

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	37
Sunday AM.....	53
Sunday PM.....	32
Wednesday.....	27
Contribution .....	\$1038
Budget.....	\$1702

**Sermons**  
A.M. Honoring Mothers  
P.M. The Will of God

**Mark Your Calendar**

May 11 VBS Teachers' and Staff Meeting @ 5:00 pm  
May 13 M.E.P. at the Dedmons @ 7:00 pm  
May 25 Guest Speaker  
June 15-19 Vacation Bible School  
July 20-24 Gospel Meeting with Phillip Satterfield

**Those To Serve (May)**  
Announcements.....Gerald Scales  
Communion..... Gary Anderson  
Wed. Singing.....Kiley Fordham  
Clean Building  
Alesa Holloway.....Kristi Attaway

**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**  
Bill Dedmon  
James Harrington  
Greg Holloway  
Donnie Truett

**DEACONS**  
Bud Benefield  
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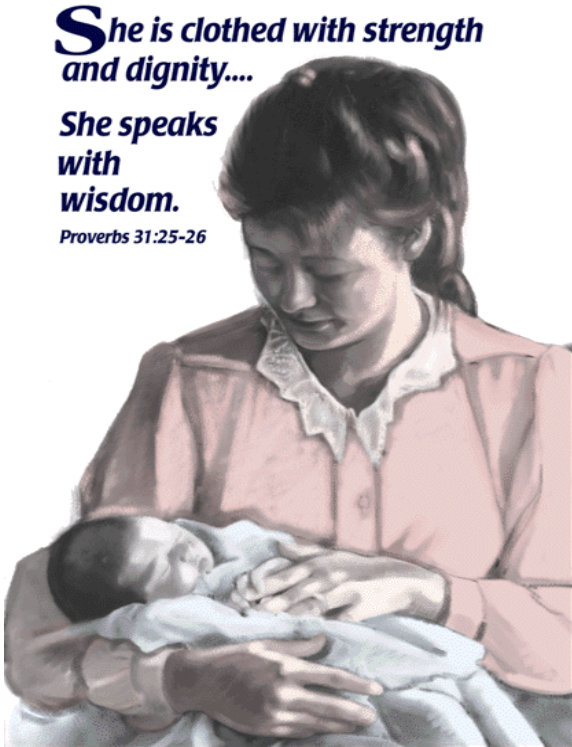
**MISSIONS**  
Roger Leonard  
Corinto, Nicaragua  
Gospel Broadcasting Network



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

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## Other Sheep Who Are Not Of This Fold

By Steve Higginbotham

This morning, I was listening to an interview of a religious leader who, because of some rather controversial comments, has recently been under the scrutiny of the public spotlight. This religious leader, a “pastor” in the United Church of Christ was asked several questions at the National Press Club. One of the questions that he was asked was if he thought that those who are Islamic can be saved?” His curt reply was that Jesus has other sheep who are not of this fold. This answer prompted cheers and applause by those who were assembled.

It is true that Jesus said, “And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd” (John 10:16). The question however is whether it is the proper application of Jesus’ words to suggest that those who adhere to the Islamic faith are the “sheep” under consideration. With a little examination, one can conclude that this is not an accurate interpretation of Jesus’ words. Such an interpretation contradicts other statements of Jesus. Consider:

- Jesus said that, “No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Islam does not believe that one must come to God through Jesus.
- Jesus said that, “...if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” (John 8:24). Islam does not believe that Jesus was the Son of God.
- The inspired apostle, Luke said, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Islam does not believe that salvation is only in the name of Jesus.

Friends, in light of these passages, and many more, do you really think that Islam is “the other flock” that Jesus had in mind when he said, Other sheep I have which are not of this fold?”

Well, it may be clear to us what this statement does not mean, but what then does it mean? What is the proper interpretation of this statement in John 10:16? When Jesus said he had other sheep who were not of this fold, he was contrasting the Jews and Gentiles. Jesus and his disciples came preaching to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 10:6). But the time was coming when the Gentiles would also be brought into this “sheepfold.” Numerous Old Testament passages teach this (e.g. Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; 56:8; Micah 4:1-5). Jesus is saying in John 10:16 what Paul said in Ephesians 2:14-17, that he had created “one new man from the two,” and that he reconciled “both to God in one body through the cross.”

In other words, the other sheep that Jesus had referred to were the Gentiles. The time was coming when Jews and Gentiles would both come together in one sheepfold, live in peace, and follow the voice of Jesus.

To suggest that the other sheep that Jesus has are those who will not follow him, and in fact, do not even believe in him, not only does violence to the text, but borders on the preposterous.

via South Green Street church of Christ - Glasgow, KY



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

May 11

Song - Zach Benefield

Scripture & Prayer - Bill Nolen

May 18

Song - Kiley Fordham

Scripture and Prayer - Larry Robinson

### Wednesday Night Devotional

May 12

Song - Kiley Fordham

Devotional - Jerome Thompson

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



Youth Devo

There will be a Youth Devotional tonight, May 11th, following evening service at Ken and Cathy Lovvorn’s. All of our young people plan to attend and bring a friend or two. For details, please see Jerome.



M.E.P.

The Tuesday night M.E.P. group will meet May 13 at the home of Bill and Connie Dedmon at 7:00 p.m. The ladies of the group are asked to see Connie about the menu.



There have been some updates to our website recently. If you have not visited the site lately, please click on [www.bowdonchurchofchrist.com](http://www.bowdonchurchofchrist.com).



**Eric Ballard** was involved in an auto accident Thursday morning coming home from work. He was not seriously injured; **Bill Johnson; Audrey Marlow**, Ken Lovvorn’s aunt; **Taylor Brown; Melinda Harlin; Jeff Denney; Irene Harrington; Ida Mae Holloway; Ansley Suddeth**; our unfaithful members; our young people.

### Serving in our military:

**Jason Benefield, Cope Rowell, Keith Freeman, Paul Wheeler, Toby Hill.**



Parents, don’t forget *Pewpackers* meet every Sunday at 5:45 pm. We need all young people eight years old and under to participate if this activity. There are only two more meetings before summer break.



There will be a Teachers’ Meeting today, May 11, at 5:00 pm. All VBS teachers and staff are asked to attend.



Thanks to Ethan Smith of the West GA congregation for being with us last Wednesday night to give a presentation on Backwoods Christian Camp. Camp applications are on the table in the foyer.



Be sure to check out the table in the foyer. There are several good publications: *Arise to Truth*, published by the White Oak church of Christ, Chattanooga, TN; the *Spiritual Sword* quarterly publication; *House to House and Heart to Heart* (new); and other materials of interest.