

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..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 6:30 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

“Ask In Faith, With No Doubting”

David A. Cox

“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind” — (James 1:6).

James is reminding Christians to live without a doubt in God. James describes doubt as a man who wavers, tossed to and fro between two mindsets. The mindset of the spiritual mind or the earthly mind. So, how can we identify why we doubt? And, What can we do about doubt? Let us consider this.

Identifying Why We Doubt. Doubt can be exhibited in questions like: Does God really love me? Does God really exist? These are very serious questions. Doubt and questions like this stem from a need for more evidence or conviction. God is, and there are many things we know and understand about God. At the same time, we must know there are many things that we do not and will not know about God because it is incomprehensible to man. Isaiah writing about God, says, “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts’ (Isaiah 55:8-9). God clearly explains that we should not expect to know and understand everything. Instead, what is required of us is faith. It is not blind faith because God has given plenty of evidence for us to develop our faith. Therefore, if the questions we ask stimulate us to deepen our faith in God, that is great, but we must see the danger of unresolved doubt.

What Do We Do With Doubt? We have a choice to make when doubts arise:

1. Respond to the doubt faithfully, looking for answers from God.
2. Refuse to respond to the doubt and allow the doubts to cloud our faith, becoming excuses to not grow in our relationship with God.

The first option is the only option if we are to please God. How we can activate this option.

- We need to pray about it.

- Seek to find the answers from God.
- We need to admit our doubts. God knows about them already. Let Him help us with them.
- Find the strength from the fellowship of Christians to help. Seeking the counsel of good strong Christians will help.
- Never let our doubts become the rule in our life.
- Let our faith work serving and accomplishing much for God.

Look at the creation. See the love that God has expressed in so many ways. Do not let Satan use doubt to take your life away from God



The Joy of Being a Parent

Michael W. McLemore

The joy of being a parent is virtually universal. The wise man said it is pure and good. It is God's will. Children are a glory to their father, a crown to their grandfathers (Proverbs 17:6).

Children amplify the soul, taking thought away from self, focusing on another. In doing so, children distinctly benefit and bless parents and grandparents. And, like all pure joys, it is lasting, not evaporating with time. On the contrary, it deepens and grows as the child of its affections matures and ages. The affection only grows more tender in the heart of their admirers and in the kind providence of God, it is renewable in another generation. Grandfather's have as much or more delight in his grandson as does the father his son.

It's natural to want children. Husbands and wives long for someone to call their own. The child is the fruit of their own love and affection.

Children are described as the reward from God — His blessing. A house is made a home, when it has been blessed with the desire of two loving hearts. It is often the thing for which two loves have longed and waited.

Sometimes parenthood can be the source of grievous disappointment and sorrow (Proverbs 17:21,25). No one in the world can pierce the soul of a parent than a child

gone astray from wisdom and righteousness.

Here parents must themselves remain circumspect, for what our children become in spirit and character may be a direct impress of who we are. This is our greatest task. It is in our charge to lead our children into the gates of the kingdom of Christ, toward Divine service and commitment.

Please notice that usually a source of the profoundest gratitude and gladness requires the greatest and most sincere dedication. We can hand down our principles and our influence, through direct endeavors, to the second and third generations. Truly, children are the glory of their fathers, and a crown of old men. May God bless us in the rearing of them.

~via *Weatherly Weekly*; Huntsville, Alabama.



Listen!

Mark McCrary

Interpersonal relationships are crucial to us as human beings. One of the first statements of God regarding us was, "It is not good that man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18). But, sometimes relationships, as important as they are, are challenging to maintain—even among Christians. There are times when brothers and sisters in Christ don't get along with one another.

One of the greatest skills necessary in those moments is the very one that is often not found: the ability to actually listen to others in conflict. So often, we formulate preconceived ideas about what someone thinks, what their motivations are, what they are really getting at; then, our reactions are based not on what they are saying or doing, but on our preconceptions of what they are thinking and meaning. As a result, communication stops, and conflict arises. This happens in homes, in churches, in businesses—everywhere there are people.

What can we do about this?

"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (James 1:19-20).

Within the context, James is likely addressing our need to listen to God and His instructions to us, but it certainly also has great application in our relationships with one another. How much we would be helped if we slowed down and just listened! Not formulate a rebuttal! Not vent all my frustrations! Not psycho-analyze my opponent at the moment! Not even view the one with whom I am in conflict as my opponent! Saber rattling really does little good in such moments other than encourage the one with whom we disagree to rattle their back at us. Here's a crazy idea: simply listen. Take it in. Seek to understand. Not necessarily agree; just understand.

Something radical might happen if we would only do this. We might find we don't disagree. At the least, perhaps we would find we are a lot closer to them than we think. God urged Israel in Isaiah 1:18, "Come, let us reason together." May God help us to have the same attitudes as husband and wives, parents and children, elders and congregations, and brothers and sisters in Christ.

What a wonderful resolution it would be to listen and think about what others are saying more. What a wonderful resolution it would be to stop shaking our fists so much and open our ears more. We would likely find that God's ways are actually better than man's wrath at bringing about peace.

~via *Growing In Godliness*; Louisville, Kentucky.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Mitzi Carruth	Phillip Vaughn
Dale Adcock	Steve Stringer
Helen Blankenship	James Adams
Shirley Miller	Betty Lovell
Doris Lovell	Keith Holt
Buzz Lovell	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Sharon Nave	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
Wynell Romine	Anthony Sutton
Jerry Lawrence	Barbara Piper
Henry Fusch	Liz Fusch
Kimberly Pressnell	Tim McGuire

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Connie Brock, rm. 62	

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Ann Bush, rm. 75	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
 Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
 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; Goldtron at Athens
 William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Bill Lewis; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 293

Updates:

Harper Parks is to have her tonsils and adenoids out on Tuesday... *Mitzi Carruth* is to have back surgery scheduled on Monday, February 27th ... *Dale Adcock* is going to have nerve induction test done on Tuesday ... *Steve Stringer* has not been doing well and they have begun having hospice to come in and assist them ... *Doris McGuire's son, Tim McGuire*, learned this week that his cancer is now stage 2B. He will require more chemo treatments, but they believe that things look good for him. The chemo treatments will not be started until he is stronger... Remember our expecting mothers, *Heather Cox*, and *Laura Adams* in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Remember the Children's Bible Drill this afternoon at 4:45 before our evening service. I hope that all of our children will be able to come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

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.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Ashes: Harold & Barb* are at Orange Beach.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Pepper Road church* began a meeting Saturday and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Don Miller*...The *Oakland church* will begin a meeting today and will continue through Friday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Lowell Sallee*.

BAPTISM: This past Tuesday morning, *Jennifer Threet* was baptized. Jennifer had been baptized at an earlier age, but had often had questions about her baptism. In considering this, she decided that she wanted to make sure her obedience was complete and was baptized. We rejoice with Jennifer in the good heart she has in desiring to please God.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SINGING: This Friday night will be the time for our *Eleventh Annual Singing*. As we have in the past there are a number of things needing to be done to assist with the singing. We will need to set the out chairs on Wednesday evening following our Bible study. Also, we will need some that would be able to help with assisting people with parking, ushering to find seats, etc. If you can do this, please let me know.

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING: On Saturday and Sunday February 25th-26th, *Tim Stevens* will be with the church here following the Annual Singing on Friday night. Tim will be working with our Song Leaders as they will be focusing on directing our worship to God. The Saturday morning session will begin at 9:30 and continue to 11:30 a.m. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a session an open session for anyone women and men to come as the leaders work of some of the things the leaders will be focusing on in leading worship in song. The leaders will be good to bring a pitch pipe or a tone app on your phone to use in these training sessions.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Feb. 12th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	120
	Morning Worship	139
	Evening Worship	108
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	81

Eleventh Annual Singing

February 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Johnny Felker & Tim Stevens



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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm	
Song Leader	Tommy Burns	
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams	
Preaching.....	David Cox	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding.....	Albert Haraway	
Assisting	Larry Mitchell	
Serving	Sam Gregory	Griffin Holt
.....	Ronnie Locke	Hayden Pierce
Closing Prayer	Clayton Hamm	

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Joel Hamm
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Jerry Baker
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Albert Haraway
Closing Prayer	Christian Userly
Other Assignments for the week of February 19 th :	
Ushers.....	Marvin Putman/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, February 22nd:

Song Leader	Larry Holt
Bible Reading.....	Danny Johnson
.....	(Acts 5:17-32)
Prayer.....	Terry Andrews
Invitation.....	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Hayden Pierce

Sunday, February 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon	
Song Leader	Hunter Cox	
Prayer.....	Jerry Baker	
Preaching.....	Tim Stevens	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding.....	Larry Holt	
Assisting	Terry Andrews	
Serving	Heath Dollar	Luke Vaughn
.....	Matthew Vaughn.....	Hayden Pierce
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds	

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Harvey Nixon
Song Leader	Tim Stevens
Prayer.....	Keith Hinkle
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Larry Holt
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt
Other Assignments for the week of February 26 th :	
Usher	Tommy Coblentz/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System.....	Russ Wulfekuhl