

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.55
Sunday AM.....	.65
Sunday P.M.....	.53
Wednesday.....	.45
Contribution.....	\$1131
Budget.....	\$1700

Sermons

A.M. The Soul Who Sins
P.M. Your Joy May Be Full

Mark Your Calendar

May 24 M.E.P Group #3
May 31 Young Men To Conduct
A.M. Service—Josh Teel
will be preaching
June 5,6 GA School of Preaching
Lectureship (See Bulletin
Board)
June 7 M.E.P. Group #1
June 14 VBS Begins
July 19 Homecoming and Gospel
Meeting - Tom Holland

Those To Serve (May)

Announcements..... Gerald Scales
Communion..... Gary Anderson
Wednesday Singing... Kiley Fordham

Good News Today Monday - Friday
Direct TV Channel 225 @ 9:00 a.m. ET
Dish Network Channel 9407 and 9396 @ Noon ET

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

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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Faith Of Our Fathers

Traditionally, Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember and honor the military men and women who lost their lives in American fought wars. For many, it has also become a day to honor our family and friends that have died in years past. Flowers are often taken to cemeteries or private times of reflection are usually done to pay tribute to the deceased.

Of the many people who've died in years past, those who have died for a specific cause are always remembered in a special way. These people who gave their lives for their cause are called martyrs. It takes a strong person to die for something they strongly believe to be true. While there are a variety of fields of belief that one could die for, no other belief has more martyrs than religion. A martyr is not someone who simply takes his or her own life in the name of religion (e.g. suicide bombers in Iraq). A true martyr is someone who is killed *by someone else* for refusing to deny his or her beliefs while displaying the very essence of their belief to the point of death. One would be challenged to find a group of believers that can claim a larger number of true martyrs than Christianity. A couple of examples are listed below:

Steven was a minister of the Gospel who was put to death because of his faith. The account of his preaching and death is found in Acts chapter 7. Even as Steven was being killed for proclaiming the Gospel, he asked God to "*not hold this sin against them*" (Acts 7:60). Steven displayed the very essence of his belief to the point of death.

The apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...*" (Romans 1:16) It was this declaration that caused Paul all sorts of torture and imprisonment by those who did not share his belief (see 2 Corinthians 11:23-27). Although the Bible does not tell us how Paul died, it is historically accepted that Paul was beheaded because of his faith at the command of the Roman emperor Nero.

Peter the disciple wrote in one of his letters, "*I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!*" (1 Peter 5:12). As with Paul, historians have recorded that Peter died at the command of Nero while defending his faith. Peter was no hypocrite; he stood firm in his faith and was consequently crucified for exhorting and testifying the true grace of God.

While we do not worship these people, we should applaud their faith. It is only by the grace of God that anyone can have a faith rivaling that of our forefathers. In 1849, Frederick Faber wrote a song entitled "Faith Of Our Fathers" that honors the faith of those who have died for the cause of Christ. The chorus simply states: *Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.* It should serve to us a reminder to always be true to The Faith – the same faith that many have died in proclaiming.

- Dave Chapman, Titusville Church of Christ



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

Sunday Morning Devotional

May 24

Song - Phil Harrington

Scripture and Prayer - Ben Teel

May 31

Song - Zach Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Jerome Thompson

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 27

Song - Kiley Fordham

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



VBS meeting this afternoon, May 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. Teachers will be looking at the material.



M.E.P. team #3 will meet Sunday, May 24, following the evening service at the home of Jason and Amanda Bennett. See Amanda for directions and menu.



GA School of Preaching and Biblical Studies is hosting a lectureship June 5 and 6. Jerre Barber is the speaker on Friday night. The speakers for Saturday are Bill Dedmon, Rick Sharpe, Dave Domingue, Jerre Barber, and David Nelson. The lectures begins at 7:00 p.m on Friday and 8:15 am on Saturday. The lectureship is at the Piedmont Road church of Christ in Marietta, GA.



Cindy Carnes, Bill and Billie Nolen's daughter; **Irene Harrington**; **Steve Born**, a co-worker of Bud's; **Melinda Fendley**, sister of Sandra Harrington; **Reba Parson**, Kathy Skinner's mother; **Gary Thomas**, former Carroll County Fire Chief; **Geraldine Styles**, Barry Bracknell's aunt; **Billie Nolen**; **Ken and Cathy Lovvorn**; **Kiley and April Fordham**; **Melinda Harlin**; **Wayne and Sandra Harlin**; **Phil Astin**; **Jeff Denny**; **Ida Mae Holloway**; **Ansley Suddeth**; **unfaithful members**; **young people**.
Serving in our military:
Jason Benefield, **Paul Wheeler**, **Toby Hill**.



Vacation Bible School begins on Sunday night, June 14, and goes through Thursday night, June 18. We will meet at 6:00 on Sunday evening for a shortened worship service and VBS will follow. Due to a lack of classroom space, there will not be a teen or adult class.



The young men will conduct the morning service on May 31. We appreciate our young men for stepping forward to do these things. Josh Teel will be preaching.



Thanks to Jerome Thompson for an outstanding sermon on Sunday night. We are so thankful for Jerome and Kelly being with us here at Bowdon.