

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	52
Sunday AM.....	76
Sunday PM.....	51
Wednesday.....	33
Contribution.....	\$1182
Budget.....	

Sermons:
A.M. What It Means To Repent
P.M. The Perfect Work of Patience

Mark Your Calendar

January 25 Area-Wide Singing at Bremen 7:00 p.m.
January 27 M.E.P. Meeting
February 1-3 Winter Lectureship
February 16 Valentine Banquet
February 22,23 Y.E.S. Weekend at the Forrest Park church in Valdosta.

Opportunities To Serve
Announcements... Jerome Thompson
Communion..... Ben Teel
Wed. Singing..... Ken Lovvorn
Clean Building.
Linda and James 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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7th Annual Winter Lectureship

Bowdon Church of Christ
February 1-3, 2008

"Seeking The Lost"
Luke 19:10

Friday, February 1
7:00 p.m. Loren Barchette, Tallapoosa, GA
8:00 p.m. Patrick Gray, Villa Rica, GA

Saturday, February 2
7:00 p.m. Roger Leonard, Valdosta, GA
8:00 p.m. Larry Acuff, Lithia Springs, GA

Sunday, February 3
10:00 a.m. Roger Leonard, Valdosta, GA
11:00 a.m. Roger Leonard, Valdosta, GA

A HIGHER PRIORITY

At the Olympic Games in Paris in 1924, the favored team in the four man canoe race was the United States team. One member of that team was a young man by the name of Bill Havens. As the time for the Olympics neared, it became clear that Bill's wife would give birth to her first child about the time that Bill was scheduled to compete. So Bill found himself in a dilemma. Should he go to Paris and risk not being at his wife's side when their first child was born? Or should he withdraw from the team and remain behind?

Bill's wife insisted that he go to Paris. After all, he had been working toward this goal for many years; it would be the culmination of a life-long dream. After much soul searching, Bill decided to withdraw from the competition and remain behind with his wife so that he could be with her when their first child arrived. Bill considered being at her side a higher priority than going to Paris to try to win an Olympic Gold medal. The United States four-man canoe team won the gold medal at the Paris Olympics. But Bill had no regrets. His family was more important to him than the Olympics. Bill was present when his wife gave birth to their baby boy whom they named Frank.

Twenty-eight years later, in 1952, Bill received a cablegram from Frank. It was sent from Helsinki, Finland, where the 1952 Olympics were being held. The cablegram read:

*Dear Dad,
Thanks for waiting around for me to be born in 1924. I'm coming home with the gold medal you should have won.
Your loving son,
Frank*

Frank Havens was bringing home the Olympic gold medal for the 10,000-meter canoeing event. Now he wanted to share his medal with the one who set aside his own personal dreams for a higher priority--his son.

Establishing proper priorities ultimately brings the greatest rewards--like no regrets and deeper joys.

What are those "higher priorities" that need to be established in OUR lives? Jesus said, "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*" This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "*Love your neighbor as yourself*" (Matt. 22:37-39).

Loving God supremely and loving others unselfishly, beginning with your family! These are the top priorities! And living by these priorities brings the greater blessings.

Jesus said, "*If you love me, keep my commandments*" (John 14:15). Love for God will motivate us to submit our lives to Him: *believing* in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in *repentance* (Acts 17:30-31), *confessing* Christ (Rom 10:9-10), *being baptized* into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Love for God will also motivate us to continue to follow His will which includes *loving others* (1 John 4:20).

Are YOUR priorities in order?

--David Sargent
via Northeast Pathway
Northeast church of Christ
Albuquerque, NM



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

January 13

Song - Wes Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Nolen

January 20

Song - Casey Ballard

Scripture and Prayer - Gerald Scales

Wednesday Night Devotional

January 16

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Devotional - Bud Benefield

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



Parents please remember the "pewpackers" class tonight at 5:45. This is a good activity for our children and in order for it to be as good as it can be, we need some of the "older children" to come help the younger ones sing. Parents, be sure to have them here by 5:45. A big thanks to the "older children" who helped me out last week.



The budget presentation was postponed last week. Donnie Truett will be presenting the 2008 budget this morning.

LOOK We received a card from Jack's at **THIS!** in Bowdon stating that if you "bring your church bulletin", you will receive a 10% discount. This card is on the bulletin board.



Billie Nolen has had an allergic reaction; **Linda Truett; Richard Drummond**, April Fordham's father; **Audrey Marlow**, Ken Lovvorn's aunt; **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; the **Benefield** and **Whitley** families in their loss.

Serving in our military:

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



Our deepest sympathy to Corey, Nikki, and Carsyn Whitley in the passing of Steve Whitley, Corey's uncle. He passed away last Wednesday.



Two books have been placed in the library in memory of Elsie Benefield--**The Search for the Ancient Order, Volumes 1, 2** by Earl West. These books are a history of the Reformation Movement from 1800 to 1900. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.



There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for Y.E.S. weekend, February 22-24, at the Forrest Park church in Valdosta. If you have any questions, please see Jerome or Kelly.



Mark your calendar for the Valentine Banquet on February 16th. More details later.