

| For The Record | |
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| Bible Study..... | 48 |
| Sunday AM..... | 55 |
| Sunday PM..... | 39 |
| Wednesday..... | 38 |
| Contribution..... | \$2081 |
| Budget..... | \$1550 |
| Over/Under YTD..... | +1132 |

Sermons
A.M. Outward, Inward, Christward
P.M. Charles Cochran speaking

Mark Your Calendar

February 2-4 Winter Lectureship
February 6 Ladies Bible Study
February 10 Work Day
February 13 Tuesday M.E.P.
February 17 Valentine Banquet
February 25 Sunday M.E.P.

Privileged To Serve
Announcements.....Bud Benefield
Lord's Supper
Eric Ballard.....Zachary Benefield
Wednesday Singing.....Gerald Scale
Clean Building
Sherry Scales.....Cathy Lovvorn

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?"

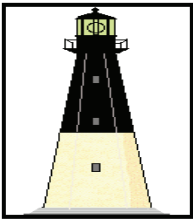
Believe - (John 8:24) "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

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

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The Gospel Light

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

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6th Annual Winter Lectureship

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February 2-4, 2007

***" Being Fruitful In
Every Good Work"***
Colossians 1:10

Friday - February 2
7:00 p.m Caleb Campbell, Columbus, GA
"Being Fruitful In Benevolence"
8:00 p.m Sidney White, Bremen, GA
"Being Fruitful In Edification"

Saturday - February 3
7:00 p.m Allen Webster, Jacksonville, AL
"Being Fruitful In Evangelism"
8:00 p.m. Terry Wheeler, Charlotte, NC
"Being Fruitful With Your Talents"

Sunday February 4
10:00 a.m. Bill Dedmon, Bowdon, GA
"Being Fruitful In The Knowledge Of God"
11:00 a.m. Terry Wheeler, Charlotte, NC
"Being Strengthened With All Might"

AN ACCIDENT GOING SOMEWHERE TO HAPPEN

By Foy Forehand

Let no one think this is a blanket condemnation of motorcycles. It is not. Illustrations from life and personal experiences, however, sometimes can be helpful in understanding principles. When I was seven or eight years old, my oldest sister married a long, tall, thin drink of water named "Jack." Jack loved motorcycles. He owned the biggest Harley available in west Texas in the early 1950s. My Momma said, "That is just an accident going somewhere to happen." Sure enough, before my sister's first anniversary, Jack took a bad spill. Scab from head to toe he laid unconscious on a bed in our house for a long time. That scared me as a little boy. Since that time I have found no joy but rather terror in the use of motorcycles. Don't misunderstand. I'm no coward about this. I have not only ridden with others on cycles, I have ridden alone. Never comfortable. Other folks are afraid of other things. Some just can't fly, but I love flying. Some people can't go near water but I love water and swimming. Because public places are inundated with practical nudity, I don't swim much any more.

I don't believe in "spiritual accidents." Unlike happenings in the physical realm where, an attempt to do something or merely being an "innocent bystander" can result in accidents that can either maim or kill, in the spiritual realm, when an individual commits a sin, it is no accident. James, the half brother of Jesus said in 1:13-16, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man: but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away buy his own lust. and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full-grown, bringeth forth death. Be not deceived, my beloved brethren."

Not only is sin no accident, but salvation is no accident. One of this scribe's favorite Old Testament passages is in which God said, "...the wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err therein." When I was a boy listening to Gospel preachers I often heard them use this as proof of the simplicity of the Gospel. The follow up statement was usually, "Anyone, even fools, can understand the Gospel." However, I am sure, now, that this passages teaches that no one enters this way as a matter of accident. Jesus said, in Luke 13:24 "Strive to enter in by the narrow door: for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able." No one strives to accomplish an accident. In Matthew 7:13,14 Jesus said, "Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it." No individual becomes a Christian by accident nor does one remain in the faithful category by accident. "Here, moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful, 1 Cor. 4:2. Salvation comes to those who "obey" Jesus, Heb. 5:8-9. We are to "observe all things whatsoever I (Jesus) commanded you" Matt. 28:20. The apostle Paul was inspired to put it this way, "Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness," Rom. 6:16.

I don't like accidents in the physical realm. No innocent victim is blameworthy in a genuine accident. God will not accept an excuse proffered under the disguise that sin is an accident. No wonder Jesus said, "If any man willeth to do his will..." John 7:17. Thank God that when we do sin (no accident) He has provided conditions for forgiveness both for the alien sinner and for the saint who falls. Eschewing an excuse, no accident, learn what Jesus requires in His last will and Testament to become an heir and to remain in that eternally beneficial position.

Via Berryville Church of Christ, Berryville AR



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

January 28

Song - Laramie Lowe

Scripture and Prayer - Larry Robinson

February 4

Song - Zachary Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - James Harrington

Wednesday Night Devotional

January 31

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Devotional - Gerald Scales

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



Mark your calendar for the Valentine Banquet, Saturday night, February 17. The men will prepare and serve the meal. If you have any questions, see Phil Harrington.



"Yes" Weekend at Forrest Park church in Valdosta, GA, on March 9,10. If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Jerome Thompson.



The Sunday night M.E.P. group will meet tonight following the evening service at Jerome and Kelly Thompson's house.



A covered dish (pot luck) meal is planned for Saturday, February 3, prior to the lectures. We will eat at 5:30 pm.



Tyler Truett; Bill Johnson; Bill and Billie Nolen; Irene Harrington; Elsie Benefield; Ida Mae Holloway; Eueline Warren, Kiley's mother; Ansley Suddeth; Tim King; Ruby Dedmon, Bill's mother.

Prayer for those in the military:

Chris Beal, Iraq; Bobby Wilson, Italy; Chris Buchanan, Iraq; Kevin Haney, Afghanistan.



Charles Cochran, from East Ridge, TN, will be here tonight, January 28, to give us some information on the upcoming door-knocking campaign in April. We will be canvassing the Bowdon area on Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14. Our Gospel Meeting with Charles will be April 15-18.



In an effort to show our appreciation to the Bowdon congregation, the elders and their wives will be treating the congregation to a hamburger and hot dog supper on Saturday night, March 3. Please make plans to attend.

Elders



February Birthdays

2/3 - Clayton Holloway

2/5 - Donnie Truett

2/14 - Connie Dedmon

2/15 - Greg Holloway

2/15 - Scott Wilson

2/25 - Sherry Scales

2/26 - Jonathan Skinner