

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.54
Sunday AM.....	64
Sunday PM.....	.49
Wednesday.....	.43
Contribution.....	\$1432
Budget.....	\$1380
Over/Under YTD.....	+\$2969

Sermon Topics:
A.M Last Things
P.M. Take Heed How You Hear (2)

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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
“Pewpackers” 5:45 P.M.
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

HOW TO SAVE THE CHURCH

The Lord's church today is facing trying times. A couple of decades ago one of our preachers commented, "Dark clouds are on the horizon." Friend, those dark clouds now hover over us. Digressions are growing at a rapid pace. If we are to turn the tide of apostasy, we must arise **NOW** to meet the great challenges before us. We cannot sit idly by while efforts are underway to destroy the precious bride of Christ and the influence of the Bible. Many have compromised the truth on virtually every subject. In the long ago, God declared through the prophet, "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression" (Isa. 58:1). For many years the warning has been sounded, but seemingly has fallen on deaf ears. If the church is to be saved from the evil that abounds, we must "awake" from our spiritual sleep, and walk as wise men and not as fools (Eph. 5:14-16). If we are to save the church, we must:

- ◆ **Develop elders who can and will convict the gainsayer.** This is required of those who are appointed to serve as elders in local congregations (Titus 1:10). Elders must be "apt to teach" (1 Tim. 3:2), and as "overseers" they must watch over the flock and warn their flock concerning false teachers; false teaching; and compromise (Acts 20:28-30). In the selection of elders we must put the premium on spiritual matters and not on the popularity of the men. Elders must do all within their power to keep the congregation spiritually clean and sound in doctrine and practice.
- ◆ **Teach and train men to preach the gospel.** There is no greater work than that of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. So noble is the task of declaring the counsel of God that Paul wrote, "... *Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*" (1 Cor. 9:16). We need men who will mount the pulpit and, without fear or favor, preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). We must begin now to instill into our young men the urgency of preaching the word of God (1 Tim. 4:1-4).
- ◆ **Practice discipline.** In order to preserve purity and truth and to strengthen the church, we must, as the Bible teaches, practice discipline within the body of Christ. When elders of a local congregation allow the name of the Lord to be degraded and scoffed at by worldly and insincere members, they set the church back for years and create problems that may never be overcome. Further reading on this subject is found in 1 Cor. 5; 2 Thess. 3; and Heb. 12.
- ◆ **Preach the Bible, not emotionalism.** What we have to offer those in sin is the pure message of God and the plan of redemption. Nearly any actor in Hollywood can jerk more tears than we can and most lawyers are better at swaying an audience. But God has entrusted us with the Gospel of Salvation (Mark 16:15; Rom. 1:14-16; 1 Cor. 9:16). When we resort to playing on people's emotions rather than teaching them, we are on the road to sectarianism.
- ◆ **Do more teaching on church identity.** A generation ago, gospel meetings were conducted to introduce people to New Testament principles of doctrine, the church, worship, the organization of the church, salvation, etc. Unfortunately, in many areas today, these things are not taught and it's no wonder that people do not know the difference between the Lord's church and denominations.

—Jimmy Ferguson, 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 29

Song - Mark Wilson

Scripture and Prayer - Ben Teel

November 5

Song - Kiley Fordham

Scripture and Prayer - Donnie Truett

Wednesday Night Devotional

November 1

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



November Birthdays

11/5 - Madison Holder
11/12 - Alyssa Wilson
11/13 - Brittany Thomas
11/17 - Susan Buchanan
11/21 - Ken Lovvorn
11/27 - Arnold Hargrove
11/27 - Ellis Thompson
11/28 - Bud Benefield



Are you ready for some football? Sunday afternoon, November 5, all who are interested in playing "flag football" be at the building at 1:30. See Jerome for more information.

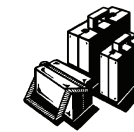


REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

Yvonne Allen; Bill Johnson; Gary Lovvorn, Ken's half-brother; **Irene Harrington; Susan Buchanan; Ansley Suddeth; Elsie Benefield; Ida Mae Holloway; Cecil and Eueline Warren**, Kiley's stepfather and mother.

Prayer for those in the military:

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



Bill and Connie will be leaving on Thursday, November 2, to attend the Cold Harbor Road Lectureship in Mechanicsville, VA. Jerome Thompson will be speaking on Sunday morning and Kiley Fordham will have the devotional on Sunday night.



Ladies' Bible Class will be Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 pm. There will be a recap of this year's Ladies' Day, etc.



There will be a Youth Rally at the Lithia Springs congregation on Saturday, November 11, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Please make plans to attend.

Those to serve for November:

Announcements - Kiley Fordham
Lord's Supper - Bud Benefield
Casey Ballard
Wednesday Singing - Ken Lovvorn
Clean Building - Donna Benefield