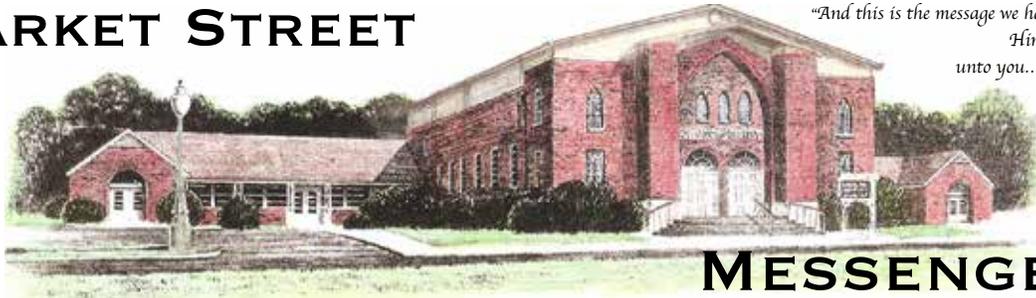


# MARKET STREET



*“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..... 7:00 p.m.

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

## *Let Us Hear the Conclusion...*

**David A. Cox**

*“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)*

The lives of so many people are in total chaos. The nursery rhyme “Humpty Dumpty” states the feeling of so many. The problem is that lives are completely broken and shattered while sitting around and waiting on life. Solomon writes Ecclesiastes from the perspective of one looking to find life’s purpose and meaning. Solomon concludes by writing, “Let us hear the conclusion....” Let’s notice Solomon’s conclusion.

### **Fear God.**

Solomon says, “Fear God.” What does it mean to fear God? Solomon does not mean to be afraid of God or quaking in fear. Rather, Solomon is speaking of reverencing God for who He is and the awesome power He possesses. The reverence for God stems from the realization that the earth, its fullness, is His (1 Corinthians 10:26; Psalm 24:1). Fearing God understands that everything belongs to Him, even our lives (Psalm 100:3), and if we truly fear and reverence God, then we will live for Him.

### **Keep His Commandments.**

As we fear and reverence God, we will keep His commandments. The motivation for our reverence for God comes from how God loves and cares for us. God’s love and care are demonstrated by offering the blood of Jesus to pay the redemption for our sins. The gift of God to save us to live eternally with Him should motivate us to keep His commandments. Jesus taught, “If you love me you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). The commands of God are not burdensome for those who fear and reverence God. Instead, the law of God becomes the priority of how life is to be lived.

### **For Every Work Will Be Judged.**

In living life, it is of utmost importance that we remember that God

will judge us for every work we do. Every work, both public and private works, will be considered. This is a very sobering thought, but one that we need to keep in our minds while we are busy living life. Remember the things you do now in relation to eternity. Solomon had spent many years chasing after life and trying to find happiness. Solomon reaches the conclusion that life needs to be lived with eternity in mind.

What a conclusion Solomon comes to at the end of this book. It is an excellent conclusion of what our lives should be about. Let us all hear the conclusion to “Fear God, keep His commandments,” for eternity is coming.



## *Beneficial Versus Harmful “Deconstruction”*

**Gardner Hall**

“Deconstruction” is a big issue in the Evangelical world as millions leave the religion of their parents to become unbelievers or at least to take on a radically different form of faith.

A beneficial form of “deconstruction” is inherent in the concept of restoration. Jesus wanted the Pharisees to “deconstruct” their false system of faith and replace it with His true system (Matthew 23:23). Hezekiah and Josiah wanted Judah to deconstruct their idolatry to follow Yahweh (2 Chronicles 29,30, 34,35). However, many types of “deconstruction” are obviously harmful.

What is the difference between the beneficial and the harmful?

1. The beneficial comes from a careful study of God’s word. The harmful comes from ingesting heavy doses of worldly wisdom and faddish worldly philosophy.
2. The beneficial is motivated by a deep and sacrificial love of God. The harmful is motivated by rebellion or resentment against those who

are perceived to be “too strict” or traditional.

3. The beneficial is careful to retain whatever truth may have been in the “old religion.” The harmful has a “throw-out-the-baby-with-the-bathwater” mentality. An example – A sincere young person may discard the sarcastic, belittling style that some brethren have in dealing with those with homosexual tendencies, even as he accepts the fact that homosexuality is sinful. A harmful “deconstructionist” will try to find a way to justify homosexuality in spite of the scriptures.
4. The beneficial “deconstructionist” is careful to avoid the carnality that increasingly dominates the world. The harmful almost always rationalizes carnal practice and often makes fun of those who are careful in their dress and entertainment choices.
5. Beneficial deconstruction brings one closer to God. God’s word still reigns supreme. Although the harmful deconstructionist may claim loudly to feel closer to God, the truth of the matter is that he is increasingly distant from Biblical principles. Feelings triumph over the Word.

Sometimes traditional brethren criticize those who are beneficially “deconstructing” harmful human traditions to “reconstruct” themselves closer to God’s pattern. However, beneficial deconstructionists aren’t the enemy. We need to be careful to distinguish between them and those who are harmful.

~via *Dulles church of Christ*; Ashburn, Virginia.



## *“By My Spirit”*

**Michael W. McLemore**

Falling into the trap of believing that ingenuity, resources and mental prowess are key to growing the local church is easy. We are conditioned to believe power and might are essential. Boot strap mentality permeates the American culture. But what may be true in achieving the “American Dream” does not necessarily correlate

to saving souls.

Zechariah 4 chronicles God’s message to the beleaguered captives as they attempted to rebuild both the kingdom and their lives in Judah following Babylonian Captivity. After 70 years the children of God returned to their decimated homes. They began well. Zerubbabel led them in quickly laying the foundation of the temple, Ezra 3:10. But, the daily work of “rebuilding life” soon took precedence and the unfinished temple lay dormant for the next 14 years, Haggai 1:4.

Listen to God’s message to Zerubbabel as He sought to spur the renewed commitment to kingdom work – “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts,” Zechariah 4:6. All effective kingdom work takes place through His Holy Spirit, not by means of human power or might. Far from being aimed at preachers, elders or Bible class teachers, this is an essential truth for all believers.

Christians rely not on our own wisdom, strength or will power, but on the power of the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God. The struggling believers at Corinth, “saints by calling” are charged to honor Him with a life of obedience, expressed through faith and service, 1 Corinthians 1:2. Again and again Paul calls that local family back to the truth of the Holy Spirit’s teaching.

Regardless of circumstance, Christians are called to rest in Christ, to abide in Him, and to seek His will. Zerubbabel completed the task to which he was assigned, not by His power but by the power of the Holy Spirit of God. We must follow that inspired lead, focusing not on circumstances but on the power of His Son to accomplish His work

~via *Weatherly Weekly*; Huntsville, Alabama.

# News & Notes...

## THE SICK:

Kenneth Smith	Martha Pyron
Ruby Dean Ezell	Sue Thomas
Don Bates	Dan Lovell
Brad Brown	Betty Pepper
Shirley Miller	Betty Lovell
JoAnn Gilbert	Doris Lovell
James Adams	

## 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
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Leigh Ellen Elliott	Wynell Romine
Elmina McLemore	Anthony Sutton
Charlotte Adams	Charlotte Griffin
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:

Marie Nave, rm. 79a	Bobby Ogles, rm. 113
Ann Bush, rm. 75	Betty Christopher, rm. 109
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	

## 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:

Margaret Carter; Athens-Limestone; rm. 317  
 Howard Morris; North Alabama Med. Ctr. –Florence

## Updates:

**Dale Adcock** received word this week that the screws in



her elbow have come out and they will need to do her surgery again. The surgery is scheduled for Wednesday morning at Huntsville Hospital-Ortho Center ... **Don Bates** went Monday for a cardio rehabilitation assessment and will begin rehab on August 8<sup>th</sup>... **Sharon Nave** is scheduled for surgery on August 11<sup>th</sup> and will follow that with 4 weeks of radiation... **Ruby Dean Ezell** had a MRI done this past week and it was determined that her hip was not broken. They are to call her Monday to get her an appointment for her injections in her back this week... **Dan Lovell** finished his therapy on his shoulder this week ... **Jackie Cox's brother, Howard Morris**, is scheduled for open heart surgery in Florence on Tuesday morning... **Roger & Wendy Hammonds niece, Brooklyn Berthiaume**, has been diagnosed with Lymphoma and it is extensive... **Keith Holt, the oldest son of Danny and Larry's brother, Mike**, is scheduled for surgery at Sarah Cannon Cancer Center in Nashville on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

**CARD WRITING:** The card writing group will meet next Monday morning, August 8<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.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The **Piney Grove church** south of Tusculumbia is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Ken Chapman*.

**SINGING:** There will be a singing this afternoon at the **Pleasant Valley church** at 2:00.

**OUT OF TOWN:** **The Gregorys:** *Sam, Taylor, Cara Blake & Weston* have been at the Gulf this week on vacation... **Wanda Nave** has been out of town this past week in Virginia Beach, Virginia... **The Adams:** *Marty & Marvella* are in Auburn this weekend moving Kenneth... **Kenneth Adams** is in Auburn for school... **Keenon Currier** is in Monterey, California, where he is stationed.

**PICTURES:** Have you had your picture made? 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 the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes .....	118
	Morning Worship .....	147
	Evening Worship .....	108
Wednesday:	Bible Classes .....	90

## Men Privileged To Serve:

**Sunday, July 31<sup>th</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris	
Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn	
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton	
Preaching.....	David Cox	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm	
Assisting .....	Hunter Cox	
Serving .....	Charles Vaughn .....	Luke Vaughn
Jerry Baker.....	Jonathan Traylor .....	Harold Davis
Closing Prayer .....	Roger Hammonds	

### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader .....	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper .....	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer .....	Danny Holt
Other Assignments for the week of July 31 <sup>st</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt

**Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Song Leader .....	Jonathan Traylor
Bible Reading .....	Landon Adams
.....	(John 16:25-33)
Prayer.....	Hayden Pierce
Invitation.....	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer .....	Dan Reed

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>:**

### Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon	
Song Leader .....	Stephen Lynn	
Prayer.....	Kenneth Smith	
Preaching.....	David Cox	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding.....	Terry Andrews	
Assisting .....	Larry Mitchell	
Serving .....	Roger Hammonds .....	Sam Gregory
.....	Matthew Vaughn.....	Luke Vaughn
Closing Prayer .....	Frank Melton	

### Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader .....	Griffin Holt
Prayer.....	Larry Tucker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Terry Andrews
Closing Prayer .....	Marcus Morris
Other Assignments for the week of August 7 <sup>th</sup> :	
Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt