

# 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

514 West Market Street  
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Athens, Alabama 35612  
Phone (256) 232-1525

### 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.

#### Elders

Albert Bowers.....(256) 233-4847  
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*David A. Cox, Editor*

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## *Jesus: The Way Out of Confusion*

**David Hartsell**

The religious world is filled with ideas and faiths. Different “holy books” offer differing standards by which people should live. Some worship one god; others worship many deities. Some emphasize the deity “inside of each of us.” Multiplicities of religious beliefs are extremely confusing. Even in the “Christian faith” there are conflicting denominational ideas that often leave our heads spinning. How do we find our way out of this malaise and back on the path toward God?

The answer is found in Jesus’ life and teachings. In the first century, great religious divisions existed among God’s people. Greek and Roman influences lay behind many of these differences. Alexander the Great had spread Hellenistic customs, practices, and religions over the world. Later, reaction to Rome’s rule and its religious caused the Jews to splinter further in their unity of faith. Many Jewish sects developed. Sadducees were willing to compromise some of God’s teachings to save the temple and keep their position. They claimed to believe the scriptures, but denied that a spiritual realm existed and, therefore, discounted the resurrection of the dead. The Pharisees were opposed to spiritual compromise. Originally, they were determined to carefully keep God’s Word. This effort eventually turned into the exaltation of human ideas and traditions – exalting them even above God’s revealed Will. Jesus was hounded by Pharisees His entire life. Other groups such as the Zealots, the Publicans, and the Herodians had political agendas as well as religious disagreements. The Essenes avoided it all by withdrawing from society and formed smaller communities. Confusion reigned.

How did Jesus deal with all these differences? First, there are several things that He did not do. He did not throw up His hands and say, “I give up! There are so many contradictory concepts. Why should I try?” Secondly, He never implied that truth was not essential. He did not suggest that one idea is as good as another. Finally, though Jesus believed truths found in each of the groups we have mentioned, He refused to join any of them. Jesus continuously meditated on God’s Word. A twelve year old Jesus discussed scripture with Jewish religious

scholars (Luke 2:45-47). Years later, He astounded formally trained Jews with His knowledge of God's law and His ability to properly use it. Jesus told them plainly, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me" (John 7:15-16). While denouncing the hypocrisy of the scribes and the Pharisees, our Lord emphasized the necessity of listening to and obeying the Word of God that they taught (Matthew 23:2-3). Like Jesus, we can make our way through the numerous false and confusing ideas by holding to God's Word, the Bible. We can help our family and friends by teaching them to do the same.

-via *Charlottesville Beacon*; Charlottesville, Virginia.



## ***"What It Leads To"***

**Robert F. Turner**

I hate to admit this, but a man once told me he did not like my sermons, and wanted me to change the subject and content of my preaching. I asked him to identify my errors, and he said I was preaching the truth, but he was afraid of "what it might lead to." (I was preaching on the work of the church, and congregational independence.) I replied that I realized one might make a "hobby" of truth and "beat to death" a subject (He did not accuse me of this), but that I could not see how truth, properly balanced, could lead to anything but that for which it was given, viz., to make men free from error and sin (John 8:31-32).

On the other side of the coin, we frequently find timid souls who hibernate in inactivity, and equate doing nothing with soundness in the faith. They may acknowledge that the work proposed is in keeping with the scriptures, but if it calls for some unaccustomed activity – a change from the status quo – they fear "what it might lead to."

Life itself is a movement – we exist in a state of flux – and direction is influenced by every facet of life. Change (even in that which is good) will affect attitudes and viewpoints, and could involve new temptations. But remaining at rest also affects attitudes and viewpoints,

and could involve new temptations. The monastic life is no guarantee of sinlessness. It may be sin in itself.

No man steps twice in the same flowing stream. The stream is moving, and his second step is into water that was yet above him when the first step was taken. We may begin to do something in good faith, and with ample authority; and find later that circumstances are now such as to make the continuation of our work wrong. It takes a good man to face this, and let divine authority, rather than his own traditions, guide his life. Many will let tradition overrule the application of God's Word to his life. But fear of what may happen (when no scriptural principle is violated, nor scriptural warning ignored) makes for "False Soundness."

Truth never "leads to" error, and right is not the father of wrong. This is the point of James 1:13-18 and 1 John 3-6ff. We sin when we quit following God and follow Satan.

Although "times change" and new circumstances constantly arise, we have an unchanging standard, suited for all ages. We are faithful only when we **act** upon its teachings. The church is the "pillar," not the "pillow" of God's truth (1 Timothy 3:15.).

-via *The Plain Talk*; Burnet, Texas.

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## **Radio Program**

### **Every Sunday Morning**

on WVNN – 770AM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00

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514 West Market Street  
Athens, Alabama

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## ***Vacation Bible School***

June 8 -11, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

Market Street church of Christ

# *“The Way of Man Is Not In Himself”*

**Bob Waldron**

God has not only revealed His will to man, but He has also revealed the exact attitude he is to have toward His Word. Man does not have God’s permission to possess any attitude toward His will that he desires. In every conceivable way, God, in the Bible, shows man he must try to keep God’s word strictly and carefully, with the greatest reverence.

The question naturally arises, “Why is it necessary to seek such close adherence to the will of God?” The answer is simply given in the Bible, “O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). Man is such that truth does not originate inside of him. In deed, it might be stated thusly: Everything man knows comes from outside himself. Since truth does not originate from any human being, the source of truth must be recognized as God. To forsake God’s Word is to dwell in darkness. The only way to remain in the light is to walk in the light. The only way to avoid missing the path is to stay in the path. The path, or the way of God, is found in what He has said, not in what He has not said.

The result of man’s following his own guidance is clearly set forth in the scriptures. “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12). We must understand that so far as the sensation one feels about it is concerned, there is no difference in being right and merely seeming to be right. When Jacob’s sons brought Joseph’s coat to him, torn and bloodied, he assumed that Joseph had been slain by a wild beast. Though it only seemed that Joseph had been slain, it felt exactly as if he really was dead. Merely how good one may feel about a thing is no indication as to whether it is true. The only way to know the truth is to turn away ourselves from ourselves to the Word of God. Jesus said, “And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

It should be obvious that if man cannot originate truth, then he should scrupulously avoid mixing his opinions with the Bible. Paul said, “I marvel that ye

are so quickly removing Him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel: only there are some that trouble you and would pervert the gospel of Christ. Bur though we or an angel from heaven should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema. As we have said before, so say I now again, ‘If any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye have received, let him be anathema’” (Galatians 1:6-9).

-via *The Westview Weekly*; Athens, Alabama.

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

#### *In The Hospital:*

*Glen Keenon*; Huntsville Hospital – rm. 251

#### *At Home:*

Annie Mae Bragg	June Dawson
Martin Casteel	Yvonne Sherbert
Kim Rogers	Peyton Rogers
Kennedy Pepper	Benton Hardy
Jeff Waddell	Angela Green
Matt Poff	Tim Melson

#### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118	Mary Smith, rm 85
Rosella Pugh, rm. 33	J.D. Clanton, 11E
Sarah (Jennie) Green	Lorene Bradford, rm.117

#### *Athens Convalescent Center:*

Betty Bates, rm. 17      Peggy Taylor, rm. 45

#### *Limestone Manor:*

Ruth Owens, rm. 80

#### *Shut-In:*

Sarah Halbbrook, 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

**BIBLE DRILL:** This afternoon at 4:30 will be the time for our Children's Bible Drill. I hope that all of our children will be able to be present at that time.

**SYMPATHY:**

**Wendell Sherbert 1938 -2009**

It is with sadness that we mention the passing of brother *Wendell Sherbert*. He passed away Monday afternoon at the Huntsville Hospital. In recent months brother Sherbert had not been able to be at services much due to his illness, but came when he could. We will miss brother Sherbert here at Market Street. We want to express our deepest sympathy to Yvonne and all the family in his passing.

**Jerry Tucker 1936 -2009**

It is with sadness that we mention the passing of brother *Jerry Tucker*. He passed away Monday evening at the Athens-Limestone Hospital. Brother Tucker had attended the church here at Market Street for years, but after suffering a stroke about three years ago, had not been able to be present at services. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all the family in his passing.

**BAPTISM:** We are rejoicing over the decision of *Tina Brown* to be baptized into Christ this past Wednesday evening after Bible study. We are thankful for her good heart and desire to please God and to be the kind of example to her family that God wants. Let us all encourage Tina as she has and will encourage us in our life as Christians.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Jordan Park church* in Huntsville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. *Greg Litmer* is the speaker... The *Shoals Bluff church* near Minor Hill, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Tuesday with *Jonathan Reeder* preaching... The *Helton Drive church* in Florence is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with *Tommy Hagewood* preaching.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance – Week of March 29th

<b>Sunday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	123
	Morning Worship .....	162
	Evening Worship.....	116
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	104

*Remember Our Study Periods*

- Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.
- Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Men Privileged To Serve:**

**Sunday, April 5th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Jack Cannon
Prayer .....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Albert Bowers
Assisting .....	Rusty Brand
Serving .....	David Terry..... Tommy Burns
.....	Landon Adams..... Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Curtis Glass

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Marty Adams
Song Leader .....	Jack Cannon
Prayer .....	Stuart Wilson
Preaching .....	Warren Glass
Lord's Supper .....	Albert Bowers
Closing Prayer .....	Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for Sunday April 5th:

Usher .....	Marion Mitchell
Work Sound System .....	Frank Noblitt

**Wednesday, April 8th:**

Song Leader .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Bible Reading.....	(Proverbs 11:1-15)
.....	Benton Ball
Prayer .....	Dwain Allfrey
Invitation .....	Warren Glass
Closing Prayer .....	Tyler Cox

**Sunday, April 12th:**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements .....	Stuart Wilson
Song Leader .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer .....	Rusty Brand
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Albert Bowers
Assisting .....	Steven Bradley
Serving .....	David Terry..... Tommy Burns
.....	Landon Adams..... Hunter Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Tyler Cox

*Evening Worship*

Announcements .....	Stuart Wilson
Song Leader .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Prayer .....	Steven Bradley
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper .....	Albert Bowers
Closing Prayer .....	Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for Sunday April 12th:

Usher .....	Joel Hamm
Work Sound System .....	Tim Craig