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Bible Study.....	.42
Worship A.M.....	.64
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Wednesday.....	.35
Contribution.....	\$1699
Budget.....	\$1860

Sermons

A.M. Jerome Thompson Speaking
P.M. Productive Branches

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 29 Jerome Thompson preaching
A.M. sermon
Feb. 3-5 Winter Lectureship
Feb. 5 Elders' Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 6 Ladies' Bible Study
@ 7:00 P.M. in the library
Feb. 18 Valentine Dinner
Feb. 25 Teachers' workshop at
Christian Family bookstore.
Feb. 24-26 Y.E.S. weekend @ Forrest
Park CoC in Valdosta, GA

February Assignments

Announcements..... Gary Anderson
Communion..... Elders
Wed. Singing..... Jerome Thompson
Clean Building..... Connie Dedmon

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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**11th Annual
Winter Lectureship**

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February 3-5, 2012

"The Miracles of Jesus"

Friday - February 3
7:00 p.m. - Dave Leonard
"An Overview of Miracles"
8:00 p.m. - James Bradshaw
"Turning Water into Wine"

Saturday - February 4
7:00 p.m. - Leroy Dedmon
"Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind"
8:00 p.m. - Ed Lee
"Jesus Healed the Paralytic Borne of Four"

Sunday - February 5
Leroy Dedmon
10:00 a.m. "Casting Demons out the Gadarene"
11:00 a.m. "Healing the Woman with the Issue of Blood"

By What Authority

From time to time I have a tendency to reflect on the days of my youth. Among those memories is a question I hear my siblings ask me, "Who told you to do that?" The answer I gave was probably not the answer they were seeking. The question has to do with permission. Permission can only be granted by the proper authorities. The question could have been asked this way, "Did momma or daddy give you permission to do that?" When it came to authority in the home, the Dedmon kids understood who was in charge. However, there was one of the five who seemed to be clueless in this authority business.

I see the need today to ask the question to religious leader across the country. "Who told you to that in your worship services?" Jesus was asked this question by the chief priests and elders, "And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?" (Matthew 21:23). We know from Scripture that Jesus had God's approval and permission for all He did. Jesus was doing the work the Father sent Him to do. "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4).

There are many things being practiced in the *so-called name of Christ* today that does not have Heaven's permission to practice.

In the business of salvation, "Who told you that salvation comes by faith alone and praying 'the sinners' prayer'?" Where is the authority for such practice? If praying this prayer, "God, I know that I am a sinner. I know that I deserve the consequences of my sin. However, I am trusting in Jesus Christ as my Savior. I believe that His death and resurrection provided for my forgiveness. I trust in Jesus and Jesus alone as my personal Lord and Savior. Thank you Lord, for saving me and forgiving me! Amen!"¹ This is not from God. The Bible does not record on single instance where a person was told to pray in order to receive salvation. If prayer saved the alien sinner, don't you think Paul; the chosen apostle to the Gentiles, would have if anyone could? But notice, "And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do" (Acts 9:5,6). When Saul arrived in the city of Damascus he was baptized for the forgiveness of his sins (Acts 22:16). There is an instance where someone was told to pray for the forgiveness of sin, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the thought of thy heart shall be forgiven thee (Acts 8:22). However, Simon had believed and was baptized prior to this (Acts 8:13). This is a Christian who is praying for forgiveness of sin, not an alien sinner.

What we teach and ask others to believe must be in the name of the Lord, by His authority. The only way we can know it is by the Lord's authority is to read it in the Bible.

Bill Dedmon –
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¹Got Questions Ministry – gotquestions.org



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, February 1

Singing - Ken Lovvorn
Devotional - Bill Dedmon
Announcements - Bill Dedmon



The Jacksonville Al, church of Christ is hosting the Great Smokey Mountain Marriage Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN, February 15-18, 2012.



All teachers, past, present, and future are invited to attend a teachers' workshop on Saturday, February 25. We will leave the church building at 7:00 A.M. We plan to arrive at Christian Family Bookstore in Chattanooga at 10:00 A.M. If you are interested in attending, please sign the list on the bulletin board. For more information, please see Bud Benefield.



Clayton Holloway - 2/3
Donnie Truett - 2/5
Owen Thompson - 2/12
Connie Dedmon - 2/14
Jason Bennett - 2/19
Emilee Harris - 2/21
Sherry Scales - 2/25

Bill and Connie Dedmon - 2/6
Corey and Ansley Whitley - 2/14



Dennis Gray, elder at West GA; **Lawrence Akin**, Edie Anderson's dad; **Becky Akin**, Edie's sister-in-law; **Ida Mae Holloway**; **Brenda Green**; **Tony Anderson**, Gary's brother; **Joey Boatright**, a GA State trooper; **Bill Parson**; **Steve Smith**, Bill's nephew; **Anna Harris**, undergoing tests ; **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**; **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; **Briella McBurnett**; **Eva Johnson**; **unfaithful members**.

Serving in our military:

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



Don't forget our Lectureship begins on Friday night, February 3, 2012 and will continue through Sunday morning, February 5. Please see the front of the bulletin for the complete schedule. We will be having a meal together on Saturday evening Feb. 4, at 5:30 P.M. in the fellowship room.