

| For The Record | |
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| Bible Study..... | n/a |
| Worship A.M. | 85 |
| Worship P.M. | n/a |
| Wednesday..... | .61 |
| Contribution..... | \$/n/a |

| Sermons | |
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| A.M. | The Way of Life |
| P.M. | Monthly Singing |

| Mark Your Calendar | |
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| Jan. 9, 10 | Lithia Springs Workshop with Jerrie Barber |
| Feb. 5-7 | 9th Annual Winter Lectureship Chad Dollahite - Friday 7:00 P.M. Leroy Dedmon -Friday 8:00 P.M. Barry Gilreath, Sr. Sat. 7:00 P.M. Jim Dearman - Sat. 8:00 P.M. Gary McDade- Sun. 10 & 11 A.M. |

| January Assignments | |
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| Announcements. . . . | Jerome Thompson |
| Communion. | Ben Teel |
| Wednesday Singing. | Ken Lovvorn |
| | Clean Building |



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| Plan of Salvation | |
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| 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 | |
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| SUNDAY | |
| | Bible Study 10:00 |
| | Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| | Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| SHEPHERDS | |
| | Bill Dedmon |
| | James Harrington |
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| The Gospel Light | |
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| <i>"To give light to them that sit in darkness..." Luke 1:79</i> | |

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*"Commit thy way unto the LORD;
trust also in him; and he shall
bring it to pass.
And he shall bring forth thy
righteousness as the light, and thy
judgment as the noonday.
Rest in the LORD, and wait
patiently for him: fret not thyself
because of him who prospereth in
his way, because of the man who
bringeth wicked devices to pass."*

Psalms 37:5-7

HOW DO YOU HEAR A SERMON?

Dennis Gullede

What is preaching and what good does a sermon do? The first question can be answered by definition. The second depends. The word, preach means primarily “to deliver a sermon.” This is what women are not permitted to do in mixed assemblies of men and women: note the word “teach,” Greek, didasko, “to deliver didactic discourses” [Thayer] (1 Tim. 2:12). The word, sermon, comes from a Latin term meaning, “a stab, or a thrust,” as in the heart or mind of the listener (Acts 2:37). This is the purpose of a sermon. It is not a discourse intended to satisfy “itching ears” (2 Tim. 4:3).

There are three outstanding elements in preaching: the preacher, the message and the hearer. Christianity requires these three things: a sower, good seed or the pure gospel, and an honest (good) hearer.

What Goes Into A Sermon?

Lots of study, research, reading, memorizing, organization and prayer. None of these ingredients guarantee a perfect product. A preacher can only do his best and that is a human variable. The average sermon contains 5,000 words. Most preachers deliver ninety sermons in one place each year. This totals about 450,000 words per year. A full-length novel has about 50,000 words. A preacher, therefore, produces the equivalent of nine novels a year. This should help answer the question, “What does the preacher do?”

How Do Some Hear A Sermon?

There are those who never get offended at any pointed truth (even from those preachers who still offer pointed truths). They hear what is said, but never make a personal application. They are sure that others need it, and they certainly know how to apply it to their neighbors, but it hardly occurs to them to look inward.

There are others who feel that some sermons are a planned, personal attack on them. They may strike back at the perceived affront, but not at the preacher personally; always to others, in a close circle of friends, or against his wife and/or children.

There are some that simply refuse to hear and learn. They are glad to let the preacher have his say on what is for them an already decided issue. Nothing that he says (or the Bible says) is going to change their mind.

The wrong kind of hearer is inattentive, immature, inactive, indifferent and has “itching ears” (Mt. 13:15; Acts 7:57; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Jas. 1:22-25).

How Should You Hear a Sermon?

Listen to have your eyes opened, heart pricked and senses awakened (Mt. 13:15-16). Take the point(s) of the sermon and work to improve yourself in that regard. The preacher should do the same for himself. The right kind of hearer is sincere, serious, swift, steadfast and submissive (Mt. 5:6; Mk. 4:24; Jas. 1:19). A good listener is half of a good sermon!

--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.

Wednesday January 6

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



The young couples & young singles M.E.P. will meet today in the fellowship room following the morning service for a fellowship meal and edification card program.



Our hearts were made to rejoice as Ben Teel, Kelly Thompson, and Eric Ballard responded to the Lord's invitation to ask for prayers to help them lead a more Christian life.



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| January 8 | Wes Benefield |
| January 8 | Keith Nolen |
| January 16 | Barry Bracknell, Jr. |
| January 17 | Emma Fordham |
| January 21 | Memphis Teel |
| January 25 | Joan Robinson |
| January 26 | Emily Harrington |
| January 27 | Sandra Harlin |
| January 27 | Maddie Carter |



Reba Parsons, Kathy Skinner's mother, is in the hospital; **Joan Robinson; Ida Mae Holloway; David Hightower**, Tina Truett's father; **Leigh and David Glosson; Irene Harrington; Billie Nolen; Jason Fordham**, Kiley's brother; **LouEllen & Bobby Fendley**, Sandra Harrington's parents; **Brooke Harris**, friend of Bill Nolen; **Cindy Carnes; Beverly Nicholson.**

Continue to remember in prayer:

Wayne Harlin; Greg and Alesa Holloway; Shannon Gifford; Brenda Green; Hope Hickman; Jeff Denny; Melinda Fendley; Melinda Harlin; Ansley Sud-deth.

Serving in our military:

Jason Benefield, Paul Wheeler, Toby Hill.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the Teel family in the passing of Sue Teel on Monday, December 21st, following a short illness. Please remember Stan, Ben, Katie, Memphis, Josh, Jenny, Makayla, and Daniel in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Our condolences to Linda Harrington in the death of an aunt during the holidays.



Lithia Springs will host a workshop with Jerrie Barber on Saturday and Sunday, January 9-10. Saturday's session will be for elders, deacons, and preachers and will be from 2:00-4:30 pm. See the bulletin for more details.