

For The Record

Bible Study.....44
Worship A.M..... 68
Worship P.M..... 59
Wednesday.....41
Contribution.....\$1465
Budget..... \$1700

Sermons

A.M. Blessed are the Pure in Heart
P.M. Blessed are the Peacemakers

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 25 M. E. P. Team #2
Nov. 2 Ladies' Bible Study at 7:00 pm
Nov. 8 Family and Friends Day
Feb. 5-7 9th Annual Winter Lectureship
Chad Dollahite
Leroy Dedmon
Barry Gilreath, Sr.
Jim Dearman
Gary McDade

October Assignments

Announcements..... Gary Anderson
Communion.....Eric Ballard
Wednesday Singing..... Gerald Scales
Clean Building
Bud and Donna Benefield

Good News Today Monday - Friday

Dish Network Channel 9407 and 9396 @ Noon ET
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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."

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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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Please Be Our Honored Guest

For our 9th Annual

Family and Friends Day

November 8, 2009

10:00 A.M. Bible Class - Jerome Thompson

11:00 A.M. Worship - Bill Dedmon

6:00 P.M. Worship - Bill Dedmon

Covered dish lunch following morning worship service

Attendance Goal: 150

“Will Ye Also Go Away?”

While Jesus, the Messiah, was walking upon the earth teaching concerning His kingdom and His covenant, many people followed Him and became His disciples. However, not all of those who became disciples of Christ would continue to follow Him. John recorded, “From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (John 6:66-68). Why do individuals who have been obedient to Christ go back and walk no more with Him? There are a number of reasons:

(1) Fear has caused many to turn from Christ and walk no more with Him. This fear can be fear of failure, fear of suffering, or fear of persecution. Some are afraid of being questioned about why they believe what they believe. Some are afraid that they will be mocked and laughed at because of their stand with the minority. In the days of Gideon, there were 22,000 men of the Israelites who returned home before going into battle because they were “fearful and afraid” (Judg. 7:2-3). Will we depart from Christ because we are fearful of the fight of faith which is before us (1 Tim. 6:12)?

(2) Family has also turned many away from following after the Son of God. Sometimes after an individual is obedient to the Gospel, their family will ostracize them and refuse to associate with them on any level. Some individuals love their family more than they love God turning their backs on Christ and returning to their family ties upon the earth. Jesus said, “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matt. 10:37). Will we go away from Christ because our family looks down upon our decision to be a Christian?

(3) Favoritism has caused some to depart from the true doctrine of Christ. Jonah allowed favoritism to keep him from obeying the command of God. Jonah was commanded to go into Nineveh and teach the Assyrians, but Jonah fled to Tarshish because he did not favor the Assyrians. He was prejudiced against these foreigners and was even displeased at their repentance and deliverance from punishment (Jonah 4:1). Will favoritism, or prejudice, cause us to depart from Christ’s teaching to proclaim the message of salvation to all mankind (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16)?

(4) Fortune has turned individuals from following Christ because they love more their money more than they love God. The rich, young ruler allowed fortune to separate him from obedience to Christ. He went away sorrowful because he had great possessions (Matt. 19:22). Will our fortunes in this life turn us from following the Lamb of God?

(5) Fantasy has diverted some from following Christ to turning down the path of sin. The prodigal son (Luke 15) fantasized about the wonders of the far country and allowed his fantasy to take him to the bottom of the pig pen. Will fantasy of the other side, of what is out there in the world of sin, cause us to divert from following Christ?

(6) Failure and the fear of failure has caused some to depart from the path of life. The one talent man was afraid of failing his master so he simply buried his talent in the earth (Matt. 25:24-27). Others fail once to stand for the truth or to make the right decision; then they determine they can never do what is right. One failure should not prevent us from getting up and giving our best to try again. Will we allow failure to turn us away from Christ?

(7) Fakes, or hypocrites, are often given as the reason why individuals turn from Christ. Are we going to allow the actions of others to keep us from doing what is right? If I turn away from Christ because others are hypocrites, then I am facing the same punishment and in no better condition than the hypocrites. Will we go away from Christ because of fakes?



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 Devotion

October 25

Song - Phil Harrington

Scripture and Prayer - Wes Benefield

November 1

Song - Josh Teel

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Nolen

Wednesday Night Devotional

October 28

Song - Gerald Scales

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



Gospel Meeting

Gospel Meeting at Hogansville Church of Christ, November 8-11. Larry Acuff is the guest speaker with services each evening at 7:00 p.m.



We have moved our website to another web hosting service. The web address has not changed. This new service will be more conducive to what we want to do, not to mention so much more helpful than AT&T. Please visit us on the worldwide web: www.bowdonchurchofchrist.com.



Congratulations to Zach Benefield for being nominated for the “Spirit” Award from the Carroll County Employers Committee. Zach was nominated by the Carroll County Sheriff’s Dept.



Jason Fordham, Kiley’s brother; Edie Anderson; Cindy Carnes; Linda Bracknell; Wayne Harlin; Greg and Alesa Holloway; Beverly Nicholson.

Continue to remember in prayer:

Samantha and Bryan Crawford; Kathleen Sharpe; Shannon Gifford, Brenda Green; Hope Hickman; Ervin Barnhill; Irene Harrington; Melinda Fendley; Reba Parsons; Ken and Cathy Lovvorn; April Fordham; Melinda Harlin; Phil, Aiden and Molly Astin; Jeff Denny; Ida Mae Holloway; Ansley Suddeth; Jane Newbern; **unfaithful members; young people.**

Serving in our military:

Jason Benefield, Paul Wheeler, Toby Hill.



Emma Fordham received the “Mighty Eagle” Award from Mt Zion Elementary School.



The latest edition of the Spiritual Sword is on the table in the foyer. The theme is “The Responsibility of Elders”; please pick up a copy.



Mark your calendars for **November 8**. Our 9th annual **Family and Friends Day** is just around the corner. We are planning for and expecting a big day. Invitations to mail to your friends and family are on the table in the foyer. Our attendance goal is 150.

“Pewpackers Class Tonight”