

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	40
Worship A.M.	55
Worship P.M.	49
Wednesday.....	25
Contribution.....	\$2430
Budget.....	\$1800

Sermons

A.M Open Our Eyes
P.M Monthly Singing Night

Mark Your Calendar

May 2 M.E.P. Team #1 Meeting
May 3 Ladies' Bible Study
May 11 M.E.P. Team #2 Meeting
May 15 Graduate Cookout
June 13-17 Vacation Bible School
June 27 - July 2 Worldwide Gospel Meeting on GBN
Aug. 1-5 Homecoming and Gospel Meeting with Cliff Goodwin

May Assignments

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



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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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"And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, **What will ye that I shall do unto you?** They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened."
Matthew 20:33

"BE YE STEDFAST"

Gary McDade

Let us spend a moment studying one of the splendid summary statements of the New Testament. The passage under consideration is I Corinthians 15:58. It reads, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." This passage might be viewed as laying within the categories of admonitions to faithfulness, discipleship, perseverance, conviction, assurance, and possibly others, but in order to develop any of these thoughts it must first be appreciated within the context in which it appears.

The apostle Paul was writing to the church at Corinth about several areas of concern which they of the household of Chloe had at least partially informed him (I Cor. 1:11). Generally speaking, the areas of concern were division among brethren (chapters 1-4), fornication (chapter 5), sinful litigation (chapter 6), marriage (chapter 7), eating meats offered to idols (chapters 8-10), the Lord's supper (chapter 11), spiritual gifts (chapters 12-14), the gospel in general and the resurrection in particular (chapter 15), and the collection (chapter 16). It is in his remarks following mortal man putting on immortality at the resurrection and the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ that Paul urged the Christian's faithfulness, perseverance, dedication, and steadfastness in I Corinthians 15:58.

The word "therefore" couples verse fifty-eight with the foregoing thoughts and based upon them this demanding charge is given. Select words and phrases in the text are "stedfast," "unmoveable," "always abounding in the work of the Lord," "ye know," "not in vain," and "in the Lord." Every Christian should not only have these words as part of his religious vocabulary but also, and even more important, as part of his character. A major point in this study is that Paul was writing by the inspiration of God addressing spiritual problems which were hindering the church at Corinth. And, through his writings the Christians could be spiritually strengthened as those problems were corrected. Elsewhere in the New Testament Paul wrote, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). The nature of the word of God to strengthen spiritually by producing faith in them that believe (Heb. 4:2) was at the heart of the Corinthians being "stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Are there any problems in the church today? Are there any that have grown fainthearted? Are some living a worldly life that is only tinted with Christianity? Then, what the church needs today is the word of God. It must be read, taught, preached, and lived with greater fervor and zeal than has become observable in recent years. Man is an immortal being who will exist eternally in either heaven or hell. Admittance into the one and avoidance of the other requires a power greater than man with all he can do for himself. The word of God is the answer "for the word of God is quick [living, ASV], and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even of the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). Who then shall keep us from God's source of life giving power? Shall misunderstanding it, or shall tribulation or persecution yield offence at it? Shall the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke away the life from it? (See: Matthew 13:18-23). Aware that the Christian is receiving a command of God that will cause him to be productive in the kingdom of God, will he take into a good and honest heart Paul's words, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always bounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."



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 May 5

Song - Kiley Fordham

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



We need to restock the pantry. Please check the table in the foyer for a list of items. If you have any questions, please see Sandra Harrington.



Our graduate cookout is Saturday, May 15, at 6:30 pm. If you are graduating from High School or college, etc., please give Bill the information in order to honor you at this event. There are two signup lists on the bulletin board--one to sign up if you plan to attend and another to sign up for bring desserts or fixin's.



The last Ladies' Bible Study before summer break will be Monday, May 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the library. Bring your Bible and book. Due to our gospel meeting with Cliff Goodwin the first week of August, the next class will be Monday, August 9th.



Congratulations to April and Kiley Fordham on the new addition to their family. The adoption of William is now official. Emma is the big sister.



Joan Robinson; Jason Fordham, Kiley's brother; LouEllen & Bobby Fendley, Sandra Harrington's parents.

Continue to remember in prayer: Cindy Carnes; Wayne and Sandra Harlin; Aiden and Molly Astin; Greg and Alesa Holloway; Ida Mae Holloway; Brenda Green; Hope Hickman; Jeff Denny; Melinda Fendley; Melinda Harlin; Ansley Suddeth.

Serving in our military:

Jason Benefield, Paul Wheeler, Toby Hill.



M.E.P. group number one will meet Sunday, May 2, following the morning service in the fellowship room. If you have any questions, see Kelley Thompson.



Gospel Meeting at the West Georgia church of Christ, May 2nd - 6th with David Powell of Jackson, TN as the guest speaker. Services Monday thru Thursday at 7:00 pm.

The Lithia Springs church of Christ will host a 2010 Spring Gospel Meeting, May 16th - 20th on "The Biblical View of..." Speakers will be Jeff Wilder, Sidney White, Patrick Gray, Eric Owens, Richard Harp, and Lee Davis. Services Monday - Thursday will be at 7:00 pm.

