

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.51
Sunday AM.....	.77
Sunday PM.....	.44
Wednesday.....	.34
Contribution.....	\$1334
Budget.....	\$1550
Over/Under YTD.....	+\$2553

**Sermons**  
A.M. "Seven Greatest Things From John 3:16"  
P.M. Monthly Singing Night

**Mark Your Calendar**

April 6th	Campout @ Susan Buchanan's
April 13, 14	Doorknocking Campaign
April 15-18	Gospel Meeting with Charles Cochran
April 21	Ladies' Day at Cedartown
April 28	Camp Inagehi Golf Tournament@ Oak Mtn.

**Privileged To Serve (April)**

Announcements. . . . Adam Holloway  
Lord's Supper. . . . .Bill Nolen  
Wednesday Singing. . . . . Ben Teel  
Clean Building  
Sandra Harrington. . Tiffany Holloway

**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?"

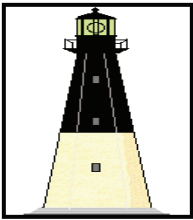
**Believe -** (John 8:24) "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

**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  
"Pewpackers" 5:45 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

**SHEPHERDS**  
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# The Gospel Light

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

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*Your Personal Invitation  
to Hear a Series of  
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## Gospel Sermons

**April 15-18, 2007**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Charles Cochran**  
**Chattanooga, TN**

*Schedule of Services*  
**Sunday**  
**10:00 a.m. Bible Class**  
**11:00 a.m. Worship**  
**6:00 p.m. Worship**  
**Monday - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.**

## THE RICH FAMILY IN OUR CHURCH

I'll never forget one Sunday in 1946. I was 14, my little sister Ocy, 12, and my older sister Darlene, 16. We live at home with our mother, and the four of us knew what it was to do without many things. My dad had died five years before, leaving Mom and seven school kids to raise and no money. By 1946 my older sisters were married, and my brother had left home.

A month before, the preacher announced that a special offering would be taken to help a poor family. He asked everyone to save and give sacrificially. When we got home, we talked about what we could do. We decided to buy 50 pounds of potatoes and live on them for a month. This would allow us to save \$20 of our grocery money for the offering. Then we thought that if we kept our electric lights turned out as much as possible and didn't listen to the radio, we'd save money on that month's electric bill. Darlene got as many house and yard cleaning jobs as possible, and both of us babysat for everyone we could. For 15 cents we could buy enough cotton loops to make three potholders to sell for \$1. We made \$10 on potholders.

That month was one of the best of our lives. Every day we counted the money to see how much we had saved. At night we'd sit in the dark and talk about how the poor family was going to enjoy having the money the church would give them. We had about 80 people in church, so we figured that whatever money we had to give, the offering would surely be 20 times that much. After all, every Sunday the preacher had reminded everyone to save for the sacrificial offering.

The day before the "big day", Ocy and I walked to the grocery store and got the manager to give us three crisp \$20 bills and one \$10 bill for all our change. We ran all the way home to show Mom and Darlene. We had never had so much money. That night we were so excited we could hardly sleep. We could hardly wait to get to church.

When the offering was taken, we were sitting on the second row from the front. Mom put in the \$10 bill, and each of the girls put in a \$20. As we walked home after services, we sang all the way. At lunch Mom had a surprise for us. She had bought a dozen eggs, and we had boiled eggs with fried potatoes!

Late that afternoon the minister drove up in his car. Mom went to the door, talked with him for a moment, and then came back with an envelope in her hand. We asked what it was, but she didn't say a word. She opened the envelope and out fell a bunch of money. There were three crisp \$20 bills, one \$10, and seventeen \$1. Mom put the money back in the envelope. We didn't talk, just sat and stared at the floor. We had gone from feeling like millionaires to feeling like poor white trash.

On Saturday Mom asked us what we wanted to do with the money. What did poor people do with money? We didn't know. We'd never known we were poor. We didn't want to go back Sunday, but Mom said we had to. Although it was sunny, we didn't talk. Mom started to sing, but no one joined in and she only sang one verse.

We had a missionary who talked about how churches in Africa made buildings out of sun-dried bricks, but they needed money to buy roofing. He said \$100 would put a roof on a church building. The minister said, "Can't we all sacrifice to help these poor people?" We looked at each other and smiled for the first time in a week. Mom reached into her purse and pulled out the envelope. She passed it to Darlene. Darlene gave it to me, and I handed it to Ocy. Ocy put it in the offering. When the offering was counted, the minister was excited. He hadn't expected such a large offering from a small church. He said, "You must have some rich people in this church."

Suddenly it struck us! We had given \$87 of that "little over \$100." We were the rich family in the church. From that day on I've never been poor again--I know how rich I am in Jesus.

By Eddy Ogan



Welcome to all our visitors. You are our special guest. Please fill out an attendance card so we may have a record of your attendance.

### Sunday Morning Devotional

April 1

Song -Kiley Fordham

Scripture and Prayer - Greg Holloway

April 8

Song - Zach Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Ben Teel

### Wednesday Night Devotional

April 4

Song - Ben Teel

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



A meeting and devotion is planned for Thursday night, April 12. All who plan to work in the campaign are encouraged to attend. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. If you will be eating with us, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board by April 8.

### April Birthdays

Cathy Lovvorn - 4/3

Julie Wilson - 4/10

Mark Wilson - 4/13

Eva Johnson - 4/19

Clay Holloway - 4/22

Zachary Benefield - 4/22

Andrew Harrington - 4/25

Linda Harrington - 4/25



REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER

**Robbie Akin; Crystal Goolsby; Shirley Nolen**, sister-in-law of Bill Nolen;  
**Melinda Harlin; Jeff Denney; Joanne Branamon; Bill Johnson; Jeff Justiss; Irene Harrington; Elsie Benefield; Ida Mae Holloway; Eueline and Cecil Warren**, Kiley's mother and step-father;  
**Ansley Suddeth; Ruby Dedmon**, Bill's mother; **Kara Rice**.

### In the Military:

**Chris Beal**, Iraq; **Bobby Wilson**, Italy; **Chris Buchanan**, Iraq; **Kevin Haney**, Afghanistan. **Tony Goodman**, Iraq; **Earl Taylor**, Afghanistan.



The Ladies Bible Class will meet Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00 pm. All ladies are asked to attend. They will continue with Lesson 2.



The latest issue of *House to House Heart to Heart* is on the table in the foyer. Please pick up several.



A campout is planned for April 6th at Susan Buchanan's. See Jerome Thompson for more information.



There will be a bridal shower honoring Tina Hightower, bride-elect of Kerry Truett, on Monday, April 9, at 7:00 pm at the building. There will be a money and gift certificate tree for the couple.