

For The Record	
Bible Study.	55
Worship A.M.	79
Worship P.M.	43
Wednesday.	43
Contribution.	\$2150
Budget.	\$1860

Sermons

A.M. Lessons from Jonah (Part 2)
P.M. Monthly Singing Night

Mark Your Calendar

April 3 M.E.P. Team #1
April 4 Ladies' Bible Study at 7:00 pm
April 9 Ladies Day at Cedartown
April 9 Weenie Roast @ Benefields
April 17 Fellowship Meal
April 29 Singing (TBD)
May 21 Graduate Cookout
June 12-16 Vacation Bible School
July 16 Ladies' Day
July 17 - 21 Gospel Meeting

April Assignments

Announcements. Corey Whitley
Communion. Bill Nolen
Wednesday Singing. Gerald Scales

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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"So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows. Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."

Jonah 1:15-17

THE PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE

For my birthday, my son and daughter-in-law gave me a copy of George W. Bush's Decision Points. I am thoroughly enjoying the book. I have long been a fan of both George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush. (I often distinguish between them by identifying them as "Big" George and "Little" George.) My admiration of them however does not mean that they were right about everything or that I agree with them on everything, only that I respect them and appreciate their values.

On pages 30-31 of Decision Points, W. writes as follows: "I went to church at Andover (prep school) because it was mandatory. I never went at Yale (undergrad years). I did go when I visited my parents, but my primary mission was to avoid irritating Mother. Laura and I were married at First United Methodist Church in Midland. We started going regularly after the girls were born, because we felt a responsibility to expose them to faith. I liked spending time with friends in the congregation. I enjoyed the opportunity for reflection. Once in a while, I heard a sermon that inspired me. I read the Bible occasionally and saw it as a kind of self-improvement course. I knew I could use some self-improvement."

George's view of the Bible's purpose is rather common--that it is "a kind of self-improvement course." But with all due respect, that view is perhaps the ultimate expression of "me-itis." It reflects the notion that the Bible's primary purpose is to tell me how to find the right person to marry, how to be a good husband or wife, how to be a better parent, how to be a good neighbor, how to find the right job (or a better job), how to be financially successful, what I can do to make myself a happy and fulfilled and good person, etc.

All of these are worthy objectives, and I am not saying that the Bible does not give us a lot of guiding principles where the above matters are concerned. **BUT THAT IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE!** The purpose of the Bible is to reveal to us God's eternal purpose to redeem us from sin through Jesus Christ. The purpose of the Bible is to show us how we can have salvation for our soul!

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy and said, "But you continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, know from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (II Timothy 3:14-15, NKJV). In context, "the Holy Scriptures" in this passage refer to the Old Testament. But the New Testament scriptures reveal the fruition of all that to which the Old Testament had been pointing--Christ and His atoning death for the sins of the world and the establishment of the church, the body of those redeemed by the blood of Christ.

Thus, the purpose of the Bible is to reveal Christ our Savior to us, and to show us how to be saved from sin and to acceptably serve God. Every book in the Bible--the thirty-nine of the Old Testament, the twenty-seven of the New Testament--all make their own unique contribution to this overarching purpose for which God gave us His Holy Word. We need to read and study every book of the Bible in the light of that grand purpose. Will we find truths, principles, and teaching that will help us to be better people? Most assuredly! But we need to read and study the Bible for its spiritual purpose, not for the earthly benefit we might get out of it for this life only.

Hugh Fulford



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 Night, April 6

Singing - Gerald Scales

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



There will be a bridal shower honoring Emily Morrow, bride-elect of Scott Wilson, this afternoon, April 3, in the fellowship room from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.



Everyone is invited to the home of Bud and Donna Benefield, Saturday night, April 9, for an old fashioned weenie roast. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Bring your chairs.



Ladies' Bible Class will meet Monday, April 4, at 7:00 pm in the library. The study is lesson 4 in "Seven Things a Loving God Hates" by Allen Webster.



M.E.P. Team #1 will meet Sunday morning following the worship service. See Jerome and Kelly Thompson for more information.

M.E.P. Team #2 will meet Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 pm at the Dedmons. See Connie for the menu.



Bill Parson, Kathy Skinner's dad; **Lorene Cooke**, Kathy Skinner's aunt; **Kathy Skinner** received a good report from her tests; **Anna Harris** is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday; **Pam Bryant**; **Jimmie Lou and Michele Bonner**, Gary Anderson's sister and niece; **Bill and Billie Nolen**; **Angela Edwards**, Eric Ballard's sister; **Robert and Marthanell Ballard**, Eric's parents; **Diane Copeland Chandler**; **Melinda Fendley**, sister of Sandra Harrington.

Continue to remember in prayer:

Cassidy Estes; **Cindy Carnes**; **Wayne and Sandra Harlin**; **Aiden and Molly Astin**; **Ida Mae Holloway**; **Brenda Green**; **Hope Hickman**; **Terry Benefield**; **Lowell Benefield**; **Joe McCollough**; **Susie Newman**; **Tommy Young**; **Mary Green**; **Melinda Harlin**; **Jason Fordham**; **Linda Barnett**; **Bobbie Brown**; **Douglas Glosson**.

Serving in our military:

Jason Benefield, **Toby Hill**, **Timothy Hand**, **Keith Freeman**.



There will be a Gospel Meeting at the Villa Rica congregation, April 10-14, with Neal Pollard of Denver, CO, speaking.



Third Sunday fellowship meal will be on April 17 following the morning worship service. The menu is casseroles and salad.