

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	47
Sunday AM.....	50
Sunday PM.....	.49
Wednesday.....	.51
Contribution.....	\$1237
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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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Youth Rally
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March 4, 2006

“Keep Thyself Pure”

Speakers:
Cliff Goodwin - Talladega, AL
Loren Barchett - Tallapoosa, GA
Song Leader:
Johnny McDaniel - Bremen, GA

Gun Barrel Christians

An old and wise preacher once remarked: "Some church members are just as straight as a gun barrel - and just as hard and cold as a gun barrel, too!" Tragically, that is not such an isolated condition. It is far more widespread than we like to think. In fact, honesty compels us to admit that almost all of us, in certain situations, are guilty of a "gun barrel" mentality.

We all need to be reminded, from time to time, of the following considerations:

1) We Must Be Doctrinally And Morally Straight. Moral and doctrinal correctness are indispensable elements of Christian living. There is "right" and "wrong" and God's people must seek the right and shun the wrong. We must be concerned about doctrinal correctness because Jesus said: "...you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free" (John 8:32 NASB). Truth is there; it may be known; only Truth provides an avenue to freedom and God. It is likewise important for us to be morally correct because God insists: "You shall be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16, NASB). The Bible also commands: "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...." (Philippians 1:27, NASB). God's standards are never optional. We must strive to be models of soundness, propriety and uprightness.

2) We Must Not Allow Our Commitment To Moral And Doctrinal Integrity Make Us Hard, Or Mean, Or "Holier-Than-Thou. Tragically, this can often be a problem with the best people on earth. We can pride ourselves on being "gun barrel straight" without realizing that we have also become "gun barrel" hard. We may be able to give the right answers doctrinally and still have the wrong kind of hearts. We may allow our concern for personal holiness to degenerate into a "holier-than-thou" complex. John Gipson has well commented: "With all the compassion of the elder brother, we refuse to have anything to do with the one who has sinned. We praise the preacher who has the guts to slaughter the people of God when they have assembled for worship; and the one who will call down fire from heaven upon those who do not believe..."

Genuine Christianity never makes a person anything but tenderhearted! (Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8.) Doctrinally, we must learn to "... speak the truth in love." (Ephesians 4:15.) Morally, we must learn to hate sin while loving sinners (Jude 22,23.) We must not only live by the tests of truth, decency and fairness; we must also consider what is merciful, generous and kind. To be cold, unforgiving and hard is to miss the entire emphasis of the gospel!

The point is: You can't take the measure of a person's Christianity with only a plumb line. You also have to take into account the largeness of his heart, the depth of his humility, and the breadth of his compassion. After all, it is entirely possible to be just as straight as a gun barrel and just as hard... cold... and empty...

Bobby Dockery



Welcome to the Bowdon church of Christ. We are happy you have come to worship with us today. Today is the last day of our annual lecture-ship. It is our prayer that the worship service will be fulfilling and uplifting. Please fill out an attendance card.

Sunday Morning Devotional

February 26

Song - Bud Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Jerome Thompson

March 5

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Dedmon

Wednesday Night Devotional

March 1

Song - Phil Harrington

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



March Birthdays:

Bill Dedmon - 3/1

Alesa Holloway - 3/3

Elsie Benefield - 3/10

Kelly Thompson - 3/16

T.J. Hargrove - 3/18

Sydney Truett - 3/19

Corey Whitley - 3/24

Linda Truett - 3/28



MEP Team #2 will meet tonight at James and Linda Harrington's following evening service. If you are not currently on an MEP team, come see what the program is all about.

Continue To Pray For:

Mildred Scales, Irene Harrington, Elsie Benefield, Ida Mae Holloway, Susan Buchanan, Bill Dedmon, Esther Buff, Claude Harris, Eva Johnson's father, **Margaret Swint.**

Pray For The Military:

Seth Crawford, a friend of Wes and Zach Benefield, is serving in Iraq.

Those To Serve in March:

Announcements - Ben Teel

Lord's Supper - Jerome Thompson and Scott Wilson

Wednesday Singing - Bud Benefield

Clean Building - Stephanie Ballard



The Oxford church in Oxford, AL, will have a Ladies' Day on Saturday, March 11, from 8:30 am - 12 noon (CT) with Michelle Latham of Montgomery, AL, speaking. The topic will be "Attaining Spiritual Beauty". Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided.

The Broad Street church in LaGrange, GA, will host a Ladies' Day on Saturday, March 18 with Dietlinde Spears as speaker. The topic will be "The Water of Life". Registration begins at 9:30 am followed by the program at 10:00 am. Luncheon following the program.

The Cedartown church will host their 15th Annual Ladies' Day on Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 9:00 am with Sheila Butt speaking. The theme is "Seeking Spiritual Beauty".