

**For The Record**

Bible Study.....	47
Worship A.M.....	65
Worship P.M.....	39
Wednesday.....	35
Contribution.....	\$1019
Budget.....	\$1700

**Sermons**

A.M. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit  
P.M. Monthly Singing Night

**Mark Your Calendar**

Oct. 24 Hobo Dinner & Trunk ‘n’ Treat  
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

**SHEPHERDS**

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**The Gospel Light**

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

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*“Blessed are  
the poor in  
spirit, For  
theirs is the  
kingdom of  
heaven”*

**Matthew 5:3**

## Excuses

Webster defines *excuse* as, “to try to free a person of blame, or to exonerate.” Excuses are offered as a reason or explanation for behavior. When I was in school we had to bring excuses for being absent from school. I realize that the excuses my mother wrote for me was certainly an exercise in creative writing. I have a preacher friend that collects excuses why people don’t come to church services. One excuse, and it might be a prize winner, a lady did not come to church services when it rained because the windshield wipers upset her child. One would have to wonder if they ever went any where else in the rain. People make excuses for practically every thing.

Have you ever talked to some one about becoming a Christian? Do you recall any of the excuses that were offered? Some have said, “I have lived to wicked a life, I have done some really bad things, God would never forgive me.” A man told me that he could not become a Christian because he might not “hold out”. He knew that the Bible said, “The latter end.....” (2 Peter 2:20).

Excuses are just that; they are not reasons. In the first place there is no one that is out of reach of the blood of Christ. (Save to the uttermost.) The Bible records the conversion of some very wicked people. How much more wicked and evil can a person be who would put Christians to death and make every attempt possible to destroy the church of our Lord? The Lord saved Saul of Tarsus. In the second place what does one have to lose? If you do not obey the gospel of Christ, you will be lost, “He that....” (Mk. 16:16) What is worse than being lost? What is worse than spending eternity in Hell?

Excuses are not new. Moses tried to convince God that he could not go to Egypt and do the work God had for him to do. “And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* slow of speech and of a slow tongue” (Ex. 4:10). God did not accept his excuses. Jesus taught a parable about a certain man who made a great supper and invited many people, “And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come (Luke 14:18-20).

One of the most tragic excuses for not becoming a Christian is, “I cannot leave my friends.” What kind of friends would want you to be in torment for all eternity? Perhaps if this is holding you back you probably should get a new set of friends. I read about a man who lifted up his eyes being in torment and said, “Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment” (Luke 16:27, 28).

What is your excuse?

Bill Dedmon 10/04/2009



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 4

Song - Zach Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Larry Robinson

October 11

Song - Phil Harrington

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Dedmon

### Wednesday Night Devotional

October 7

Song - Gerald Scales

Devotional - Bud Benefield

Announcements - Bud Benefield



The Annual Hobo Dinner will be on Saturday, October 24, beginning around 6:30 pm. There will be a need for about five or six chili bases and many cans of vegetables to go into the cauldron for the stew. There is also a need for crackers, cornbread, desserts, drinks, etc. Again this year, we will have a Trunk 'n' Treat for the kids. Kids, dress in your Halloween costume and there will be treats in the trunks of vehicles after the dinner.



Ladies’ Bible Study will be Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00 pm in the church library.



Caydie Ballard has skin cancer; Christy Bracknell; Linda Bracknell; Beverly Nicholson, daughter of John and Charlotte Vines of Villa Rica; Ellis and

Owen Thompson; Heather Glosson is better; Kathleen Sharpe; Shannon Gifford, Billie Nolen’s niece; Wanda Warrmack, professor at Faulkner; Leigh Glosson; Willard Elder, Jada’s father; Brenda Green; Hope Hickman, 14 year old girl in critical condition; Ervin Barnhill; Wayne and Sandra Harlin; Cindy Carnes; 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.



A Gospel Meeting will be hosted by the Lithia springs church of Christ, October 11 -15. Services Monday through Thursday night will be at 7:30 p.m. James Woodall is the guest speaker.



Mark your calendars for November 8. Our annual Friends and Family 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 goal is 150.

*“Pewpackers” Tonight*