

For The Record

Bible Study.46
Sunday AM.	63
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Sermon Topics:

A.M Craig Dedmon, Speaking
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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

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The Gospel Light

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

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Plan To Attend

50th Anniversary

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November 12, 2006

Schedule of Services

10:00 A.M.. - Richard Barnes
11:00 A.M. - Hugh Gannon
Covered Dish Lunch
1:30 P.M. Bud Benefield

"BE YE STEDFAST"
Gary McDade

Let us spend a moment studying one of the splendid summary statements of the New Testament. The passage under consideration is I Corinthians 15:58. It reads, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." This passage might be viewed as laying within the categories of admonitions to faithfulness, discipleship, perseverance, conviction, assurance, and possibly others, but in order to develop any of these thoughts it must first be appreciated within the context in which it appears.

The apostle Paul was writing to the church at Corinth about several areas of concern which they of the household of Chloe had at least partially informed him (I Cor. 1:11). Generally speaking, the areas of concern were division among brethren (chapters 1-4), fornication (chapter 5), sinful litigation (chapter 6), marriage (chapter 7), eating meats offered to idols (chapters 8-10), the Lord's supper (chapter 11), spiritual gifts (chapters 12-14), the gospel in general and the resurrection in particular (chapter 15), and the collection (chapter 16). It is in his remarks following mortal man putting on immortality at the resurrection and the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ that Paul urged the Christian's faithfulness, perseverance, dedication, and steadfastness in I Corinthians 15:58.

The word "therefore" couples verse fifty-eight with the foregoing thoughts and based upon them this demanding charge is given. Select words and phrases in the text are "stedfast," "unmoveable," "always abounding in the work of the Lord," "ye know," "not in vain," and "in the Lord." Every Christian should not only have these words as part of his religious vocabulary but also, and even more important, as part of his character. A major point in this study is that Paul was writing by the inspiration of God addressing spiritual problems which were hindering the church at Corinth. And, through his writings the Christians could be spiritually strengthened as those problems were corrected. Elsewhere in the New Testament Paul wrote, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). The nature of the word of God to strengthen spiritually by producing faith in them that believe (Heb. 4:2) was at the heart of the Corinthians being "stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Are there any problems in the church today? Are there any that have grown fainthearted? Are some living a worldly life that is only tinted with Christianity? Then, what the church needs today is the word of God. It must be read, taught, preached, and lived with greater fervor and zeal than has become observable in recent years. Man is an immortal being who will exist eternally in either heaven or hell. Admittance into the one and avoidance of the other requires a power greater than man with all he can do for himself. The word of God is the answer "for the word of God is quick [living, ASV], and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even of the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). Who then shall keep us from God's source of life giving power? Shall misunderstanding it, or shall tribulation or persecution yield offence at it? Shall the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke away the life from it? (See: Matthew 13:18-23). Aware that the Christian is receiving a command of God that will cause him to be productive in the kingdom of God, will he take into a good and honest heart Paul's words, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always bounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Getwell church of Christ - Memphis, TN



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

October 1

Song - Wes Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Ron Wilson

October 8

Song - Casey Ballard

Scripture and Prayer - Gerald Scales

Wednesday Night Devotional

October 4

Song - Gerald Scales

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



The bi-monthly youth devotional will be tonight at Phil and Sandra Harrington's house following the evening service.



"Pewpackers" will begin this afternoon at 5:45 pm. Please have the young folks here on time.

October Birthdays:

10/2 - April Fordham

10/11 - Kaitlyn Smith

10/19 - Joyce Whitley

10/21 - Sherry Thomas

10/21 - Eric Ballard

10/24 - Laramie Lowe

10/27 - Jordon Glaze

10/27 - Tiffany Holloway



Bill Johnson; Gary Lovvorn, Ken's half-brother; **Irene Harrington; Susan Buchanan** will have additional surgery Thursday; **Ansley Suddeth; Elsie Benefield; Ida Mae Holloway; Eueline Warren,** Kiley Fordham's mother.

Prayer for those in the military:

Cope Rowell, Afghanistan; **Chris Beal,** Iraq; **Bobby Wilson,** Italy; **Seth Crawford,** Iraq.



October 1-5 - Gospel Meeting at Lithia Springs Church of Christ. Paul Sain is the guest speaker. Services Monday - Thursday are at 7:30 p.m. We would like to have a good group go Monday evening. See Bill and we may can do some carpooling.

October 15-19 - Gospel Meeting at Villa Rica Church of Christ. Services Sunday thru Thursday nights are at 7:30. Area preachers will be speaking on the plan of salvation. See the bulletin board for the list of speakers.



Congratulations to Kimberly on the birth of Natalie. Natalie was born on Wednesday afternoon and weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 inches long.



The October 2006 issue of the Spiritual Sword is on the table in the foyer. Pick up a copy for yourself and perhaps one for a friend.