

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.54
Sunday AM.....	67
Sunday PM.....	.65
Wednesday.....	.33
Contribution.....	\$2053
Budget.....	\$1550
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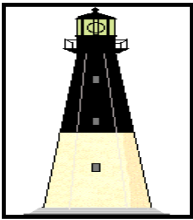
Sermons:
A.M. Is Thy Heart Right With God?
P.M. The Importance of Preaching

Mark Your Calendar

- September 11 MEP Meeting at James and Linda Harrington's at 7:00 pm
- September 15 Shepherding Enrichment Seminar @ Bremen CoC
- September 25 Ladies' Meeting for Ladies' Day
- September 29 Ladies' Day @ Bowdon with Jane Washington.
- September 29 Shepherding Enrichment Seminar @ Bremen CoC

<p>Privileged To Serve (September) Announcements. Jerome Thompson Lord's Supper. Gerald Scales Wed. Singing Clean Building Donnie & Linda Truett</p>

Plan of Salvation
<p>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?"</p>
<p>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."</p>
<p>Repent - (Luke 13:3) "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."</p>
<p>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."</p>
<p>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."</p>
<p>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."</p>



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
<p>SUNDAY Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>
<p>SHEPHERDS Bill Dedmon James Harrington Greg Holloway Donnie Truett</p>
<p>DEACONS Bud Benefield Phil Harrington Gerald Scales</p>
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<p>OUTREACH Ken Lovvorn</p>
<p>YOUTH DIRECTOR Jerome Thompson</p>
<p>MISSIONS Roger Leonard Corinto, Nicaragua</p>

The Gospel Light

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

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5th Annual Ladies' Day

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September 29, 2007

"She Hath Done What She Could"

Guest Speaker:
Jane Washington
Sevierville, TN

Registration and Continental Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Lunch provided by the Bowdon Ladies

Are You Listening With Your Heart

The late comedian Milton Berle once related the following story. A man, suffering from a terrible itching, was on his way to the doctor's office. In the elevator he was joined by a deaf man who was with a companion. Smiling a greeting, the itcher started to scratch himself all over, stopping just as he reached the right floor. After he stepped off the elevator, the deaf man turned to his companion and signed, "I wonder what he meant by that?" The teaching of Jesus sometimes leaves people asking the same thing. In Mark 4:11-12, after giving the "Parable of the Sower/Soils," Jesus warned His disciples: *"To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand, lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.' "* The point of these words is not that Jesus seeks to hide the truth or make it difficult to see. The point is that those who listen superficially will miss the point! Half listening to a preacher on Sunday morning is not the same as hearing a word from God.

The primary emphasis in the parable of the soils is not on preaching. It is on hearing. Jesus likens the word of God to seed sown in four different kinds of soil or ground: wayside (hard), stony, thorny, and good ground (Mark 4:3-8). The soils clearly stand for different kinds of responses to the word of God. Some outrightly reject the word, some accept it but then stumble, and some allow multiple distractions to choke the word out. In only one of the four hearts does the seed end up bearing fruit and saving a soul! But amidst the differences in the soils/souls there is one marked similarity - they all hear the word: "they hear" (vs. 15), "they hear the word" (vs. 16), "ones who hear the word" (vs. 18), "those who hear the word" (vs. 20). There was a lot of listening going on in Jesus' parable. In this case in Mark 4 the perfect seed was being sown by the Perfect Sower preaching a perfect sermon! But while the seed and the Sower in this case were perfect, the soils were not. Some have convinced themselves that any time a sermon "fails" it must be the preacher's fault. But in Jesus' parable, it wasn't the sower or the seed that failed but the soil! Preachers have much to do with a sermon's success or failure, and sometimes they do fail. But in Jesus' parable the onus is not on the sower but on the soils who receive the seed. At least as important as the question of how well the preacher speaks is how well do we listen. When God's Word is preached, we hear the preacher if we listen only with our ears, but we hear God when we listen with our hearts.

Dan Gulley - Smithville church of Christ, Smithville, TN



Welcome Guests

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

September 9

Song - Casey Ballard

Scripture and Prayer - Ben Teel

September 16

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Scripture and Prayer - Donnie Truett

Wednesday Night Devotional

September 12

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Devotional - Jerome Thompson

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Kristi and Josh Attaway on the birth of a little girl on Wednesday afternoon at 2:36 pm. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mother, daddy, and baby are doing great! The proud grandparents are Greg and Alesa Holloway.



If any of the men are interested in attending the Shepherding Enrichment Seminar at Bremen on September 15th and/or 29th, please sign the list on the bulletin board.



Fellowship Meals

The monthly fellowship meal will be next Sunday, September 16. More details will be announced later.



REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

April Fordham is home recovering from surgery on Friday; **Steve Basham**, a good friend of Donnie and Linda Truett's, is undergoing treatments for a brain tumor; **Jean Allen**, Eva Johnson's sister; **Brady Munroe**; **Melinda Harlin** has started chemo treatments; **Jeff Denney**; **Bill Johnson** has started cancer treatments; **Irene Harrington**; **Elsie Benefield**; **Ida Mae Holloway**; **Ansley Suddeth**; **Ruby Dedmon**, Bill's mother; **Melinda Fendley**, Sandra Harrington's sister.

Serving in our military:

Chris Beal, **Tony Goodman**, **Jason Benefield**, **Bobby Wilson**, **Kevin Haney**, and **Earl Taylor**.



For the Children

Remember the "Pewpackers" class that meets at 5:45 p.m. each Sunday. Parents, please have your children here on time. We would appreciate any of the older children that would come and help us with this activity.



Agape's *The Change for Children* cans need to be returned by Sunday, September 16. If the church office is opened, please put them on the desk; if not, put them on the table in the foyer.



VISITATION TEAM

The Tuesday night M.E.P. group will meet at the home of James and Linda Harrington on September 11th at 7:00 p.m.