Tennessee, is beginning a Vacation Bible School today, and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in the adult class will be **Mitch Stevens**.

**HYDERABAD, INDIA:** This past Friday, it was my privilege to be able to speak to the **Balanagar church** in Hyderabad, Telegana, India. **Brother Yera Surender** translated for me again and sent his greetings to each of you. **Brother Johnson Babu**, who the Market Street church has fellowship in the gospel, is there and sent his greetings to the church here. The work seems to be going well there. It was also good to see **K. Bally Prasad Rao** among those who were studying. The church also supports brother K. Bally in his work in Amalapuram, Mandal, E.G. District.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	116
	Morning Worship .....	158
	Evening Worship .....	104
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	76

## Men Privileged To Serve:

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>:**

### 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 Usery
Closing Prayer .....	Wayne Vaughn

### Evening Worship

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

**Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading .....	Harold Ash
.....	(John 15:1-14)
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Invitation.....	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer .....	Danny Holt

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Larry Holt
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting .....	Stephen Lynn
Serving .....	Danny Holt ..... Marvin Putman
.....	Landon Adams ..... Heath Dollar
Closing Prayer .....	Kenneth Adams

### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader .....	Jonathan Traylor
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer .....	Frank Melton
Other Assignments for the week of July 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Danny Holt/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl