

MARKET STREET

"And this 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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We Believe, And Therefore Speak

Bill Hall

The preaching of the apostles proceeded from hearts full of conviction. They had observed the miracles of Jesus; they had heard His teaching; three of them had been with Him in the mount, and had heard those words spoken from heaven, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him;" they had seen His composure as He was arrested in the garden; they had carefully examined evidences of His resurrection, and had talked with Him, eaten with Him, felt of Him; they had watched as He ascended until a cloud received Him out of their sight. They believed! And so full were they of faith that their faith overflowed in words. They could not hold back that message which burned in their hearts.

They preached it everywhere: in the synagogues and in the temple; in the streets and from house to house; in governors' mansions and in prisons; in market places and from Mars Hill; on ships and in chariots; in upper rooms and on river banks.

They preached it to the rich and to the poor; to worshippers of God and to worshippers of idols; to the humble and to the proud; to the lowly and to the mighty; to the educated and to the uneducated; to the good and to the bad; to the moral and to the immoral.

They preached it to drunkards, to adulterers, to homosexuals, to idolaters, to sorcerers, to kings, to governmental officials, to army officers, to jailors, to ship captains, to beggars. They preached it, and preached it, and preached it!

Because they preached it, they were imprisoned, beaten, scourged, stoned, mocked, ridiculed, threatened. They were victims of lies, deceit, conspiracy, uproars, mob violence, shipwreck, ambush. They lived in poverty, often hungering, and with "no certain dwelling place;" but nothing could stop them from preaching as long as they had breath. They believed, and their faith forced them to preach regardless of the consequences. They believed, and therefore spoke (2 Corinthians 4:13).

What did they preach? They preached that message revealed to them by the Holy Spirit, God's divine message (1 Corinthians 2:6-13). They had no time for opinions, human philosophies, or politics; nor was their faith centered upon such things. The message that burned in their hearts was a message concerning the Christ and salvation through Him. They believed in Christ, in the efficacy of His blood, and in the power of His gospel. They believed, and therefore they spoke that message, and that message only.

Faith! In that one word may lay the most important element of effective evangelism. When we come to believe as did those apostles; when we become so full of faith that we can hardly restrain ourselves; when the message of salvation burns within us as it did in them, we will be teaching others and we will be doing so effectively. Until then our words may contain an unmistakable emptiness that will render them powerless in changing the hearts of men

-via *Perspectives*; Birmingham, Alabama.



Soar Like An Eagle

W. Frank Walton

“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:30-31)

In context, God addresses the remnant who had been languishing in Babylonian captivity for 70 restless years. Isaiah predicted about 150 years in advance that news would finally come that they could go home to restore and rebuild the Jewish nation. They would soar on the heights of joy in anticipation of the long awaited trek homeward.

However, before they could finally arrive home, there would be the long, arduous and perilous journey of over 600 miles. It would be a hard journey that could break the unaided efforts of the strongest “young men” or defeat the most vigorous “youths.” Yet, God promised them that they could, by patiently trusting

in Him alone, rise above the journey's obstacles and soar on the wings of faith. “For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11; cf. 29:10-14).

The believer in God is likened to an eagle. It is a strong, confident, and majestic bird. I've read that it relies on the thermal currents in the air to glide gracefully through the air, spreading its God-given wings to soar high above the perilous storms. Its God-given instinct uses the updrafts produced by rough terrain to fly with efficient effort. When the eagle rests, it nests in the high rocky clefts, trusting it for protection.

God made us to soar to great heights in our heavenward journey. However, the long and wearisome journey of life can tire our faith and dim our hope. If we trust mainly in our finite, puny selves, we will grow weary and fail. Our faith must instinctively look up to God and His Word always. “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). He dwells above the clouds where the sun is always shining, in the calm light of eternity.

Our God can lift us up above the shadows and sorrow of this life into the light of His joyous presence. Our faith and study of His faith-building Word is a renewable resource for the journey home (Romans 10:17). “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 24-25).

-via *The Eastside Edifier*; Scottsboro, Alabama.



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come and Join Us As We Study Together

Being Honest With God

Edwin L. Crozier

Do you want to have an amazing relationship with God? Would you like to pray as the psalmists did? Would you like to connect on a gut level with the Almighty through your prayers? Though we can learn numerous things from the psalmists, perhaps the greatest lesson is to be honest with God.

I don't just mean tell the truth. I don't just mean if you did it, confess it. I mean be rigorously honest about our emotions. Tell God how you really feel.

The most repeated genre of the psalms is the lament or the complaint. These psalms contain statements such as:

"Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?"—Psalm 10:1.

"How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?"—Psalm 13:1-2.

"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest."—Psalm 22:1-2.

Many of us have felt these same feelings, but we would think we were blaspheming if we said them. The psalmists did not fear this. They were honest about how they felt and they took it to God.

Perhaps we fear angering God. That is how we deal with each other sometimes. We are so afraid someone will get upset if we tell them how we really feel we just keep it on the inside. God is not like us. We can trust Him with our feelings. We don't have to manage His feelings. Just read the psalms and discover God wants us to bring this to Him. He doesn't want us bottling it up inside where it will poison our faith. He wants us expressing it and getting it out so we can get back to relying on our faith in Him, just as the psalmists repeatedly did.

Of course, anger is not the only emotion in the psalms. There is fear, despair, joy, happiness, loneliness, shame, guilt, hope, etc. Many scholars search in vain for some kind of order to the psalms. They are surprised the laments are lumped together and the praises aren't together in a pile. I think the reason is because the psalms mirror life. Today, I may be overjoyed, while tomorrow something may anger me or depress me. The psalms are a mix of all these. But their number one lesson is don't hide what you are really feeling from God. Think of it this way, in reality, He already knows. You can't really hide it from Him. You might as well share it with Him. Be honest with God.

-via *The Franklin Bulletin*; Franklin, Tennessee.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Jerry Tucker; Athens-Limestone Hospital – rm. 204

Peggy Taylor; Athens-Limestone Hospital – rm. 309

At Home:

Wendell Sherbert Annie Mae Bragg

Jerry Gilbert Mary Norton

June Dawson Bernice Thomas

Martin Casteel Yvonne Sherbert

Jackson Glass Curtis Glass

Benton Hardy Jeff Waddell

Kennedy Pepper Uyles Reid

Angela Green Joe Giardina

Matt Poff Hunter Harbin

Tim Melson

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 108 Mary Smith, rm 85

Rosella Pugh, rm. 33 J.D. Clanton, 11E

Sarah (Jennie) Green Lorene Bradford, rm.107

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Manor:
Ruth Owens, rm. 80

Shut-In:
Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.
Jimmy Killen, at home
Reba Adams, at home
Mauvis Phillips, at home
Majorie Lambert, at home
Fred Varnell, at home
Ellis Dunnavant, at home

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember all those that are away serving in the military for our country. Those among us that are serving away from home:
Cody Brown; Iraq

SINGING: The *Gathering Place* at New Haven on West Hobbs has been reserved for tonight following our evening service. We will spend time together singing and enjoying one another's company eating finger foods. I hope that all will be able to be there.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Capshaw church* is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Thursday. *Wes Webb* is the speaker in this meeting... The *Somerville church* in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with *Norm Webb, Jr.* preaching.

THE RECORD: Attendance – Week of March 15th.

Sunday:
Bible Classes..... 147
Morning Worship 161
Evening Worship..... 123

Wednesday:
Bible Classes..... 110



Vacation Bible School

June 8 -11, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 22nd:

Morning Worship

AnnouncementsJerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Frank Noblitt
PrayerAlbert Bowers
Preaching.David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Marty Adams
Assisting Marion Mitchell
ServingCurtis Glass..... Dan Lovell
..... Marvin Putman..... Delmer Carter
Closing Prayer Tim Craig

Evening Worship

AnnouncementsJerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Frank Noblitt
PrayerMarion Mitchell
Preaching Stuart Wilson
Lord's Supper Marty Adams
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Other Assingments for Sunday March 22nd:
Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System Danny Johnson

Wednesday, March 25th:

Song LeaderJoel Hamm
Bible Reading.....(Proverbs 9:1-18)
..... Cory Nelson
PrayerJack Cannon
Invitation Warren Glass
Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Sunday, March 29th:

Morning Worship

AnnouncementsJoel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
PrayerSteven Bradley
Preaching.David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Marty Adams
Assisting Marion Mitchell
ServingCurtis Glass..... Dan Lovell
..... Marvin Putman..... Delmer Carter
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Evening Worship

AnnouncementsJoel Hamm
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Frank Noblitt
Preaching
Lord's Supper Marion Mitchell
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Other Assingments for Sunday March 29th:
Usher Tyler Cox
Work Sound System Marty Adams