

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.57
Worship A.M. ....	.78
Worship P.M. ....	.58
Wednesday.....	.50
Contribution .....	\$5001
Budget.....	\$1860

**Sermons**

A.M. Challenges Facing The Church - "Change"  
P.M. "If Any Man Be In Christ"

**Mark Your Calendar**

Jan. 9 Elders meet with men of the congregation  
Jan. 15 Teachers' workshop in Chattanooga  
Jan. 16 Elders meet with ladies of the congregation  
Feb. 4-6 Winter Lectureship  
Feb. 7 Ladies' Bible Class

**January Assignments**

Announcements. . . . .Jerome Thompson  
Communion. . . . . Kiley Fordham  
Wednesday Singing. . . . .Ken Lovvorn

**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"*

## Are You Honking or Helping?

Somewhere I read the story about a woman driver who was having difficulty getting her automobile started after it stalled in traffic. The gentleman (if you can call him that) in the car behind her expressed his impatience with her by honking his horn every few seconds. Finally, the lady was worn to a frazzle not only by her own car's refusal to crank but by the crank behind her. She stepped out of her car, walked back to the honker, stuck her face right up in his and said, "I'm having some difficulty getting my car started. If you'll go and see if you can get it started, I'll sit back here and honk your horn for you!" Thirty-five years in the church of Christ has taught me there are many helpers in the church. These are the people who are in it not for what they can get but what they can give. When they signed on with Jesus, they understood He called them to take up the cross, not slouch on a couch or insist on being pampered on a padded pew. They want to be workers, not shirkers, for the Lord, and they are busy in the Lord's kingdom. They don't come to church to watch — they come to worship and work. They don't come as spectators — they come as participants. They don't come to be served but, like sister Phoebe in Romans 16:1, they prove themselves to be "a servant of the church." And like the little known but beloved Persis (mentioned by the apostle Paul in Romans 16:12), they labor much in the Lord." Thank God for these gospel workers who are busy helping in a thousand ways!

But thirty-five years has also taught me there are not only helpers in the church of the Lord. There are also those who are expert honkers. They can (and often do) spot a flaw in the church from a mile away or from the pew. These self-appointed church inspectors stay busy as elder-evaluators and deacon dissectors. They are song-leader surveyors and sermon scrutinizers. They are loathe to teach a class or preach a sermon or lead a song or serve as an elder. But they know how every class should be taught, how every sermon should be preached, how every song should be sung, how every dollar should be spent, and how every decision should be made. And when they don't like what's going on in front of them, they lay down on the horn and honk. They honk with unjustified criticism and unfounded judgments. They don't plan on doing anything about the problems in or around the church. Rather, from the comfort and safety of a pew, they just sit behind those who are trying to crank a stalled church and honk.

First Corinthians 10:10 warns us that honking just for the sake of honking is not only unhelpful but also unholy and spiritually very unhealthy. We are told not to complain as Old Testament Israelites did in the wilderness — "some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer." No talent is required to sit behind a stalled car (or a stalled church) and honk. What the church desperately needs is not more honkers but more helpers. Get real now — are you helping the church, or just honking?

Dan Gulley



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, January 12

Song - Ken Lovvorn  
Devotional - Bill Dedmon  
Announcements - Bill Dedmon



The elders will meet with the men of the congregation today, January 9, at 5:00 P.M. All of the men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



All teachers, past, present, and future are invited to attend a teachers' workshop on Saturday, January 15. We will leave the church building at 8:00 A.M. (by van) and stop in Adairsville, GA for breakfast at Cracker Barrel. We plan to arrive at the Christian Family Bookstore in Chattanooga at 11:30 A.M. If you are interested in attending, please sign the list on the bulletin board.



Please go to these websites they will give you some options in reading the Bible through in one year.

<http://www.bible-reading.com/bible-plan.html>  
<http://churchofchristduluthga.org>  
Click on Chronological Bible Reading.  
<http://www.bibleplan.org/#3>



M.E.P Team #2 will meet at the home of Patsy Dowdy, Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 P.M.. See Patsy for more information.



**Larry Robinson; Ange Me- kim, member at Douglasville; Gerald Scales; Kendra Dearing; Michelle Bonner, Gary Anderson's niece; Bill and Billie Nolen.**

**Continue to remember in prayer:**  
**Cassidy Estes; Cindy Carnes; Wayne and Sandra Harlin; Aiden and Molly Astin; Ida Mae Holloway; Brenda Green; Hope Hickman; Ansley Sud-deth; Terry Benefield; Lowell Bene-field; Bill Parson; Joe McCollough; Susie Newman; Tommy Young; Mary Green; Melinda Fendley; Melinda Har-lin; Jason Fordham; Linda Barnett; Bobbie Brown; Bill Weeks; Edwin Akin; Jessica Osborne; Douglas Glos-son.**

**Serving in our military:**  
**Jason Benefield, Paul Wheeler, Toby Hill, Timothy Hand.**



The elders will be meeting with the ladies of the congrega-tion on Sunday, January 16, at 5:00 p.m. All of the ladies of the church are asked to attend.



Our deepest sympathy is ex-tended to April Fordham and her family in the death of her uncle, Ervin Barnhill. The funeral was Friday in Florida.

### *M.E.P. Cards Sent*

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
227	265	301	293	369