

For The Record

Bible Study..... n/a
Sunday AM..... 40
Sunday PM.....35
Wednesday.....39
Contribution \$1369
Budget..... \$1702

Sermons

A.M. Hatred of the World
P.M. Monthly Singing Night

Mark Your Calendar

June 15-19 Vacation Bible School
June 22-25 Gospel Meeting @ West
GA Church of Christ
July 20-24 Gospel Meeting with
Phillip Satterfield
August 18 Classes begin at West GA
School of Biblical Studies

Those To Serve (June)

Announcements.....Kiley Fordham
Communion
Adam Holloway... Wesley Benefield
Wed. Singing.....Ken Lovvorn
Clean Building.....April Fordham

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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"If the world hate you, ye know that it

hated me before it hated you" John 15:18

Have You Counted The Cost?

I am concerned about things that are happening or have happened recently, but I am really troubled with two things in particular. Our below budget numbers and the eternal consequences if we fail to count the cost of our souls being lost if we are not good stewards. The Bible commands us to give as we have been prospered on a weekly basis. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:1,2). As of today we are something like \$4,000.00 below budget for the year. Or to put it another way, we are averaging about \$200.00 per week below our weekly budget. Fortunately, and unfortunately, we are not at the panic point yet. On the fortunate side, we are able to maintain our commitments for the year. We are able to pay the preacher, utilities, and continue with our evangelistic and missions funding. On the other hand, or unfortunately, we have not been able to expand our evangelistic outreach and increase support for missions both locally and abroad. At the beginning of the year the elders had planned to send *House to House Heart To Heart* to some Carrollton routes that border the areas in Bowdon. Also we had talked about using the newspaper or radio in the Alabama communities that border us. Further, we had explored the possibility of broadcasting our worship services over the internet, but unfortunately these things cannot be implemented at this time.

The big question is why? Why are we running below budget? The answer that is most common is the gas and grocery prices. Is that really the cause, or could it be we are not putting the Lord first? Gas prices are high and perhaps they will get higher. Are we cutting our contributions because we are spending more for gas instead of cutting some of our other expenses? I have noticed that a cup of coffee or glass of tea is over \$2.00 in a lot of restaurants. Milk is about \$6.00 a gallon. The cost of living is high. The cost of dying lost is higher. Is anyone willing to disobey the Lord when it comes to our giving because gas prices are at an all-time high? Can we afford to face the Lord in judgment and say, "Gas prices were too high, I had to cut back on my contribution"? Do you know that some families will spend more money on a week's vacation that they will put in the collection plate for an entire year?

Have you counted the cost? A. J. Hodge wrote in his song words of warning:

"Have you counted the cost, if your soul should be lost, Though you gain the whole world for your own? Even now it may be that the line you have crossed. Have you counted, have you counted the cost? "

Jesus said, "...whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mk. 8:34-36).

-Bill Dedmon 6/1/07



Welcome to our visitors. You are our special guest. We trust the worship service today will be uplifting and in harmony with God's word.

Sunday Morning Devotional

June 1

Song - Scott Wilson

Scripture and Prayer - Donnie Truett

June 8

Song—Casey Ballard

Scripture and Prayer –Adam Holloway

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 28

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



The Tuesday night M.E.P. group will meet June 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dedmons. See Connie about the menu.



There will be a Teachers' Meeting today at 5:00 pm. All VBS teachers and staff are asked to attend. This is a very important meeting; every one make an effort to attend. Vacation Bible School begins Sunday, June 15.



Thanks to Bud Benefield and Greg Holloway for filling the pulpit last Sunday in Bill's absence. They both did outstanding jobs.



There will be an Elders' meeting this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Library.



Bill Johnson has been in the hospital; **Carol Ellis**, daughter of J.C. and Ann Watkins, is to undergo surgery for breast cancer. J.C. preaches for the White Oak congregation in Chattanooga; **Audrey Marlow**, Ken Lovvorn's aunt; **Taylor Brown; Melinda Harlin; Jeff Denney; Irene Harrington; Ida Mae Holloway; Ansley Suddeth; Willard Elder**, Jada Truett's dad; our unfaithful members; our young people; those who had damage from tornadoes in recent months.

Serving in our military:

Jason Benefield, Keith Freeman, Paul Wheeler, Toby Hill.



Gospel Meeting at West GA church of Christ June 22—25. The guest speaker is Frank Chessar of Montgomery, AL. Times of services Monday through Wednesday night are at 7:00.



Welcome! Caylor Kole Whitley was born on May 21, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and measured 21 1/4 inches long. The proud parents are Nikki and Corey Whitley and the proud grandma is Joyce Whitley. The big sister is Carsyn.

Jackson Thomas Lovvorn arrived on May 29, 2008 at 3:44 PM. He weighted 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21.5" long. All are well including "Big Sister", Mia. The happy parents are Kip and April Lovvorn. The proud grandparents are Ken and Cathy Lovvorn.