

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.60
Sunday AM.....	62
Sunday PM.....	.42
Wednesday.....	.33
Contribution.....	\$1312
Budget.....	\$1702
Under Budget.....	\$1136

Sermons
A.M. 3-D Discipleship
P.M. Monthly Singing Night

<u>Mark Your Calendar</u>	
April 19	Ladies' Day at Cedar-town
April 19	Girls' Tea
April 19	Golf Outing
May 10	Graduates Cookout
May 25	Guest Speaker
June 15-19	Vacation Bible School
July 20-24	Gospel Meeting with Phillip Satterfield

Those To Serve (April)
Announcements. . . . Adam Holloway
Communion. Bill Nolen
Wed. Singing. Jerome Thompson
Clean Building. . . . Sandra Harrington

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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"But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."

Matthew 19:22

No Wonder Hearts Are So Hard

George Barna is founder and president of the Barna Research Group. Just a few years ago this research group took an annual survey of American values and religious views across the United States. From the data Barna put out a book by the title, *What Americans Believe*. If you have ever doubted the effect that Satan has on our country, then pay close attention to the statistics quoted from his survey. There were two survey questions that revealed startling information concerning the beliefs of most (and I emphasize most) Americans.

First, Barna's survey showed that two-thirds (or 67% to be exact) of all Americans deny that absolute truth exists. It is interesting that 72% (3/4) of all Americans between ages 18 and 25 agreed that one could not know absolute truth. No wonder we can't convert the younger generation. These young people agreed with the statement: "different people can define truth in conflicting ways and still be correct." Brethren, this is one of the most erroneous doctrines that can be taught among men. Notice that this doctrine is not applied to anything other than religion. For example: in math, $2+2=4$ and $2 \times 6=12$. These are absolutes that no one chooses to change. In science, our planet Earth revolves around the sun. This is an absolute that no one denies. It is only in religion that Satan has managed to confuse men into thinking that they can't know truth.

The second statistics is just as alarming. It reveals that 60% of all adult Americans do not believe that Satan is a real being, but is simply a symbol of evil. The scripture warns us to beware of Satan and his ploys to overcome mankind (Matthew 13:39; Ephesians 4:26-27; 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8). Other scripture tells us to resist Satan (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9). It is impossible to resist someone if we deny him to be real. Those people who are disposed to deny that Satan exists have been blinded by him, and he owns them. How well the scripture speaks of these folks, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

—John D. Cotham
Shady Valley, TN



Welcome to our visitors. You are our special guest. We trust the worship service today will be uplifting and in harmony with God's word.

Sunday Morning Devotional

April 6

Song - Phil Harrington

Scripture and Prayer - Ben Teel

April 13

Song - Wes Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - James Harrington

Wednesday Night Devotional

April 9

Song - Jerome Thompson

Devotional - Ken Lovvorn

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



Well done to the young men who participated in the worship service last Sunday morning. A terrific job was done by everyone. A special thanks to Jerome for coordinating this service and for the excellent lesson he presented. We have a bright future here at Bowdon.



We are in the process of updating our records. If your address, telephone number, or email address has changed recently, please give the information to Bill.



Parents don't forget the *Pew-packers* meet every Sunday evening at 5:45. We need all of the youngsters to participate if this venture is to be successful.



Misty Watts, Julie Wilson's niece, had transplant surgery Wednesday night; **Sabrina Bearden**; **Audrey Marlow**, Ken Lovvorn's aunt; **Taylor Brown**; **Melinda Harlin**; **Jeff Denney**; **Bill Johnson**; **Irene Harrington**; **Ida Mae Holloway**; **Ansley Suddeth**; **Melinda Fendley**, Sandra Harrington's sister; **Lawrence Akin**, Edie Anderson's dad; all of our unfaithful members.

Serving in our military:

Tony Goodman, **Jason Benefield**, **Cope Rowell**, **Keith Freeman**, **Paul Wheeler**, **Chris Buchanan**, **Toby Hill**.



Due to James and Greg being out of town, the elders will not meet this afternoon. However, if anyone needs to meet with the elders, Bill and Donnie will be happy to meet with you.



The Tuesday night M.E.P. group will meet at the home of Kiley and April Fordham on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. See April or Cathy for the menu.



There will be a Girls' Tea on Saturday, April 19, at the church building. See April Fordham for details.



The Men's Golf Outing will be on Saturday, April 19. There is a signup list on the bulletin board if you plan to go. If you have any questions, see Phil Harrington.