

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	48
Worship A.M.....	66
Worship P.M.....	41
Wed. Bible Study.....	39
Contribution.....	\$1267
Budget.....	\$1860

Sermons

A.M. As We Have Opportunity
P.M. Man's Limitations

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 25 McKinley Pate, Guest Speaker
Jan. 8 Elders meet with ladies of congregation
Jan. 14 CPR Class @ church bldg.
Jan. 15 Elders meet with men of congregation
Feb. 3-5 Winter Lectureship
Feb. 24-26 Y.E.S. weekend @ Forrest Park CoC in Valdosta, GA

December Assignments

Announcements.....The Elders
Communion..... Phil Harrington
Wed. Singing..... Bud Benefield
Clean Building
Patsy Dowdy..... Linda Harrington

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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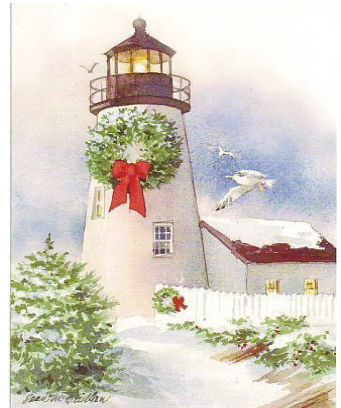
MISSIONS
Roger Leonard (Adel, GA)
Corinto, Nicaragua
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McKinley Pate
(Memphis School
Of Preaching)

LOCAL
House to House Heart to Heart

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**Wishing
you a
very
happy**

holiday season!

Bill and Connie

What about Christmas?

Gus Nichols

There is no proof that Christ was born on December 25. But the glorious good news is in the fact that He was born as our Saviour, that He came down from heaven to seek and to save the lost (Luke 2:8-12).

Christ should be just as precious to us as if He had been born on December 25. In fact, if He had been born only yesterday we would know nothing of His wonderful life, His miracles, His teachings, His death for our sins, His resurrection and ascension into heaven.

We would know nothing about the New Testament church and the spreading of Christianity upon the earth, as in the Acts of the Apostles. In fact, if Christ had been born yesterday, we would not yet have the New Testament and Christianity.

Another fact worthy of consideration is the fact that we can rejoice in Christ, as Christians and believers in Christ, on December 25, just the same as on the other 364 days of the year. We do not have to cease to be happy in Jesus at “Christmas” just to be different from others. Paul says, “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4). This would take in Christmas the same as all other days of the year.

Instead of revealing the date of the birth of Christ, God has revealed the day on which He was raised from the dead—the first day of the week (Mark 16:1, 9; Luke 24:1-47). God does want us to celebrate this day. It is a day called “the Lord’s Day” (Rev. 1:10; 1 Cor. 16:2). In it we are especially rejoiciful and glad.

We should show our faith in Christ, in His birth, in His life, in all He did for us, and is doing for us, in every proper way; but we should not deceive others into thinking we are celebrating December 25 as the birthday of Christ, for there is no good reason to believe it is the date of His birth.

But when all the facts are considered, there is nothing to prevent our enjoying the holiday season just ahead called “Christmas.”

We may give and receive gifts in this season, or at any other season of the year, on December 25, or on any other day of the year that we wish—on our birthday, or that of others. In fact, we should “rejoice with them that do rejoice” at Christmas or any other time. There is not enough happiness in the world any way.

We can, however, do all this without celebrating Christmas as the birthday of Christ.

Finally, it is proof of the divinity of Christ to find Him so popular in the world nineteen hundred years after His birth that the civilized world wants to celebrate His birth, whether it knows the date or not. Thank God for our Lord and His coming into the world, regardless of the exact date of His arrival by virgin birth. We shall, therefore, go on teaching His truth, whatever is proper and fitting, regardless of “Christmas.”



Welcome Guests

Welcome to our visitors. You are our honored guests. We trust the worship service today will be uplifting and in harmony with God’s word.

Wednesday Night, December 21 & 28

Singing - Bud Benefield

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon

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We are in the process of setting the calendar for next year. If you have an event or activity you would like to see placed on the 2012 calendar, please see Phil Harrington or one of the elders.



Area Elders, Deacons, Preachers, and wives Holiday Dinner at 6:30 pm at Bremen church of Christ on Thursday, December 29. All of our elders, deacons, and leaders are encouraged to attend. See Bill if you are interested. The cost is \$9.50 per person.



M.E.P.

The M.E.P Teams will combine their meetings. The groups will meet tonight, December 18, following the evening service to sign cards. Thanks to Ken and Cathy for a job well done with the M.E.P. Program.



This will be the last bulletin of the year. Connie and Bill will be in Ringgold Thursday through Saturday spending time with their family.



Lawrence Akin, Edie Anderson’s dad; **Douglas Glosson**, David’s dad; **Brenda Green**; **Tony Anderson**, Gary’s brother; **Joey Boatright**, a GA State trooper and friend of Bud and Donna Benefield, has been diagnosed with cancer; **Jan Eason**, friend of Dedmon’s from Ringgold; **Edith Marlow**, grandmother of Leigh Glosson; **Bill Parson**; **Briella McBurnett**; **Steve Smith**, Bill’s nephew; **Corey Whitley**; **Anna Harris and family**; **Maighen Harris**; **Eva Johnson**; **Jimmie Lou and Michele Bonner**, Gary Anderson’s sister and niece; **Bill and Billie Nolen**.

Continue to remember in prayer:

Ken and Cathy Lovvorn; **Jeff Denny**; **Cassidy Estes**; **Keith and Kathy Skinner**; **Alesa Holloway**; **Angela Edwards**; **Cindy Carnes**; **Wayne and Sandra Harlin**; **Aiden and Molly Astin**; **Melinda Fendley**; **Ida Mae Holloway**; **Hope Hickman**; **Lowell Benefield**; **Terry Benefield**; **Joe McCollough**; **Susie Newman**; **Tommy Young**; **Melinda Harlin**; **Jason Fordham**; **Linda Barnett**; **Bobbie Brown**; **Felicity Withrow**; **Ron McElveen**; **Justin Glaze**, Jordan’s brother; **unfaithful members**.

Serving in our military:

Toby Hill, **Timothy Hand**, **Keith Freeman**, **T.J. Cook**, and **Dustin Jackson**.



Christmas Day and New Year’s Day will be on Sunday. We will have our regularly scheduled services on each of these days. McKinley Pate will be preaching for us on the 25th. He will also teach the auditorium class.