

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	60
Sunday AM.....	76
Sunday PM.....	44
Wednesday.....	34
Contribution.....	\$1489
Budget.....	\$1702

**Sermons**  
A.M. Forward  
P.M. Monthly Singing Night

Mark Your Calendar	
August 3	Elders' Meeting
August 5	Ladies Bible Class @ 7 pm
August 9	Ladies' Day at Lithia Springs @ 9:00 am
August 9	Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 pm
August 12	MEP meeting at the James Harrington's @ 7 pm
August 17	Elders' Meeting
August 17	Teachers' Meeting @ 5:00 pm
August 25	Classes begin at West GA School of Biblical Studies
August 31	Young Men to Conduct A.M. Service
Sept. 27	Ladies' Day at Bowdon

Those To Serve (August)	
Announcements.....	Jerome Thompson
Communion.....	Ron Wilson
Wednesday Singing... .	Jerome Thompson
	Clean Building
Kelly Thompson.....	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?"

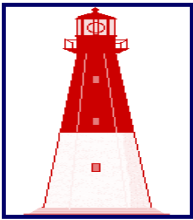
**Believe** - (John 8:24) "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

**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  
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Donnie Truett

**DEACONS**  
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Phil Harrington  
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Jerome Thompson


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Gospel Broadcasting Network



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

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*"And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward" (Ex. 14:15).*

## HOW DO YOU HEAR A SERMON?

Dennis Gulledge

What is preaching and what good does a sermon do? The first question can be answered by definition. The second depends. The word, preach means primarily “to deliver a sermon.” This is what women are not permitted to do in mixed assemblies of men and women: note the word “teach,” Greek, didasko, “to deliver didactic discourses” [Thayer] (1 Tim. 2:12). The word, sermon comes from a Latin term meaning, “a stab, or a thrust,” as in the heart or mind of the listener (Acts 2:37). This is the purpose of a sermon. It is not a discourse intended to satisfy “itching ears” (2 Tim. 4:3).

There are three outstanding elements in preaching: the preacher, the message and the hearer. Christianity requires these three things: a sower, good seed or the pure gospel, and an honest (good) hearer.

### What Goes Into A Sermon?

Lots of study, research, reading, memorizing, organization and prayer. None of these ingredients guarantee a perfect product. A preacher can only do his best and that is a human variable. The average sermon contains 5,000 words. Most preachers deliver ninety sermons in one place each year. This totals about 450,000 words per year. A full-length novel has about 50,000 words. A preacher, therefore, produces the equivalent of nine novels a year. This should help answer the question, “What does the preacher do?”

### How Do Some Hear A Sermon?

There are those who never get offended at any pointed truth (even from those preachers who still offer pointed truths). They hear what is said, but never make a personal application. They are sure that others need it, and they certainly know how to apply it to their neighbors, but it hardly occurs to them to look inward.

There are others who feel that some sermons are a planned, personal attack on them. They may strike back at the perceived affront, but not at the preacher personally; always to others, in a close circle of friends, or against his wife and/or children.

There are some that simply refuse to hear and learn. They are glad to let the preacher have his say on what is for them an already decided issue. Nothing that he says (or the Bible says) is going to change their mind.

The wrong kind of hearer is inattentive, immature, inactive, indifferent and has “itching ears” (Mt. 13:15; Acts 7:57; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Jas. 1:22-25).

### How Should You Hear a Sermon?

Listen to have your eyes opened, heart pricked and senses awakened (Mt. 13:15-16). Take the point(s) of the sermon and work to improve yourself in that regard. The preacher should do the same for himself. The right kind of hearer is sincere, serious, swift, steadfast and submissive (Mt. 5:6; Mk. 4:24; Jas. 1:19). A good listener is half of a good sermon!



Welcome to our visitors. You are our special guests. We trust the worship service today will be uplifting and in harmony with God's word.

### Sunday Morning Devotional

August 3

Song - Wes Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Gary Anderson

August 10

Song - Gerald Scales

Scripture and Prayer - Ron Wilson

### Wednesday Night Devotional

August 6

Song - Jerome Thompson

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



We are having an ice cream social on Saturday night August 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. Make your favorite freezer of homemade ice cream and enjoy a great evening.



Jerome and Kelly Thompson and Larry and Joan Robinson have new addresses. Please make the changes in your directory.

Jerome & Kelly Thompson

66 County Road 692

Ranburne, AL 36273

Jerome's new cell number:

256-689-2268

Larry & Joan Robinson

2375 County Road 41

Ranburne, AL 36273



**Kendra Justiss; Kelly Thompson; Audrey Marlow,** Ken Lovvorn's aunt;

**Harrison Kyle,** Cathy and Ken Lovvorn's grandson; **Taylor Brown; Melinda Harlin; Jeff Denney; Irene Harrington; Ida Mae Holloway; Ansley Suddeth; Charles Banks; Willard Elder,** Jada Truett's dad; our **unfaithful members;** our **young people; Judy Skinner; Willie Craft; Brian Dedmon family.**

### Serving in our military:

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



Ladies' Bible Class will meet Tuesday, August 5, at 7:00 pm in the Library. They will be discussing Ladies' Day in Sept.



We will begin a study on Premillennialism in the auditorium on Wednesday night, August 13.

This would be a good study for our young adults to participate in.

All Bible school teachers are asked to attend a teachers' meeting on August 17 at 5:00 in the fellowship room. The new year will be beginning soon.

The West GA School of Biblical Studies will begin classes on August 25. Classes are offered on Monday morning and Monday evening.



The latest edition of the Spiritual Sword publication is on the table in the foyer. Please pick up a copy and also one or more for family or friends.