

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 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

You Can Tell!!!

Dee Bowman

Television can change things. It used to be that you could recognize a person from the South by his dragging enunciation, or a person from the North by his clipped inflections. Television has made it so that we mostly sound alike. It is true; however, that we recognize people and their character because of what we see or observe about them. All persons have distinguishing characteristics. Some people are easily recognized by their voice, some by the way they dress, by their use of language, by their physical characteristics. You can tell quite a lot about a person just by observation.

You can tell a lot about a man's religion by some of the things you observe when he's around. If he is truly a Christian, there will be signs of that fact in almost every area of his life. His every activity will be an under-lining of his faith, a manifestation of his devotion to God, a sure indication of his determination to let the light of his faith shine, no matter where he is. Fact is it's easy to spot a Christian:

By his language: There is at once a noticeable difference between the language of a Christian and that of the worldly-minded person. The real Christian knows it to be sinful to take the name of the Lord in vain. He is not inclined to use terms and phrases intended to provoke toward lust or licentiousness. He knows that a person who professes to be a Christian and uses filthy language is showing the world that his religion really doesn't mean very much to him. It should be obvious to all concerned how foolish it is too "...bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God." And just how hypocritical it is when "out of the same mouth proceeds blessings and cursing." It is certainly so that "brethren, these things ought not to be." The true child of God will watch his language and "speak as the oracles of God" (see James 3:9-10; 1 Peter 4:11).

By his professions: The true Christian is in no way ashamed of His Lord nor of the gospel he follows. When asked about the course he follows and the hope he professes, he is always "ready to give an answer..."

Obey God

Larry Bailey

(1 Peter 3:15), for he has sanctified Christ as Lord in his heart. When he is asked by someone why the church of Christ does what it does or teaches what it teaches, he is quick to point out that “the way of man is not in himself,” that he is to “seek the old paths.” He will defend the gospel, but with loving concern for the inquisitor. He will tell the whole truth and will in no way water down the message of the risen Savior. All this he does, considering himself, “let ye also be tempted,” and remembering all the while that “love covers a multitude of sins” (see Jeremiah 6:16; 10:23; Galatians 6:1).

By the way he lives: The Christian’s interests differ from those of his companions in the world. You won’t find him continually parked in front of the computer screen, the iPhone or his television set day after day, night after night. He may be visiting the sick or teaching a class or helping someone in some other way. Now that is not to say all these things are considered by him to be wrong or sinful; it merely says he uses them in moderation. Facebook does not take the place of facing up to his responsibilities as a child of God. He is more interested in others than I-considerations. He is more interested in e-ternal life than e-mails. Bible study is part of who and what he is, for he knows his study is necessary to “be approved of God.” The good Christian attends funerals, helps elderly people with their needs; you may even see a tear in his eye when the little people sing Jesus Loves Me. This person will pay his bills, do his part even when it’s inconvenient, stop at stop signs, obey the rules of the game, love his wife, teach his children, and “forsake not” the assemblies of the saints. He knows he’s not perfect, but he will make periodic self-examinations in order that he might become better tomorrow than he was today (See Galatians 6:1-10).

By where he’s headed: He realizes full well that it’s not what’s here that is his goal, but what is there. He is constantly seeking “those things which are above,” is working to present his body a living sacrifice while here, but is all the while realizing that his “citizenship is in heaven,” from whence will come the Savior to change his “vile body, that it might be fashioned according to His glorious body...” (See Colossians 3:1-3; Philipians 3:20-21).

Yes, you can spot him. He’s like a city set on a hill, or a light on a stand. And you can tell he is headed somewhere, and it isn’t here.

-via *The Capshaw Beacon*; Capshaw, Alabama.

God created the heavens and earth (Genesis 1:1). God gives us life and its attendant blessings (Acts 17:25; James 1:17). Not only does God give material blessings but He has provided “every spiritual blessing” through Jesus, (Ephesians 1: 3). God has extended these great provisions because of His love, (Romans 5:8).

The material blessings come upon the just and unjust, (Matthew 5:45) but the spiritual blessings are reserved for those in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). The Bible, God’s word, teaches one how to get into Christ. One must believe that Jesus is the Son of God and confess (Romans 10:10) and repent (Acts 17:31) and then be baptized in water into Christ (Galatians 3:27). Now you may substitute other steps in the place of God’s but that would pervert the gospel and put you in an accursed condition (Galatians 1:8). If you believe the word, then you should obey the word.

Since God has given us these blessings it seems that we should be thankful to Him and do what He has told us. But some neither thank God or Obey Him; Their hearts have been darkened by error. Even some who pretend faith in God don’t obey (John 12:42). These people will suffer in consequence of their disobedience (Matthew 7:21-23). Or to put it in another way: they will suffer the consequence of their disbelief (Hebrews 3:19; 4:6).

What would cause you to disobey God? Surely if God were standing beside us we would obey. However, God has left you and me with instructions on how to obey and be faithful and as a result to be saved by his grace (Romans 10:17; 2 Peter 1:3). So, what would cause you to disobey? Perhaps it would help if we’d answer a question.

Who is disobedient? Well, those out-side of Christ are not obeying God. These people have not upon their faith been baptized into Christ (Acts 2:37-38; Galatians 3:27). They are rebelling against God’s way for man to be saved (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

Also, some of those who have been “born of water and the spirit” (John 3:5) are not obeying as they should. Perhaps some of these disobey because error has filled them instead of truth (2 Timothy 2:18-19).

The real question is now: How do we disobey God? The alien sinner disobeys God by rejecting Jesus or by substituting a human plan of salvation for God's People in both of these conditions are going to end in destruction.

Those who are Christians disobey when they are not faithful in holding to His word. This may take the form of lack of attendance in the public worship assemblies or lack of zeal and participation in the worship assemblies and other works of the local congregation. It may take the form of neglecting the duties in the family such as teaching God's word. There are many particulars in which we may disobey God.

How may I protect myself from disobeying God? Jesus said that in our knowledge of the truth we could be made free from sin (John 8:32). When we know what to do we should do it (James 4:17); otherwise we sin. We should obey the gospel from the heart and thus become servants of righteousness (Romans 6:17-18).

God has given us so much: Both in physical things and spiritual blessings. The spiritual blessings are in Christ. Become a Christian through God's grace by your obedience to the gospel. Then we should continue to obey, thus remaining faithful to God. In this condition we will be saved (Revelation 2:10).

-via *The Midfield Bulletin*; Birmingham, Alabama.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Charles Vaughn	Lucille Craig
Jennifer Threet	Loretta Warner
Cornelia Pepper	Patsy Thomas
Dana Baker	Doris Lovell
Reba Byram	Jeanette Weir
Irene Inman	Gilbert Hardy

Shelby Kirkland
Ann Bush

Shaun Carruth
Linda Jones

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Mot Dollar	Gayle Ball
Ella Melvin	Janice Cagle
Eli Williams	Donald Cole
Gene Carpenter	Betty Hamm
Linda Ordonez	Charles Burns
Annalynn Tegg	Al Pollard
Matt Poff	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Ben Hinkle
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Daniel Ogles

In The Hospital:

Ray Kennedy; UAB Hospital, Birmingham

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 111	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Judith Groce, rm. 45	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Terry Camp, rm. 91	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Mable Crafts, rm. 98	Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Wayne Gooch, rm. 66	

Limestone Health Facility:

Mildred Landers, rm. 103
Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Lodge:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 20W

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at home
Hazel Brooks, at home
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Wynell Casteel, at home
Marjorie Dunnivant, in Huntsville in assisted living
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
Essie Hardison, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

ANNUAL SINGING: Our *Fifth Annual Singing* is rapidly coming. I know that the singing will be truly edifying and uplifting evening. I hope that everyone will mark *February 26th* on your calendars. Remember to tell others to come and join us. If you are on Facebook, please share the event and send invitations to you friends to join us.

CONFESSIONS: *Ronnie & LeAnn Hughes* came forward Wednesday night confessing sins in their lives and asking for forgiveness of the wrongs committed. May Ronnie and LeAnn live the kind of life that God will be pleased with.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Seth, Summer, Isabella and Weston Todd* in the tragic passing of Summer's mother, *Linda Cole*, this past Wednesday morning. Her funeral was yesterday at the 1st Baptist Church in Hamilton... We also want to express our deepest sympathy to *Marcella Coblentz* and *all the family*, in the passing of Marcella's cousin, *Michael Garner* this past week. His funeral was on Saturday afternoon in Rogersville. May the Lord bless them.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn* are in Texas... *The Ogles: Mike and Nikki* are in Auburn were out of town last week.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday afternoon at 5:30.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar for this year:

April 17-21 Gospel Meeting with Buc Chumbley
 June 13-16 Vacation Bible School
 Sept. 11-15 Gospel Meeting with Andrew Roberts

WORK GROUPS: Work Group three will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Feb. 7th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 142
 Morning Worship 185
 Evening Worship..... 132

Wednesday:
 Bible Classes..... 117

Fifth Annual Singing

February 26, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Steve Klein



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
 514 WEST MARKET STREET
 ATHENS, ALABAMA

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 14th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Norman Brown
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Terry Andrews
 Assisting Steve Usery
 Serving Jason Conn..... Nathaniel Adams
 Matthew Vaughn..... Marcus Morris
 Closing Prayer Keith Hinkle

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Hunter Cox
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Terry Andrews
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 14th:

Usher Larry Mitchell
 Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, February 17th:

Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Bible Reading..... (2 Corinthians 3:1-11)
 Joy Warner
 Prayer Terry Andrews
 Invitation Mike Ogles
 Closing Prayer James Johnson

Sunday, February 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Terry Andrews
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Russell Melvin
 Assisting Keith Hinkle
 Serving Cody Kennedy David Terry
 Kenneth Adams..... Keenon Currier
 Closing Prayer Harvey Nixon

Evening Worship

Announcements Kenneth Smith
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer Larry Mitchell
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Russell Melvin
 Closing Prayer Joy Warner

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 21st:

Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
 Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams