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Bible Study.....	.43
Sunday AM.....	57
Sunday PM.....	.41
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**Gospel Meeting
With Cliff Goodwin
July 16-20**

Bowdon
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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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Homecoming and Gospel Meeting

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Ironaton Church of Christ
Talladega, AL

Schedule of Services
Sunday
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
Covered Dish Luncheon
6:00 p.m. Worship
Monday - Thursday
7:30 P.M.

O.K., Then What Is The Purpose of Baptism?

Baptism is without doubt one of the most debated biblical subject. In my thirty-plus years of preaching I have had many to dispute what the Bible has to say about baptism. I suspect that the average man (outside the church) does not believe for a moment that baptism has anything to do with going to heaven. If baptism is not for the purpose of having our sins forgiven, then what is its purpose. Many people eagerly await the opportunity to tell you what baptism doesn't do, but it is critical that we know without doubt what baptism will do.

Many denominational preachers are quick to tell us that baptism doesn't have anything to do with salvation. According to them, a person is baptized after becoming a Christian. One such preacher uses the formula in Matthew 28:18-20, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Baptism follows making a disciple. Christ commanded to go into all the world to make disciples and then we are to baptize them. It seems that what the Bible actually says is to make disciples by baptizing them. Mark's account of the charge from Jesus reads like this, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned" (Mark 16:15,16). The disciples are those who believe and are baptized.

In Acts chapter two we have an example of disciples being made. "And Peter *said* unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). It seems that Peter settles the baptism question. The purpose for baptism is to have sins forgiven. But, that is not necessarily the case. The opponents of baptism say that a person is baptized "because" his sins are forgiven. My Bible doesn't say that. According to opponents, the Greek word that is translated "for" (KJV) or "unto" means "because of." I don't believe that for a minute and neither do the people that teach it. Jesus said, "For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). The exact construction and wording is used in both places. If we are to be baptized because we have already been saved (our sins forgiven), then we must conclude that Jesus died because our sins had been forgiven. Isn't it a shame that Jesus died when He didn't have to die.

I believe that everyone will agree that in order to be saved or to go to heaven, a person must be in Christ. Listen to the apostle Paul, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). Is it possible for one to go to heaven out of Christ? Obviously, not. Is it possible to be in Christ without having sins forgiven? Again, we hear a resounding "No". The same thing that puts one in Christ also is what takes away sin. "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on His name" (Acts 22:16).

Bill Dedmon



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

Sunday Morning Devotional

July 16

Song - Greg Holloway

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Dedmon

July 23

Song - Zach Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - James Harrington

July 30

Song - Mark Wilson

Scripture and Prayer - Ben Teel

Wednesday Night Devotional

July 26

Song - Mark Wilson

Devotional - James Harrington

Announcements - James Harrington

August 2

Song - Jerome Thompson

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



Homecoming and Gospel Meeting starts today and the meeting will conclude on Thursday night, July 20. Cliff Goodwin from the Ironaton congregation in Talladega, AL, will be our guest preacher.

Those to Serve for August:

Announcements - Eric Ballard

Wednesday Singing - Jerome Thompson

Communion - Greg Holloway

Clean Building - Sherry Scales



Gary Lovvorn, Ken's half-brother; **Irene Harrington** is still experiencing a lot of pain;

Bill Nolen had surgery on his knee July 13; **Billie Nolen**; **Susan Buchanan**; **Ansley Suddeth**; **Elsie Benefield**; **Ida Mae Holloway**; **Eueline Warren**, Kiley Fordham's mother; **Charles Gowens**.



Jerome Thompson has a tubing trip planned for the youth (and all who want to go) in Helen, GA on Saturday, July 22. The group will leave the building at 7:00 a.m.



Ladies' Bible Class will start back on Tuesday, August 1, at 7:00 pm. After a short devotion, plans will begin for our Ladies' Day on September 30 with Cindy Colley.



There will not be a bulletin the week of July 30 due to Bill and Connie being on vacation. Be sure to look at the assignments for the next two weeks.



There will be a youth devotion on August 6 at April and Kiley Fordham's house following the evening worship service.



The men of the congregation have been setting aside one day during the meeting for a period of fellowship on the golf course. Anyone who is interested in playing golf on July 20th is asked to sign the list on the bulletin board.