



# The Gospel Light

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

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### 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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### 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."

### For The Record

Bible Study.....	.60
Sunday AM.....	62
Sunday PM.....	.42
Wednesday.....	.33
Contribution.....	\$1312
Budget.....	\$1702

### Sermons

A.M. Unity - Jerome Thompson  
P.M. Ye Who Are Spiritual

### Mark Your Calendar

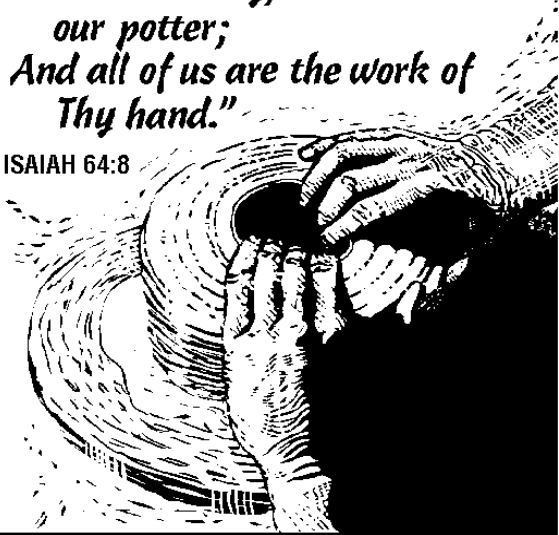
March 30	Young men to conduct morning worship service
April 1	Ladies' Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
April 19	Ladies' Day at Cedar-town
April 19	Girls' Tea
April 19	Golf Outing
May 10	Graduates Cookout
May 25	Guest Speaker
June 15-19	Vacation Bible School
July 20-24	Gospel Meeting with Phillip Satterfield

### Those To Serve (April)

Announcements. . . . Adam Holloway  
Communion. . . . . Bill Nolen  
Wed. Singing. . . . . Jerome Thompson  
Clean Building. . . . . Sandra Harrington

*"But now, O Lord, Thou art  
our Father,  
We are the clay, and Thou  
our potter;  
And all of us are the work of  
Thy hand."*

ISAIAH 64:8



## SUFFERING & REIGNING WITH CHRIST

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us" (2 Tim. 2:12). This passage of scripture is one of the "faithful" sayings of Paul. "It is a faithful saying: for if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer we shall also reign with him..." (2 Tim. 2:11,12).

In the first place let us notice the reward of suffering not only with Jesus but for him. The idea of suffering is not new. It is the fate of all men. Job said, "Man that is born of woman is of a few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1).

There are two misconceptions concerning suffering. Many believe that suffering is a sign of unrighteousness. The friends of Job were certain of this. Elinhaz said concerning Job, "Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment? Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?" (Job 22:4). Many times people have the misunderstanding that because they are suffering, they are living a "faithful Christian life". The truth of the matter is simply this, good and bad people suffer afflictions and they also enjoy the better things in life. In Luke chapter 16, we have two people. One had nothing but trouble; the other, wealthy with no cares. If what many people think were true, the wrong man was sent to hell. The suffering, starving beggar should have been the one condemned. The other extreme must also be avoided. People suffer many times because of the things they bring on themselves. They are not suffering for the cause of Christ. If a man murders another and is sent to prison for the rest of his life or to the gas chamber, (which today unfortunately is unlikely to happen), he is suffering because of his sin and not for Christ. It is impossible to suffer with Christ, if one is not in Christ. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Let us look at the second half of the passage. "If we suffer with him we shall reign with him, *if we deny him, he will deny us.*" Denying Christ demands a penalty. Today we have a decision. We must accept or reject Jesus Christ. There is a song that asks this question, "What will you do with Jesus?" The closing stanza of the song reverses the question, "What will Jesus do with you?" The Bible teaches that men will stand before God and be rewarded for his deeds, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:33).

-Bill Dedmon 3/30/08



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

March 30

Song - Zachary Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Nolen

April 6

Song - Greg Holloway

Scripture and Prayer - Ben Teel

### Wednesday Night Devotional

April 2

Song - Jerome Thompson

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



The young men of the congregation will be conducting the worship service this morning. Please make every effort to be here and support them in this effort.



The Tuesday night M.E.P. group will meet at the home of Kiley and April Fordham on Tuesday night, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.



We are in the process of updating our records. If your address, telephone number, or email address has changed recently, please give the information to Bill.



Ladies' Bible Class will meet Tuesday, April 1, at 7:00 pm in the Library.



**Sabrina Bearden; Audrey Marlow, Ken Lovvorn's aunt; Taylor Brown; Melinda Harlin; Jeff Denney; Bill Johnson** has been in the hospital for several days; **Irene Harrington; Ida Mae Holloway; Ansley Suddeth; Melinda Fendley, Sandra Harrington's sister; Lawrence Akin, Edie Anderson's dad;** several are still sick with colds, flu, sinus problems, viruses.

### Serving in our military:

**Tony Goodman, Jason Benefield, Cope Rowell, Keith Freeman, Paul Wheeler, Chris Buchanan, Toby Hill.**



Mainor Perez had a heart catheterization done in Costa Rica earlier this month and the doctors could not find any reason for his problems. He said a couple of weeks ago that he would be back in Nicaragua by now, but I have not confirmed that. I do not know if he plans to have any other tests done at this time.

Roger Leonard

### Birthdays

Cathy Lovvorn - 4/3

Julie Wilson - 4/10

Mark Wilson - 4/13

Eva Johnson - 4/19

Clay Holloway - 4/22

Zachary Benefield - 4/22

Andrew Harrington - 4/25

Linda Harrington - 4/25



### Anniversaries

Ken and Cathy Lovvorn - 4/21

Corey and Nikki Whitley - 4/28