

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	40
Worship A.M.....	67
Worship P.M.....	37
Wednesday.....	38
Contribution.....	\$2030
Budget.....	\$1860

Sermons

A.M. A People That Can't Blush
P.M. Jesus Writes on the Ground

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 8 M.E.P. Team #1
Jan. 8 Elders meet with ladies of congregation @ 4:30
Jan. 9 Ladies' Bible Study @ 7 pm
Jan. 14 CPR Class @ church bldg.
Jan. 15 Elders meet with men of congregation @ 4:30
Jan. 20, 21 Powerpoint Seminar @ Bremen church of Christ
Jan. 27 Area -Wide singing @ 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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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"*

What If God Was Praised Like Football?

By Phil Robertson

A friend of mine recently made this comment, "Around here football is a religion!" At first his words sounded like an innocent declaration of the passion and allegiance many of us have for our favorite teams. But after a little reflection, his words seemed to burn a hole in my conscience. Is football our religion?

God adamantly warned His people of the dangers of idolatry (Ex 20:3-6). Their passion for false gods eventually led to their earthly captivity as well as separation from God (Ezek 20:1-32). We may not have wooden figurines on the mantels of our homes, but that does not mean we may not have our idols.

So, how do we know when we may have crossed the line from sport to idolatry? Please consider the following "what if" scenarios:

- What if we gave as much money to evangelism and charity as we do to tickets, travel and team merchandise? Jesus said, *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* (Matt 6:25).

- What if we could name the apostles, judges, and great heroes of faith like we can name our team's starting lineup, reserves, and even recruits? *"Whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope"* (Rom 15:4).

- What if fathers taught their children about the Lord and His works as much as they do about defensive formations or strategies of an offensive? *"Fathers bring your children up in the training and admonition of the Lord"* (Eph 6:4).

- What if we proudly displayed our love for the Lord as we do our team's logos from our homes and cars? *"Praise the Lord all you Gentiles and let all the peoples extol Him"* (Rom 15:11).

- What if we arrived early and participated in a worship service with the same dedication we have for crowded football stadiums with limited parking, little legroom and no protection from inclement weather? *"For I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'"* (Psa 122:1).

- What if we hated Satan and His schemes to conquer souls as much as we do a rival who is threatening to take a game from us? *"Be sober because your adversary the devil walks about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour"* (1 Pet 5:8).

- What if the joy of winning souls and the pain of losing souls matched our passion for winning and losing a football game of which we are not even a participant? *"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents"* (Lk 15:10).

There is nothing inherently sinful about cheering for a favorite team and enjoying a game. However, sports must not take precedence over our duties and responsibilities to the Lord.

The only victory that truly counts has already been won. Jesus conquered death so that we may live in Him (Rom 5:8; 6:3-7). Allow Him to cloth you with His atoning garments (Gal 3:27; Rev 7:14) and join His team in fighting against our true enemy (Eph 6:10-16).



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 11

Singing - Ken Lovvorn

Devotional - Donnie Truett

Announcements - Donnie Truett



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



The Bremen congregation will host a PowerPoint seminar on Friday, January 20, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. and on Saturday, January 21, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If you are interested in attending, please let Bill know by Sunday, January 15, to provide a number to the Bremen church.



We will be utilizing email to share information regarding the church from time to time this year. If you would like to be included in this distribution, please give your email address to Bill.



The elders will be meeting with the ladies of the congregation this afternoon, January 8, in the fellowship room at 4:30 p.m. All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



Lawrence Akin, Edie Anderson's dad, is now at home; **Becky Akin**, Edie's sister-in-law; **Larry Robinson**; **Liz Milligan**, cousin of April Fordham; **Mary Lee Drummond**, April's mother; **Brenda Green**; **Tony Anderson**, Gary's brother; **Joey Boatright**, a GA State trooper; **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**.



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.



Area wide singing at the Bremen congregation, January 27, at 7:00 p.m.