

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.66
Worship A.M.....	.88
Worship P.M.....	.45
Wednesday.....	.39
Contribution.....	\$3322
Budget.....	\$1860

Sermons

A.M. What is your Life?
P.M. Monthly Singing Night

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 8 M.E.P. Team #1
Jan. 8 Elders meet with ladies of congregation
Jan. 9 Ladies' Bible Study @ 7 pm
Jan. 14 CPR Class @ church bldg.
Jan. 15 Elders meet with men of congregation
Jan. 20, 21 Powerpoint Seminar @ Bremen church of Christ
Feb. 3-5 Winter Lectureship
Feb. 24-26 Y.E.S. weekend @ Forrest Park CoC in Valdosta, GA

January Assignments

Announcements.Jerome Thompson
Communion. Kiley Fordham
Wednesday Singing.Ken Lovvorn
Clean Building. Cathy 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

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

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"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

James 4:13,14

RECONCILIATION

"I don't need to apologize. I did nothing wrong!" Not only have I thought these words myself, I have heard other Christians express these same sentiments. Could not such thoughts lead us to feel justified in waiting for the other person to make the first move?

What happens when each person perceives "I'm right," and so both sides wait on the other to take the first step toward reconciliation? Claiming "I'm innocent" can place us in a passive mode toward mending broken relationships. However, a long hard look at the cross lands us firmly on another and better path.

God was certainly innocent. We were the ones who broke the relationship by sinning. And yet, it was God who took the first step toward healing our relationship. Furthermore, although he was entirely without guilt, Jesus bore our penalty for sin by suffering an humiliating death upon the cross. God made the first move. God placed greater value upon restoring our relationship with Him than avoiding suffering an injustice. And so, Jesus died for us.

In a world of court litigation and demanding justice, Paul's challenge to Christians remains stark, but born out of a godly concern for relationship. "Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?" (I Cor. 6:7). To walk in this path required placing a restored healthy relationship above objects, one's own pride and perhaps even a just outcome. Jesus knows all about love trumping one's own rights and justice. We might be the ones who have suffered the wrong, but imitating God calls for "Overcoming evil with good" (Rom. 12:21). God's people because of who they are and not the worthiness of the other person, are to take the initiative demonstrating love.

We may have spoken a necessary truth, but how deeply did those words cut? Would there be anything wrong in expressing compassion? "I'm sorry my words hurt you." Might these simple words be a first step toward healing and even their growth? While we might be innocent in a matter, that does not relieve us from the responsibility of acting in love toward reconciliation. Unfortunately, sometimes the good guy will suffer. God knows all about that.

Barry Newton
via: Highway church of Christ Lantern, Sullivan, IL

"Lord, when we are wrong make us willing to change. And when we are right, make us easy to live with."

"The successful man likes to present himself as self-made. A wise wife simply smiles and lets it go at that."



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, January 4

Singing - Ken Lovvorn

Devotional - James Harrington

Announcements - James Harrington



M.E.P Team #1 will meet Sunday, January 8, following the morning service. See Jerome or Kelly Thompson for more information.



Keith Nolen - 1/8

Wes Benefield - 1/8

Emma Fordham - 1/17

Memphis Teel - 1/21

Joan Robinson - 1/25

Emily Harrington - 1/26

Maddie Carter - 1/27

Sandra Harlin - 1/27



Welcome to Lillian Grace Wilson. Lillian was born December 18th at 10:55 a.m. She weighed 8lbs 3.5 oz and was 20" long. Lillian, mother, Maighen Harris, and Grandmother Anna are all doing well.



Bud Benefield will teach a CPR and First Aid class on Saturday, January 14. See the bulletin board for more information. Be sure to sign up if you are interested in the course.



Lawrence Akin, Edie Anderson's dad; **Becky Akin**, Edie's sister-in-law; **Larry Robinson**; **Liz Milligan**, cousin of April Fordham, had a heart attack on Wednesday; **Mary Lee Drummond**, April's mother, is waiting on test results; **Brenda Green**; **Tony Anderson**, Gary's brother; **Joey Boatright**, a GA State trooper; **Briana Dedmon** has facial injuries following an accident; **Bill Parson**; **Briella McBurnett**; **Steve Smith**, Bill's nephew; **Anna Harris and family**; **Eva Johnson**; **Jimmie Lou and Michele Bonner**, Gary Anderson's sister and niece; **Bill and Billie Nolen**.

Continue to remember in prayer:

Ken & Cathy Lovvorn; **Jeff Denny**; **Cassidy Estes**; **Keith & Kathy Skinner**; **Alesa Holloway**; **Angela Edwards**; **Cindy Carnes**; **Wayne & Sandra Harlin**; **Aiden & 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**; **Ron McElveen**; **Corey Whitley**; **Edith Marlow**, grandmother of Leigh Glosson; **unfaithful members**.

Serving in our military:

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



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kiley Fordham in the death of his step-dad, Cecil Warren, on Thursday.