

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..... 6:30 p.m.

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Reaching For Our Goal

David A. Cox

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" — (Philippians 3:13-14).

Paul writes to the Philippians to encourage them to reach the goal of life. The purpose of life is to go to heaven when you die, but it is so easy to be distracted along the way that we can lose sight. Paul gives three traits that are necessary for us to reach our goal. Let us consider these three traits.

There Is An Earnest Endeavor.

Paul says that we are to reach forward. As in a race, a runner will earnestly stretch or reach with every muscle and nerve to get to the prize. Earnest reaching involves the training and practice to reach the pinnacle of your skill and abilities. In life, we are to focus on learning and doing what God desires in our life. We will dedicate time to reading, studying, and meditating on God's word.

There Is A Steadfast Look.

Paul reminds the Philippians that reaching forward is "toward the goal." It is always necessary to keep the focus on the goal at the end. People who lose sight of the goal will lose. The Hebrew writer reminds the Christians he is writing to run their race, "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). At the end of Paul's life, he wrote, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8). Paul is not only reminding the Philippians to be steadfast, but he lived being steadfast.

There Is Persistent Endurance.

Paul reminds the Philippians to "press" to the goal. The fact is that life will throw many hurdles in our way to cause us to give up. Still, we

must, with great tenacity, press on. Undoubtedly, we all can see the many hurdles that we have seen people having to face in the last few years. However, we must be the kind of people of faith who earnestly press on to the goal. There is no doubt that we see that in the life of Paul (2 Corinthians 11:23-28). Yes, persistence in living our lives for God is an absolute must.

What three great reminders Paul gives in Philippians 3. As we face life, may we face it, building our faith to become more robust with earnest labor, steadfast look, and persistent endurance to reach our goal. We can do it! How? The only way is by “looking unto Jesus” and putting our lives in His hands.



Parents and Learning The Faith

Mark W. White

If You Ask A Child Where People Learn, They Will Likely Say, “At School.” But if you ask a 60-year old where people learn, you will get a different response. Adults know that most of life’s most important lessons were not learned in a formal setting. What a child learns from his parents, outside a classroom, can shape his lifelong attitude toward learning.

Parents can teach that learning is a part of everyday life. Do you reach for the Dictionary when you hear an unfamiliar word? When an intriguing question arises, do you Google up an encyclopedia? Now, nowhere is the principle of purposeful learning more important than in Bible study. Never let something slip by you without investigating it when it comes to Bible teaching. Berean Christians were purposeful learners (Acts 17:11). Read, ponder, and discuss God’s word everyday with your children. Use what you learn to be a better disciple of Jesus.

Parents must teach their children how to think. The last thing we want is for our children to just accept everything they hear without evaluation. Much of what passes as either wisdom or knowledge today, even in schools, actually contradicts God’s truths. Our children encounter an endless stream of false theories, misguided

religious beliefs and distorted moralities (which are often “immoralities”). Train your children to critically examine what is heard in school, read online, or viewed on television. Does it make any sense? Is it considered true because it is accepted by the majority? Does it mesh at all with Scripture? We must show our kids that the only way to surely know whether or not something is true is if God has said so. If they are to resist error and stand for truth, we must train them to think logically. Faith in Christ is not simply an emotional response, it involves the intellect, the mind. Faith results when the word of God is encountered, accepted and obeyed (Romans 10:17). Our children are no exception to this rule. Faith is propagated no other way, except through “learning Christ” (Ephesians 4:20).

Parents can help children develop a good attitude toward learning. Babies arrive thirsty for knowledge. God made them that way. They absorb visual clues, sounds and words at an amazing rate! Some children, however, eventually develop an aversion to learning. They dislike reading. They hate listening to a teacher. What can parents do? If addiction to empty entertainment is the root of a child’s poor attitude, the first step is obvious. Eliminate or severely restrict the amount of time spent on these distractions. Countless hours of television or video games take their toll. Bible classes must be stimulating learning sessions, but that usually does not involve a joystick. Listening to exhorting, informational sermons requires a degree of listening skill. Good sermons are not, however, simply entertaining. We come to enjoy good preaching in much the same way that we enjoy eating a nourishing, tasty meal.

The teaching we do at home and the learning that takes place there will favorably improve learning at the church-house. For this necessity, we are dependent on parents, not preachers.

~via Cy-Fair Family News & Notes; Cypress, Texas.



Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m.



Communion Preparation for September

Communion Bread — Wanda Baker
 Communion Cups — Larry Mitchell

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Harvey Nixon	Jennifer Threet
Barbara Ash	Betty Lovell
Jeanette Weir	Steve Stringer
Pat Nixon	Dan Lovell
Shirley Miller	Doris Lovell
Stephen Smith	Larsen Plyler
Amy Gill	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Priscilla Tucker	Sharon Nave
Harvey Nixon	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Nikki Ogles	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Lloyd Adams	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Wynell Romine
Anthony Sutton	Jerry Lawrence
Henry Fusch	Liz Fusch
Kimberly Pressnell	Tim McGuire
Wynell Romine	Monica Nelson

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Judy Brown, rm. 120	Mildred Lambert, rm. 15
Margaret Carter, rm. 102	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Auteen Campbell, rm. 96
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Connie Brock, rm. 62

Limestone Health Facility:

Ann Bush, rm. 75	Marie Nave, rm. 84a
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Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home

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:

Updates:

Paul Adcock will go back to the doctor on September 11th to get ready to begin his series of treatments ... **Joyce McGlocklin** has not been feeling well due to a kidney stone... **Barbara Ash** continues her therapy and is improving... **Sharon Nave** continues to wait on the doctor to call her after looking at the images from her CAT scan... **Rita Smith's son, Stephen Smith**, is home from the hospital taking antibiotics intravenously ... **Larsen Plyler** is scheduled to go to M.D. Anderson in Houston, Texas on Friday to meet with the doctors there... Remember our expecting mother, **Lynsey Adams**, in your prayers.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30, and is studying "Preparing To Teach My Neighbor."

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.

MEETING BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY: Our gospel meeting with **Wilson Adams** is beginning next Sunday morning, September 10th. Wilson will be preaching at 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. The services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7:00 p.m. There are announcements at the entrances for you to take and give to people you invite. Remember to pray for the meeting.

BOBBY DUANE THOMAS (1933 – 2023): It is with great sadness that we note the passing of brother Duane Thomas. Duane passed away on Tuesday afternoon at home. Duane's health had been declining for some time, but he continued to press on and do all he could. He rarely missed services, and it was a great desire he had to assemble with the people of God. There is no doubt that Marcia has been a great help to him in recent years. Marcia, along with his children Para, Greg, and Mark, gave Duane tremendous care. Duane's funeral was yesterday afternoon. He was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery. May the Lord bless all of the

Thomas family at this time.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS TO BEGIN: A Ladies' Bible class beginning in September. The class will meet in the evening at 6:00. The first class will be on **Monday, September 18th**, at the home of **Sheila Holt**. That will be a good opportunity for our ladies to get together to study and share some time together. If you have any questions, see **Marcella Coblentz** or **Sheila Holt**.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Before the restrictions due to the virus, we met and sang on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 at the **Athens Senior Care and Rehabilitation**. I talked with the coordinator of events again this week, and they are ready for us to restart the singing. You may have done this in the past, or you have not, but we meet at 5:30 to begin singing for about 30 to 45 minutes. The residents and rehab patients thoroughly enjoy us coming. If you can come, please do, and we will be encouraged as much as we encourage. The plans are to begin this on **Tuesday, October 10th**. Tell others about it.

CARDWRITING: A card writing group meets regularly to write and mail cards to people for appreciation and encouragement. The group will meet next Monday morning, September 11th, at 10:30. If you would like to participate, join them next Monday morning.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Wulfekuhls: Russ, Lisa & Ali* are in the mountains this weekend ... *The Adcocks: Paul and Dale* were in Gatlinburg last weekend.... *Theresa Tucker* is back home from visiting *Tyler, Angelique & James Henry* in Kansas City, Missouri.

THE RECORD: Attendance the week of August 27th:

Sunday: Bible Classes 116
 Morning Worship 139
 Evening Worship 120

Wednesday:
 Bible Classes 111

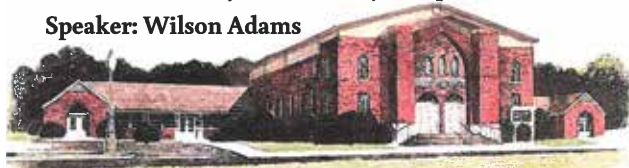
Gospel Meeting

September 10-13, 2023

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday — Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: **Wilson Adams**



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

514 WEST MARKET STREET
 ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Larry Mitchell
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Joel Hamm
 Assisting Keith Hinkle
 Serving Harold Davis Matthew Vaughn
 Matthew Usery..... Christian Usery
 Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Jerry Baker
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
 Closing Prayer Marcus Morris
 Other Assignments for the week of September 3rd:
 Usher Hayden Pierce/ Marvin Putman
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

Wednesday, September 6th:

Song Leader Clayton Hamm
 Bible Reading Danny Johnson
 (Acts 15:22-30)
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Invitation Albert Haraway
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Sunday, September 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Larry Holt
 Prayer..... Bob Broadus
 Preaching..... Wilson Adams
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Tucker
 Assisting Jerry Baker
 Serving Roger Hammonds Sam Gregory
 Landon Adams Harold Davis
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Preaching Wilson Adams
 Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith
 Other Assignments for the week of September 10th:
 Usher Tommy Coblentz/Larry Mitchell
 Work Sound System..... Russ Wulfekuhl