

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	51
Worship A.M.....	73
Worship P.M.....	44
Wednesday.....	41
Contribution.....	\$2137
Budget.....	\$1860

**Sermons**

A.M. Three Conditions of Salvation  
P.M. The Sayings of Jesus From  
the Cross (Part 6)

**Mark Your Calendar**

Dec. 3 Holiday Dinner  
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.

**November Assignments**

Announcements..... Phil Harrington  
Communion..... Jerome Thompson  
Wed. Singing..... Jerome Thompson  
Clean Building..... Joyce Whitley

**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

*"To give light to them that sit in darkness..." Luke 1:79*  
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*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

# Why Did Jesus Have To Die?

By Ron Boatwright

It is our sins that separate us from God. God will not be around sin. Isaiah 59:2 says, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."

All accountable people have sinned. Romans 3:23 says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". And Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." The death spoken of here is spiritual death which is being spiritually separated from God. God is in Heaven and anybody with unforgiven sins cannot go to Heaven and be with God. God is both a loving God, but He is also Just. God's justice demands punishment for our sins. He could not just "play like" they didn't happen.

We read in Romans 5:6-10, "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

Christ came to this earth and lived a perfect sin-free life. If He had sinned even one time, He could not have died for us. He would have to be punished for His own sin. So we read in 2 Corinthians 5:21, "For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." Christ has taken our punishment, so God can now be just in saving us. And we read in 1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit". Christ is the just and we are the unjust. God has His plan as to how we are to be saved. We must follow God's plan and not man's plan if we expect to be saved and go to Heaven.



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, November 30

Singing - Jerome Thompson  
Devotional - Bill Dedmon  
Announcements - Bill Dedmon



M.E.P. Team # 3 will meet Sunday, November 27, following the evening service to sign cards. See Sherry Scales for more information.



The winter quarter of the GA School of Preaching and Biblical Studies, West GA Campus at Villa Rica, will begin on Thursday, December 1, with Tommy Tidwell teaching The Life of Christ at 10:00 A.M.; the evening class begins on Monday night, December 5, with Patrick Gray teaching I Corinthians at 7:00 P.M.



## December Birthdays

Amanda Bennett - December 5  
Erin Harrington - December 5  
Makayla Teel - December 6

Jeff Denny - December 8  
Zachary Nolen - December 11  
Larry Robinson - December 14  
Billie Nolen - December 23  
Ben Teel - December 28  
Kerry Truett - December 29  
Kathy Skinner - December 31



**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**; **Brenda Green**; **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**.



Our annual Christmas dinner will be Saturday, December 3. Please sign the list on the bulletin board **today** if you are planning to attend. Phil needs to know how many will be attending.



The Ladies' Gift exchange is Tuesday December 13. A food list is on the bulletin board.