

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.58
Sunday AM.....	70
Sunday P.M.....	55
Wednesday.....	.48
Contribution.....	\$1600
Budget.....	\$1700

Sermons

A.M. Hands That Shed Innocent Blood
P.M. The Good Samaritan

Mark Your Calendar

Mar. 27 Area-Wide singing @ Villa Rica @ 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 29 Young men to conduct a.m. Service
April 4 Ladies' Day at Cedartown
April 5 Collecting letters to mail to elected officials
April 11 Egg Hunt 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
April 25 Girls' Tea
April 25 Golf Outing

Those To Serve (March)

Announcements.....Ben Teel
Communion
Jerome Thompson.....Scott Wilson
Wednesday Singing.....Bud Benefield
Clean Building
Sherry Scales.....Stephanie Ballard

Plan of Salvation

Hear - (Rom. 10:14) "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Believe - (John 8:24) "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

Repent - (Luke 13:3) "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess - (Rom. 10:9) "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Be Baptized - (Acts 2:38) "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Be Faithful - (Rev. 2:10) "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY
Bible Study 10:00
Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
"Pewpackers" 5:45 pm

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 7:00 pm

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The Gospel Light
"To give light to them that sit in darkness..." Luke 1:79

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"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him."

Luke 10:33

Can we trust the Bible as the word of God?

In an age when we have little to trust or rely upon, we may wonder if we can even trust the Bible. There are many reasons, however, that we can trust the Bible as the word of God. First, we can trust the Bible because we trust God and it is God's book, revealed to mankind, and in perfect harmony with His nature and character. God is not a man, that he should lie (Numbers 23:19). Just as Jesus Christ, He is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8). What God has produced is true, perfect, and without change, in keeping with His character.

A second reason to trust the Bible is that we know that God inspired it. Paul wrote to Timothy, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16). Speaking of the inspired Bible writers, Peter said, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1 :21). The message of the biblical writers was not their own message, but the message of the will of God. Since the Bible is God's inspired book, it is without error and absolutely trustworthy.

A third great reason to trust the Bible is the evidence from the vast number of New Testament manuscripts archaeologists have discovered. They have unearthed more than 24,000 manuscripts or parts of manuscripts, dating all the way back to the first century. The Dead Sea scrolls, discovered in 1947, included manuscripts of Old Testament books dating from at least one hundred to one hundred and fifty years before Christ. As scholars began to study the scrolls, they sought to see how much the text of the Bible had changed over the centuries. What they found was that the ancient manuscripts were virtually identical to manuscripts of a thousand years later. The careful work of the copyists and the providence of God have preserved the inspired text over the centuries.

A fourth great reason to trust the Bible is the truly amazing fulfillment of prophecy within biblical history. This demonstrates clearly that God controlled the writing of the book. The prophecies fulfilled in the life of Christ alone are enough to show the Bible to be the word of God. The Old Testament prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5: 2), would be sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11: 12 -13), would be crucified with criminals (Isaiah 53: 12), would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9), and many other events in the life of Christ. This would not have been possible if God had not inspired the Bible.

Since the Bible is trustworthy in these areas, we can know that it is trustworthy in other areas as well. The Bible is the one book that men can trust today. Any apparent contradictions come from our misunderstanding, not from actual problems within the Bible itself, For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints (1 Corinthians 14:33).

--Bob Prichard
Oxford church of Christ, Oxford, AL



word.

Welcome to our visitors. You are our special guests. We trust the worship service today will be uplifting and in harmony with God's

Sunday Morning Devotional

March 22

Song - Zach Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Nolen

March 29

Song - Kiley Fordham

Scripture and Prayer - Larry Robinson

Wednesday Night Devotional

March 25

Song - Bud Benefield

Devotional - Ken Lovvorn

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



The young men will conduct the morning service on March 29. We appreciate our young men for stepping forward to do these things. I believe the Bowdon church has a good future.



The area wide singing will be at the Villa Rica congregation, Friday night, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. Make plans to attend. Refreshments will be served following the singing.



On Tuesday, March 22, Bill will be on "Good News Today". The program can be seen on GBN 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 9:00 p.m. On DirecTV, it will air on channel 225 at 9:00 a.m. On Dish Network, it will air on channel 9407 at noon.



Irene Harrington, room 275, Tanner; **Barbara Benefield**, Joan Robinson's sister; **Debbie Dotson**, Greg Holloway's cousin; **Richard Barnes**; **Steve Born**, a co-worker of Bud Benefield; **Audrey Marlow**, Ken Lovvorn's aunt; **Melinda Fendley** and **LouEllen Fendley**, sister and mother of Sandra Harrington; **Reba Parson**, Kathy Skinner's mother; **Geraldine Styles**, Barry Bracknell's aunt; **Billie Nolen**; **Corey Whitley and girls** and **Ansley and Maddie Carter** as they go through difficult times; **Joyce Whitley**; **Ken and Cathy Lovvorn**; **Kiley, April, and Emma Fordham**; **Taylor Brown**; **Melinda Harlin**; **Wayne and Sandra Harlin**; **Jeff Denny**; **Ida Mae Holloway** fell and broke her arm; **Ansley Suddeth**; **unfaithful members**; **young people**.

Serving in our military:
Jason Benefield, **Paul Wheeler**, **Toby Hill**.



There are two Ladies' Bible Study Classes on April 7 and May 5 before summer break. If you would be willing to teach one of these classes, please let Connie know. The Class is still studying "The Barnabas Factor" by Aubrey Johnson.



A rough draft of the new phone tree is on the bulletin board. Ladies, please check your phone numbers and make any corrections necessary.