

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	54
Sunday AM.....	68
Sunday P.M.....	51
Wednesday.....	38
Contribution.....	\$3105
Budget.....	\$1700

Sermons	
A.M.	Grace
P.M.	Monthly Singing Night

Mark Your Calendar	
May 3	M.E.P. Team 1 meets at the Thompson's
May 15	Youth camp out at Susan Buchanan's
May 17	Doug Meade from Agape will speak at the 10:00 and 11:00 hours. Jerome Thompson to speak at the p.m. service.
May 31	Young Men To Conduct A.M. Service
June 5,6	GA School of Preaching Lectureship (See Bulletin Board)

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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 Bill Dedmon
 James Harrington
 Greg Holloway
 Donnie Truett

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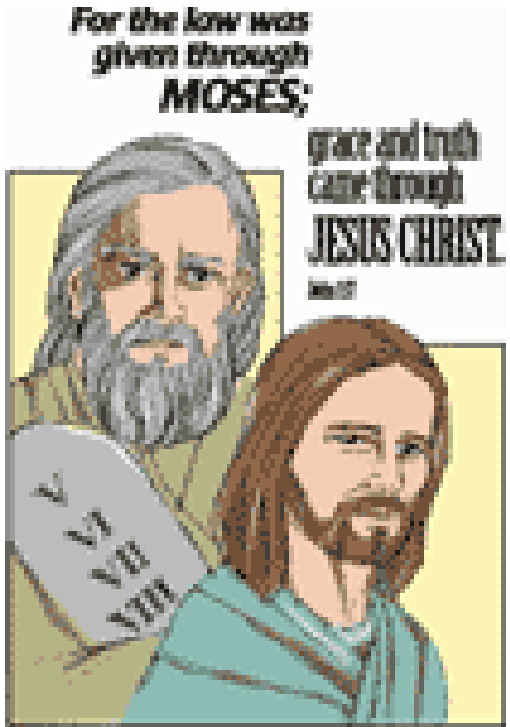
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 Roger Leonard
 Corinto, Nicaragua
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The Gospel Light

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

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“When All Of God’s Singers Get Home”

Patrick Morrison

Perhaps one of my favorite songs that we sing is the song mentioned in the title. There are few things in this life that can lift a down-trodden spirit better than a period of time spent singing praises to Almighty God. Good singing is so aesthetically pleasing to the ears of those involved. Even more pleasing to God is hearing praises flow from the lips of His children whose hearts are brimming with thanksgiving. As one who has the privilege and responsibility of directing the song service, there is nothing more disturbing than seeing a child of God sitting in silence while others sing praises to the God of heaven. This is a direct violation of God’s will. Truly, it is a blatant sin to refuse our praise to Him Who rightfully deserves such. As bad as that is, there are other terrible consequences that arise when we as God’s children fail to worship God in song.

When we refuse to worship God in song, we fail to give Him the glory and honor that is due Him. It is not that God needs our praise, but we should be more than happy to laud and magnify Him (Ps.139:14). He created us. He blesses us every day of our lives. He has redeemed us from sin. How, then, can one of His children refuse to praise his Heavenly Father? Singing beautifully according to the standards of men is not a requirement to worship God in song. The sound that emanates from the vocal cords is not important, as long as we sing from a heart bursting with praise and thanksgiving. This is what pleases God.

When we refuse to sing, we fail to teach and admonish our brethren. Not only are we praising God when we sing, but we also instruct and encourage those who hear us (Col.3:16; Eph.5:19). The one who sits beside us in the pew may be teetering on the brink of apostasy, ready to turn his back on the Lord. If we engage in the singing wholeheartedly we may cause this soul to reconsider his commitment to the Lord. By refusing to sing, we may have let the last chance to rescue this distressed soul slip through our fingers. Souls may be in heaven one day because of our heartfelt singing. Souls may be in hell some day because of our refusal to sing.

When we refuse to sing, we fail to prepare ourselves for heaven. Of all the acts of worship in which we are engaged each Lord’s day, singing is the only one mentioned as continuing into eternity (Rev.5:9;15:3). Those who are allowed to enter into heaven shall spend all eternity praising Father, Word, and Holy Spirit. As the old song goes, when we’ve been there ten thousand years, we will have no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first began. If we do not enjoy singing praises to God now, what makes us think we will enjoy singing praises to God for all eternity? The truth is that those who refuse to sing now will not have the opportunity to praise God for all eternity.

Via Mabelvale church of Christ, Mabelvale, AR



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 3

Song - Jerome Thompson

Scripture and Prayer - Bud Benefield

May 10

Song - Phil Harrington

Scripture and Prayer - Ken Lovvorn

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 6

Song - Kiley Fordham

Devotional - Donnie Truett

Announcements - Donnie Truett



M.E.P. Team number one will meet Sunday, May 3, following the evening services at the home of Kelly and Jerome Thompson. See Kelly for more information.



We are working on an updated church directory. Two copies of the directory are on the table in the foyer. Each family is asked to examine their page and make necessary corrections.



Any one interested in working with VBS is asked to attend a meeting on May 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship room.

Missed Birthday:

Adam Holloway 5/15



Cindy Carnes, Jonathan Carnes, Bill and Billie Nolen’s daughter and grandson; Irene Harrington; Steve Born, a co-worker of Bud Benefield; Melinda Fendley, sister of Sandra Harrington; LouEllen Fendley, 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 Mad-die Carter as they go through difficult times; Joyce Whitley; Ken and Cathy Lovvorn; Kiley, April, and Emma Fordham and Richard and Mary Lee Drummond, April’s parents; Melinda Harlin; Wayne and Sandra Harlin; Jeff Denny; Ida Mae Holloway; Ansley Suddeth; unfaithful members; young people.

Serving in our military:

Jason Benefield, Paul Wheeler, Toby Hill.



The annual youth campout will be at Susan Buchanan’s on Friday night, May 15. See Jerome for more details.



Ladies Bible Study Tuesday night, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the last class until August.



We rejoice with Eva Johnson in her decision to be baptized last Sunday. Eva had been baptized at a young age and was not sure she was baptized properly.