

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.59
Worship A.M. ....	.77
Worship P.M. ....	.46
Wednesday.....	.51
Contribution.....	\$2539
Budget.....	\$1860

**Sermons**

A.M. David Decker - Guest Speaker  
P.M. Monthly Singing Night

**Mark Your Calendar**

Feb. 4-6 Winter Lectureship  
Feb. 7 Ladies' Bible Class  
Feb. 13 Bridal Shower for Heather  
Glosson and Zach Benefield  
Feb. 15 M.E.P. Team #2  
Feb. 19 Valentine Dinner

**February Assignments**

Announcements..... Gary Anderson  
Communion..... Elders  
Wednesday Singing. . . Jerome Thompson

**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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# The Gospel Light

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**You Are Invited To Attend  
the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Winter Lectureship**  
Bowdon Church of Christ

**February 4-6, 2011**  
**"Contrary Winds"**

**Friday - February 4**  
7:00 p.m. Lee Davis  
"Winds of Islam"  
8:00 p.m. Neil Richey  
"Winds of Postmodernism"

**Saturday - February 5**  
7:00 p.m. David Decker  
"Winds of Phariseism"  
8:00 p.m. Tommy Tidwell  
"Winds of Humanism"

**Sunday - February 6**  
10:00 a.m. David Decker  
"Winds of Progressiveness"  
11:00 a.m. David Decker  
"Winds of Apathy"

## Why Do I Get So Little Out of Worship?

My cousin, returning from World War II, stopped off to visit with us and attended worship with us. He had come from a non-religious background, and it is doubtful that he had ever attended the services held by the chaplains, weak as they were. I have seen few people so miserable in my life as was that cousin when we were in worship. Hardly any verse could be mentioned or read that he had ever heard of; he knew nothing of the New Testament church or of the proper divisions of the Bible. He had no idea as to the items of New Testament worship, or that Christianity was a life to be lived outside the services. He indicated he obtained nothing from the Bible study and worship. Of course he put nothing into it either.

Well, in his ignorance of all things pertaining to the Bible, it is understandable that he “got nothing from the worship.” Of much more concern are those in the kingdom, some for years, who will state, “I get so little out of worship!” We firmly believe the same point is true that relates to that cousin of mine; we get something out only when we put something in. There is no excuse for a child of God to come to worship and study with nothing, putting in nothing, and then expecting anything but nothing.

Just think of these points as we approach worship and study as a child of God:

- 1) Every song can remind me of Biblical truths and my need to feel more appreciation for God and His efforts for me.
- 2) Every Bible verse given in classes and worship has a lesson for me, and should remind me of similar verses, and especially of my own need to know more of the Bible.
- 3) Everything expressed in prayer should tell me of my own blessings, and of my own praying and how I can improve it.
- 4) Every point made in song, prayer, and remarks at the Lord’s Table should cause me to be more thankful for the sacrifice of the Christ and make me more appreciative of His death and shed blood.
- 5) Participation in giving to the Lord’s cause should awaken in me greater appreciation and love for the kingdom, its work, and for the part I can have in it.

Even in the announcements, I can see opportunities for service in seeing the sick, shut-ins, and the bereaved, to say nothing of the opportunities to greet and welcome visitors and newcomers. Getting nothing out of services? You should be ashamed of yourself.

The fact is, I get something only when and if I put in something. If I come to worship with an empty bucket, want nothing in it, and by lack of interest block anything that starts to enter it. I will leave with an empty bucket. Keep it up, and the bottom will rust out completely.

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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, February 9

Song - Jerome Thompson

Devotional - Donnie Truett

Announcements - Donnie Truett



Sorry for omitting Corey and An-sley Whitley’s wedding anniversary in last week’s bulletin. They will celebrate their first anniversary on February 14.



Today is the last day of our Winter Lectureship. We are happy to have David Decker speaking at Bible Study and worship this morning. David is the director of the GA School of Preaching and Biblical Studies. All of our speakers for this years lectureship are affiliated with the GA School of Preaching.



Ladies Bible study Monday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The study will be lesson three in “Seven Things A Loving God Hates” by Allen Webster.



There will be a Bridal Shower for Heather Glosson and Zachary Benefield on Sunday afternoon, February 13, at Bowdon church of Christ fellowship room from 2:30 to 4:30. They are registered at Target and Bed Bath and Beyond.



**Sherry Scales; J.C. Watkins**, a friend of Connie and Bill; **Cay-die Ballard; Larry Robinson; Ange Mekim**, member at Douglasville; **Michelle Bonner**, Gary Anderson’s niece; **Bill and Billie Nolen**.

### Continue to remember in prayer:

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

### Serving in our military:

**Jason Benefield, Paul Wheeler, Toby Hill, Timothy Hand.**



A new Sunday morning Bible class is being formed and will begin next Sunday, February 13th. It is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the church. The class will be using the book, “Why I Am A Member of the Church of Christ”.



M.E.P Team #2 will meet February 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Patsy Dowdy. For more information, see Patsy.



Thanks to Jerome Thompson for an outstanding sermon last Sunday morning. We are so glad he, Kelly, Ellis, and Owen are part of the Bowdon family.