

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.46
Sunday AM.....	60
Sunday PM.....	.38
Wednesday.....	.39
Contribution.....	\$1790
Budget.....	\$1702

**Sermons**  
A.M. Perspectives on the Prodigal  
P.M. Life's Great Decisions

**Mark Your Calendar**

February 29 Area - Wide Singing at  
Cedartown, 7:00 pm  
March 4 Ladies' Bible Study @  
7:00 p.m.  
May 10 Graduates Cookout  
June 15-19 Vacation Bible School  
July 20-24 Gospel Meeting with  
Phillip Satterfield

**Opportunities To Serve**  
March  
Announcements.....Ben Teel  
Communion  
Jerome Thompson.....Scott Wilson  
Wed. Singing..... Bud Benefield  
Clean Building.  
Donnie and Linda Truett

**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

**SHEPHERDS**  
Bill Dedmon  
James Harrington  
Greg Holloway  
Donnie Truett

**DEACONS**  
Bud Benefield  
Phil Harrington  
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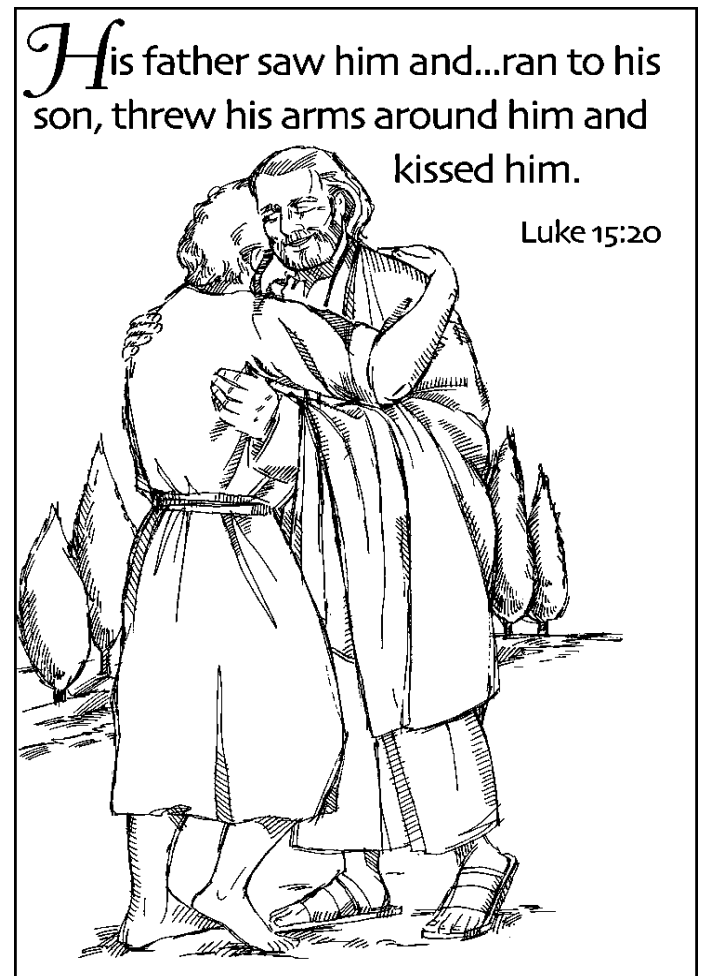


**The Gospel Light**

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

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## Lost No More

Lost has finally solved its problem. No more stolen signs. No more lost deliveries. No more confusion. Or at least we would hope so.

Lost has lost at least seven road signs over the last seven years, and it has a perennial problem of lost deliveries. People love to come to Lost to have their pictures taken, standing there with a bewildered expression, with a road sign in the background.

The problem is solved, though, because the small Scottish village of Lost is changing its name to "Lost Farm." Local official Bruce Luffman told Reuters News Service that in addition to the lost road signs, "Deliveries get lost because they've got no idea where 'Lost' is, and it's very confusing" (World, March 13, 2004).

The dictionary defines "lost" as "not made use of, won, or claimed; unable to find the way; no longer visible; lacking assurance or self-confidence: helpless; ruined or destroyed physically or morally: desperate; no longer possessed, no longer known; taken away or beyond reach or attainment: denied; hardened, insensible; absorbed, rapt (as in reverie)." As I read that lengthy definition, I noticed that there is not even one sense in which lost is a good thing, with the exception of the very last one, of being lost in reverie.

How bad is it to be lost? Have you ever been so lost that you just had no idea whatsoever where you were? Have you been so lost that you never could have found your way back without the help of someone else?

Most of the time when we are lost, we are not really lost. We may be a bit confused, but we know if we will just backtrack a little bit, or even stoop to break the secret men's code and actually ask for directions, we can find our way. But when we think of being lost spiritually, we realize that the one who is lost is not just lost but dead. When the prodigal returned, the loving father said, "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found" (Luke 15:24).

Since being lost is so serious, it behooves us to do all we can to reach others. In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul talks about the treasure of the gospel, a treasure that must be shared with others. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (3-4). Paul says that we don't preach ourselves, but the wonderful message of Christ, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (7). There is power in the gospel! The lost are counting on us to share the good news with them. Do it today!

-Bob Prichard, Oxford AL via [www.oxfordchurchofchrist.com](http://www.oxfordchurchofchrist.com)



Welcome to 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

February 24

Song - Casey Ballard

Scripture and Prayer - Kiley Fordham

March 2

Song - Wes Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Zach Benefield

### Wednesday Night Devotional

February 27

Song - Gerald Scales

Devotional - Jerome Thompson

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



Come and hear *Jeff Foxworthy* in a live comedy show to benefit West Cobb Christian Academy on March 20 at Macland Road church of Christ. For more information call (770) 427-3626 or go to

West Cobb Christian Academy website, [www.westcobbchristian.org](http://www.westcobbchristian.org). Seating is limited.



The ladies of the Ironaton church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on March 1, 2008 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. CT. Lunch will be served following the program. The speakers will be Brandi Hayes, Cornor, AL and Shelby Creed, Ironaton, AL. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.



**Bill Nolen; David Hightower,** Tina Truett's dad; **Audrey Marlow,** Ken Lovvorn's aunt; **Gerald Scales; Taylor Brown; Jean Allen,** Eva Johnson's sister; **Melinda Harlin; Jeff Denney; Bill Johnson; Irene Harrington; Ida Mae Holloway; Ansley Suddeth; Ruby Dedmon,** Bill's mother; **Melinda Fendley,** Sandra Harrington's sister; **Ray Archey,** father of fellow minister; **Mainor Perez,** minister in Nicaragua; **Nancy Daugherty,** member at Cedartown. Several are sick with colds, flu, sinus problems.

### Serving in our military:

**Tony Goodman, Jason Benefield, Cope Rowell, Keith Freeman, Paul Wheeler.**



The area wide singing for February will be at the Cedartown congregation this Friday, February 29, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the singing. Make plans to attend.



The Sunday night M.E. P. group will meet at James and Linda Harrington's house tonight following the evening service. Please see Linda Harrington or Kelly Thompson for the menu.

### March Birthdays

3/1 Bill Dedmon  
3/3 Alesa Holloway  
3/3 Bill Nolen  
3/16 Linda Truett  
3/24 Corey Whitley

