

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	44
Sunday AM.....	51
Sunday PM.....	31
Wednesday.....	37
Contribution.....	\$935
Budget.....	\$1702

**Sermons**  
A.M. Jerome Thompson  
P.M. Donnie Truett

<u>Mark Your Calendar</u>	
Sept. 4	Ladies Bible Class @ 7 pm - Teacher: ???
Sept. 7	Elders' and Deacons' Meeting @ 4:30 pm
Sept. 7	Pewpackers at 5:45 pm
Sept. 9	M.E.P at the Dedmons
Sept. 14 - 18	Gospel Meeting at Lithia Springs church with Mark Mosher
Sept. 27	Ladies' Day at Bowdon
October 25	Hobo Dinner
Nov. 9	Friends and Family Day —Guest Speaker: Leroy Dedmon

<u>Those To Serve (September)</u>	
Announcements.....	Gary Anderson
Communion.....	Gerald Scales
Wednesday Singing.....	Kiley Fordham
Clean Building.....	Donna Benefield

**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?”

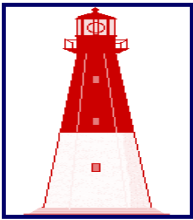
**Believe** - (John 8:24) “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”

**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

**DEACONS**  
Bud Benefield  
Phil Harrington  
Gerald Scales

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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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## A Heart Problem

Elders and preachers throughout the brotherhood are faced with a lack of participation and attendance in the work and worship of the church. Many programs have been initiated to accomplish the work that the Lord has given His people to do. There are many good visitation and outreach programs that are designed to win back the erring and encourage the discouraged among the flock. From time to time these programs undergo a re-vamping or overhaul because the result of the program is not what is desired. Not only are congregations implementing various activities to motivate and organize the work, but many ideas are proposed to increase attendance at the worship services, especially on Sunday night. Many times these “programs” or “activities” receive a great deal of criticism, because some think that a program is not needed to do the Lord’s work. In a perfect world I suppose that would be correct. However, we do not live in a perfect world. In a perfect world, all the members of the Lord’s church would be dedicated and loyal to Christ and His cause. If all members were dedicated and loyal these things would not be needed. The fact of the matter is, we need things to stimulate and motivate us to work and serve Christ effectively. In reality we need to address the source of the problem and not the symptoms. When the work begins to falter it is not because we don’t have the right program, but the heart is not right.

Jesus said much about the heart. *“For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them”* (Matthew 13:15). *“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”* (Matthew 22:37). If one truly loves the Lord with their whole heart, then there will be no need to devise plans to get the work done. Jesus said, *“If ye love me, keep my commandments”* (John 14:15). When people do not love the Lord and put Him first in their lives, they will not work and serve Him as they ought. Many congregations are trying to boost Sunday night attendance by having the evening service at 2:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. The idea is that if we have the service early those people who do not come back on Sunday night will come at two o’clock. A preacher told me recently that they found out that the ones who did not return for the six o’clock service did not return at two.

Sad to say that many so called churches of Christ have gone about to implement worship services that have mechanical instruments of music to attract the ones who are not attending all the services as they should. It is not the program or the time, it’s the heart. If the heart is right, the results will be right; if the heart is not right, all the changes in the world won’t make it right.

Bill Dedmon – 8/31/08



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 31

Song - Greg Holloway

Scripture and Prayer - Ron Wilson

September 7

Song - Gerald Scales

Scripture and Prayer - Gary Anderson

### Wednesday Night Devotional

September 3

Song - Kiley Fordham

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



Ladies’ Day

The 6th Annual Ladies’ Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th. Our own Alyssa Wilson, Kelly Thompson, and Sherry Scales will be speaking this Ladies’ Day. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 4th, at 7:00 pm. There will be a couple of lists on the bulletin board for food and volunteers for various assignments for our Ladies’ Day. Teachers are needed for the Ladies’ Bible Classes in September and October. Please let Connie know if you would be willing to teach a class.



Bill and Connie are away today visiting Bill’s sister in Alabama. They will be home Monday afternoon.



REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER

**Wade Traylor**, teacher at Mt. Zion, injured in a motorcycle accident; **Roy Thompson**, Jerome’s dad; **Corey Whitley** and family as they go through difficult times; **Ansley Carter**; **Willie Craft**, **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** had surgery Thursday; **Ansley Suddeth**; **Charles Banks**; our **unfaithful members**; our **young people**.

### Serving in our military:

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



There will be an elders’ and deacons’ meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 7, at 4:30 p.m.



Today, Sunday, August 31, is the fifth Sunday and the young men will conduct the morning worship. Jerome Thompson will be speaking at the morning service.

### **Birthdays:**

Ida Mae Holloway - 9/4  
Aviana Attaway - 9/5  
Sandra Harrington - 9/21  
Edie Anderson - 9/23  
Natalie Sanchez - 9/27

### **Anniversaries:**

Josh and Kristi Attaway - 9/1  
Mark and Julie Wilson - 9/1

