

**For The Record**

Bible Study.....	52
Sunday AM.....	67
Sunday PM.....	46
Wednesday.....	48
Contribution.....	\$1106
Budget.....	\$1380
Over/Under YTD.....	+\$680

**Sermons**

A.M. Jesus - Nearing The End of Earthly Ministry  
P.M. Warnings and Admonitions

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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

**SHEPHERDS**

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Greg Holloway  
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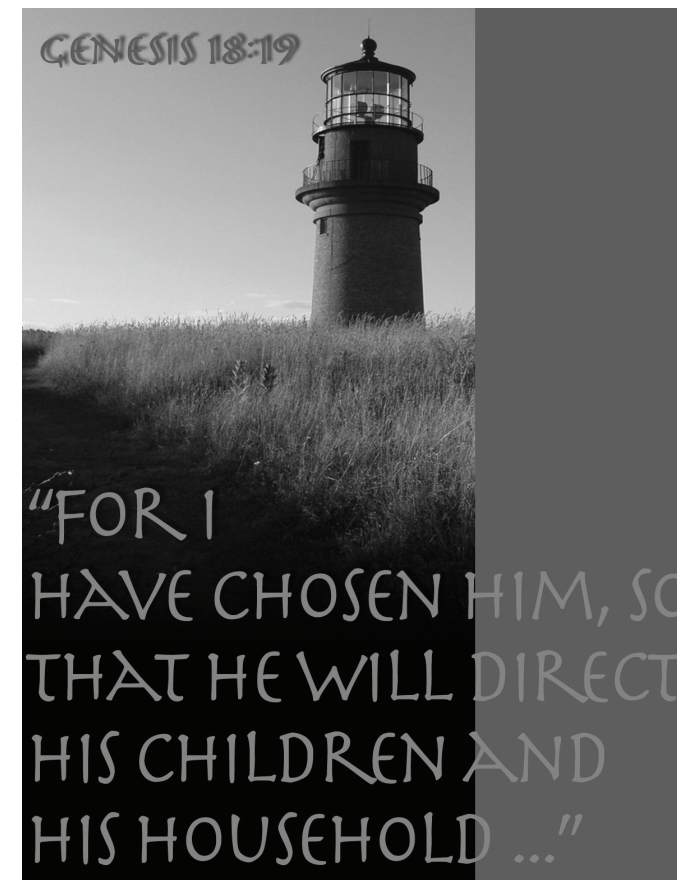
Roger Leonard  
Corinto, Nicaragua

# The Gospel Light

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

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## Personal Responsibility

On December 26, 2005, Jeff Reardon, a former major league baseball player, robbed a jewelry store of \$170 cash. He was on five anti-depressant drugs and four or five heart medications. His defense is that the drugs made him lose his mind, and that he is therefore not guilty.

In the practice of avoiding personal responsibility many people undergo a partial transformation in their thinking. They do not go so far as to call evil good and good evil, but they fee justified in themselves for any particular act. It is a common practice for one to ease his or her conscience by blaming someone or something else for their actions. When Saul failed to follow military orders, he blamed the people (1 Samuel 15:3, 15). His rationalization did not work--God took the kingdom from him (vs. 28).

Ogden Nash once asked, "Why did the Lord give agility if not to escape responsibility?" Indeed, the current culture is very agile at the "blame game." We have graduated far beyond the devil like Flip Wilson used to do. We still blame our parents. The ever-popular "lapse in judgment" is still a popular escape.

Rationalization is an attempt at self-justification. Rationalization has two major goals: First, to make one look good--an attempt to justify behavior to others. Second, it is an attempt to feel better about ourselves. Rationalization does not really justify. It is the ancient art of excuse making that began in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:12-13). It is offering a false reason for one's actions and ignoring the truth. It is seen in:

**Blaming Circumstances.** One might admit a wrong, but say, "I couldn't help it, the temptation was too strong." Temptation comes to us all (Heb. 4:15). We decide what we will do with it (James 1:14, 15).

**Blaming Others.** As children we learned "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall." The modern twist, however, is that Humpty Dumpty was pushed! Adam blamed Eve (Gen. 3:12). Eve blamed the serpent (Gen. 3:13). God held them both accountable (Gen. 3:14-19).

**Blaming Society.** Some lawyers and psychiatrists make their living by shifting responsibility to everyone and everything except the transgressor. Admittedly, there are people who are insane (not responsible), but many are just mean and evil. Aaron shifted blame to others (Exodus 32:21-24), but he and the people were responsible (vs. 35).

**Blaming the Accuser.** The idea is common that no one has a right to say what is right or wrong. It is heard in the old refrain, "Who are you to accuse me?" One who dares to point out error is said to be meddling, or judging. Sometimes the accuser is accused of being judgmental when he's merely judging a tree by its fruits (Matt. 7:18-20). Sometimes an accuser is said to be a troublemaker when he is really trying to be helpful (1Kings 18:17-18). Sometimes an accuser is accused of being a hypocrite (Matt. 7:5; 23:1-3). Maybe he is. Maybe he isn't. Sometimes an accuser is accused of being an enemy (1 Kings 33:8). No one fears the truth unless he needs to.

Dennis Gullede, Mabelvale, AR



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***

March 19

Song - Zach Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Ben Teel

March 26

Song - Scott Wilson

Scripture and Prayer - Jerome Thompson

### ***Wednesday Night Devotional***

March 22

Song - Bud Benefield

Devotional - Greg Holloway

Announcements - Greg Holloway



Fellowship meal is today following the morning worship service. The menu is Italian.



Men's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday night, March 21, at 7:00. Donnie Truett will lead the study.



A report from Mainor Perez, Corinto, Nicaragua, is on the table in the foyer. They have added eleven new Christians to their number recently. As a result of these conversions they need several Bibles. If you would like to help with providing Bibles for the church in Corinto, give your money (any amount will help) to Bill.

### ***Continue To Pray For:***

**Ansley Suddeth**, 12 year old daughter of a Carroll County fire captain, has throat cancer and is beginning chemotherapy. **Irene Harrington, Elsie Benefield, Ida Mae Holloway, Susan Buchanan** will have outpatient surgery at Piedmont Hospital tomorrow on her leg, **Claude Harris**, Eva Johnson's father, **Margaret Swint, Euline Warren** had gall bladder surgery Tuesday, **Charles Gowens** has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

### ***Pray For The Military:***

**Seth Crawford**, a friend of Wes and Zach Benefield, is serving in Iraq.



The Cedartown church will host their 15th Annual Ladies' Day on Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 9:00 am with Sheila Butt speaking. The theme is "Seeking Spiritual Beauty". Make your plans to attend.

The Tallapoosa congregation will host a Gospel Meeting, March 19-22 with Paul Kirkpatrick of Clemmons, NC, speaking. The theme will be "Responsibilities of the Church". Services will be at 7:00 pm, Monday - Wednesday.



Beginning in April, every other month on the third Sunday night, the men of the congregation will present a lesson. A list is on the bulletin board for those who wish to participate to sign up.