

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	
Sunday AM.....	
Sunday PM.....	
Wednesday.....	
Contribution.....	\$1302
Budget.....	\$1550
Over/Under YTD.....	+\$

Sermons:
Leroy Dedmon will be speaking at both services

Mark Your Calendar

June 16 Bill & Billie Nolen's 50th
Wedding Anniversary
June 17-21 Vacation Bible School
June 30 White Water Rafting
July 1-3 Nationwide Gospel Meet-
ing - Ryman Auditorium -
GBN
July 15-19 Gospel Meeting - Randy
Medlin

Privileged To Serve (June)

Announcements. . . . Jonathan Skinner
Lord's Supper
Adam Holloway. . . . Wesley Benefield
Wednesday Singing. . . . TBA
Clean Building
April Fordham.Joan Robinson

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?"

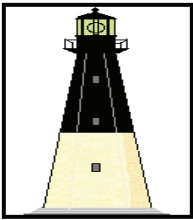
Believe - (John 8:24) "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

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

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The Gospel Light

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

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NASCAR, GOD AND POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

Dan Jenkins

I guess it is fair to say that I am a NASCAR fan. Probably not an addict, at least I don't have a number 3 or number 24 pasted somewhere on my car. However, I do try to watch the races, even though I usually see most of them on tape delay late Sunday evenings.

There is one aspect of this I really find interesting. Each event begins with a prayer led by a religious leader in the area of that week's race. Needless to say, many of these prayer leaders are conservative in their background, and all of them are faced with the dilemma of whether or not to pray in the name of Jesus. To do so is certainly not politically correct, for it offends those who do not believe in Jesus. Come to think of it, even praying to the Father would not be politically correct. It might offend those who see the concept of God being a father as sexism, and it for sure would offend those who are agnostics or atheists.

This illustrates an increasing pressure that every one of us faces. Do we change the profession of our faith because it might upset others or make them uncomfortable? How should we respond when off-colored jokes are told in our presence? How do we respond when others are discussing moral issues? Do we simply say nothing about sexual immorality lest someone call us a homophobe? Do we keep silent in a group setting when others are urging the ending of an "unhappy" marriage? Do we sit silently when injustice is being shown in the community, at school, or the work place? At times like these, there is far more at stake than political correctness.

Think about what God has said. God told Joshua, "Only be strong and very courageous..." and Joshua told Israel, "Be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written" (Josh. 1:7; 23:6). Think of how He extols the courage of David against Goliath; the Hebrew children at the fiery furnace; Esther risking her life to go before the king; Joseph of Arimathea asking for Jesus' body before the other members of the Jewish Sanhedrin; and the lives of Stephen and Paul.

We are too often like Timothy whose timidity was rebuked by Paul. "Stir up the gift of God which is in you... for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" (2 Tim. 1:6-9).

Being politically correct may have its place, but being heavenly correct is far more important!

Dan Jenkins preaches for the Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ in Palm Beach lakes, FL



Welcome to all our visitors. You are our special guest. Please fill out an attendance card so we may have a record of your attendance.

Sunday Morning Devotional

May 27

Song - Ben Teel

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Nolen

June 3

Song - Kiley Fordham

Scripture and Prayer - Donnie Truett

June 10

Song - Scott Wilson

Scripture and Prayer - Adam Holloway

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 30

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Devotional - Gerald Scales

Announcements - Gerald Scales

June 6

Song - TBA

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



All VBS teachers and workers are asked to meet with Bud Benefield on Sunday, June 3, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. Remember Vacation Bible School begins on June 17. Our theme is "*Can You Dig It?*"



We welcome Leroy Dedmon, Bill's brother, to the Bowdon congregation today. Leroy will be preaching at both services. (Bill and Connie are on vacation.) They will return on June 1. Due to their being away this week there will not be a bulletin for June 3.



Gary Holloway will have surgery on May 31; **Melinda Harlin**; **Jeff Denney**; **Joanne Branamon**; **Bill Johnson**; **Irene Harrington**; **Elsie Benefield**; **Ida Mae Holloway** will have surgery on June 1; **Eueline and Cecil Warren**, Kiley's mother and step-father; **Ansley Suddeth**; **Ruby Dedmon**, Bill's mother; **Melinda Fendley** is having surgery this week.

Serving in our military:

Chris Beal and Tony Goodman in Iraq; **Bobby Wilson, Kevin Haney**, and **Earl Taylor** in Afghanistan.



There are VBS invitation cards on the table in the foyer. We always have awards for those who bring the most visitors, so be sending out the invitations now.



White water rafting trip is June 30 for ages 7 and up. Jerome needs the money for the trip by June 17th. See him for amounts due.



June Birthdays:

6/2 - Chelsie Goolsby

6/7 - Anice Wilson

6/11 - Gerald Scales

6/12 - James Harrington

6/14 - Gary Anderson

6/14 - Bill Johnson

6/20 - Carsyn Whitley

6/20 - Stephanie Ballard

6/21 - Ron Wilson

6/25 - Caydie Ballard

6/25 - Jerome Thompson