

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	47
Worship A.M.....	55
Worship P.M.....	44
Wed. Bible Study.....	42
Contribution.....	\$1756
Budget.....	\$1860

**Sermons**

A.M. Give Me The Bible  
P.M. Monthly Singing Night

**Mark Your Calendar**

Dec. 4 Elders' Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.  
Dec. 13 Ladies' Gift Exchange  
Dec. 25 McKinley Pate, Guest Speaker  
Feb. 3-5 Winter Lectureship  
Note: Christmas day falls on Sunday this year. We will have services as usual on that day.

**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

**SHEPHERDS**  
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# The Gospel Light

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

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*Give me the Bible, star of  
gladness gleaming,  
To cheer the wanderer lone and tem-  
pest tossed,  
No storm can hide that peaceful radi-  
ance beaming  
Since Jesus came to seek  
and save the lost.  
Give me the Bible,  
Holy message shinning,  
Thy light shall guide me  
In the narrow way;  
Precept and promise,  
Law and love combining,  
Till night shall vanish in eternal day.*

*Priscilla J. Owens 1883*

## A Forgotten Disciple

"Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and the Lord said unto him in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord" (Acts 9:10). Luke records the beginning of a sequence of events that would eventually lead to the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. Many sermons have been preached on Paul the apostle; perhaps more than any other single New Testament character. And while we readily admit the almost super human accomplishments of this great apostle for Christ, we would do well to consider the man who played a vital role in the conversion of Saul. That man's name is Ananias. For some reason Ananias seems to have been forgotten when it comes to sermons and lessons about good and godly men. Acts 9:10 tells us that he was a "certain disciple." So far as we know he was not an elder in the church, and there is no indication that he served as a deacon, or even a preacher or evangelist for that matter. He is simply referred to as "a certain disciple." It is possible that we may have never heard of this man had Luke not recorded for us the role he played in the conversion of Saul. He is mentioned only twice in all the New Testament – here and in Acts 22:12-13. Even then he is only mentioned in an incidental way. Ananias became a link in the chain that helped to change the history of the world. There are some great lessons to be learned from this wonderful servant of the Lord that lend encouragement to those who may struggle to find their place in the Lord's kingdom. Let us consider a few.

First, a child of God does not need to be "in the spotlight" in order to be an effective laborer in the Lord's kingdom. Leaders in a local congregation often overshadow those quiet and seemingly unimportant members of the church. This is because leaders - elders, deacons, song leaders, preachers, et al - are out front leading. The names of our shepherds ought to be on the lips of every member at the local level. They should be easily recognizable, and well known for their works' sake. This is to be expected. The local preacher is more apt to be known by more members than will a "certain disciple" who attends faithfully, and is actively putting his Christianity to work in his life, at home, or at the office, but who never leads a prayer, has no special ability to lead singing, or has never taught a public Bible class. Ananias was never in the spot light - but this does not mean that he was of no value to the growth and expansion of the church.

Second, an otherwise "forgotten disciple" may serve as a vital link in a chain that leads to greater things. Historians often attempt to trace the "chain of events" that led to an event, whether good or bad. A crazed gunman may take the life of innocent fellow human beings, and the police immediately focus on the chain of events that culminated in the tragedy. A great leader emerges to lead a nation in time of despair or tragedy, and history may reveal that one insignificant event in that individual's life set him on a path that would bring him to this point in time. Does not the story of Esther teach us this vital truth? The inspired record of Esther is a remarkable story of how a young Jewish woman eventually ended up as the Queen of the mightiest nation on earth. Exactly how God uses an individual to the fulfillment of His purpose is the fabric of divine providence. All along the path from Esther's childhood to her elevation as Queen there are those forgotten servants of God who influenced her actions and decisions, Mordecai being one among so many.

Third, we learn that "ordinary" disciples play a vital role in the work of the church. While others may not recognize the value of the unseen and unsung heroes of faith, God does. There is a need for the "ordinary" disciple. Ananias was needed at that particular moment in Saul's journey toward the truth. Not only that, but Ananias was the right man for the job. He was a humble servant who was willing to confront the number one enemy of the church. It was not an easy job, but once given the assignment he did not delay in the fulfillment of his task to take the gospel message to Saul.

Someone once said, "Success is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well." To this I might add, "God's purpose will be accomplished when ordinary disciples do ordinary things extraordinarily well." This is the lesson of Ananias, the forgotten disciple of the Lord.

Tom Wacaster



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 7

Singing - Bud Benefield

Devotional - James Harrington

Announcements - James Harrington



M.E.P. Team # 1 will meet Sunday, December 4, following the morning service to sign cards. See Jerome or Kelly Thompson for more information.



The Ladies' Gift exchange is Tuesday December 13, at 7:00 p.m.. A food list is on the bulletin board.



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.



Donnie Truett will be presenting the 2012 budget to the congregation, Sunday morning, December 4.



Area Elders, Deacons, Preachers, and wives Holiday Dinner at 6:30 at Bremen church of Christ on Thursday night, 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.



**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; 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:

**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.**



The M.E.P Teams will combine their meetings. The two groups will meet at the building in December to sign cards. A date will be selected soon. Thanks to Ken and Cathy for a job well done with the M.E.P. Program. If you have not been participating, please be thinking about being part of the group and let Ken know.