

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.52
Sunday AM.....	64
Sunday P.M.....	46
Wednesday.....	.40
Contribution.....	\$1660
Budget.....	\$1702

Sermons
A.M. Attitudes Needed in the Church
P.M. Seeking After God

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 14 Get-together at the Dedmons following PM service
Dec. 15 Ladies' Gift Exchange
Dec. 17 M.E.P. Meeting
Dec. 21 Elders' Meeting @ 4:30
Dec. 21 Children's Holiday Party
Dec. 23 Mid-Week Bible Classes (Tuesday night)
Dec. 31 New Years Eve Get together @ church bldg.
Feb. 6-8 Winter Lectureship - Speakers: Cliff Goodwin; James Jones; James Nelson; J.C. Watkins

Those To Serve (December)

Announcements..... Bud Benefield
Communion..... Casey Ballard
Wednesday Singing..... Phil Harrington
Clean Building... Bill & Connie Dedmon

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?"

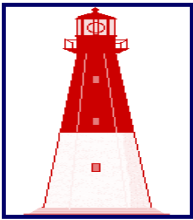
Believe - (John 8:24) "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

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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"Let this
mind be
in you
which was
also in Christ Jesus."

Phil 2:5

THE SPIRIT OF UNITY IN THE BOND OF PEACE

“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1-3)

We generally look at the sectarian world as being the grand violators of Paul’s desire for unity and Jesus’ prayer for the same in John 17. Denominationalism certainly is the epitome of division and discord. We need not, however, look beyond ourselves in the Lord’s church for some of the most flagrant infractions of this divine injunction. It is a real eye opener when you see brethren who are not divided by any particular matter of faith, but are so separated in heart and spirit as to “bite and devour one another” (Gal. 5:15). They seem to be living examples of the very spirit of malice and bitterness that surely they preach against from time to time. If so, what hypocrisy!

It makes me wonder sometimes how hard we, as brethren, really strive for unity and peace. Paul said, “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men” (Rom.12:18). Surely it is much more possible than some brethren seem willing to make it! In order to see clearly our duty in this matter, I would like to analyze verse three of Paul’s plea for unity in Ephesians 4.

1. “*Endeavoring*” – to be zealous; to be diligent. It speaks of a determined effort. That is, we must do our utmost in the pursuit of peace (Rom. 14:19). Sometimes that means rising above the attitudes and actions of others. If others will quarrel with us, we must make every effort not to quarrel with them. If others will treat us spitefully, we must not treat them spitefully in return. How much effort do we put into unity?

2. “*To keep the unity of the Spirit.*” The word “Spirit” here may refer to the human spirit, and carry the idea of disposition, being the spirit of humility and obedience to the word of God. It certainly means that Christians should be united in heart, and not be split up into factions and parties. False teachers sever unity in areas of faith – breaking our oneness in doctrine (Eph. 4:4-6). Some by immoral conduct block unity by their lives (1 Cor. 6:9-10). What, however, is the justification for brethren of like precious faith and practice to black ball and condemn one another in areas of opinion or lesser offenses? And where are the attitudes of “lowliness, and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love” that should prevail in such situations?

3. “*In the bond of peace.*” Peace is a bond that unites people of different dispositions into a society of friendship and love. A peaceable temperament and conduct bind brethren together, whereas discord injects the poison of distrust and disunity into our relationships as brethren. Let’s strive for unity and thrive on peace, not on discord!

Dennis Gullede
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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

December 14

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Scripture and Prayer - Jerome Thompson

December 21

Song - Kiley Fordham

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Nolen

Wednesday Night Devotional

December 17

Song - Phil Harrington

Devotional - Donnie Truett

Announcements - Donnie Truett



Everyone is invited to the Dedmon’s for sandwiches and stuff tonight, December 14, following the evening service.



M.E.P.

M.E.P sign-up list is on the bulletin board. A third team is being implemented for 2009. Teams will meet on the 2nd Tuesday evening, 1st and 4th Sunday nights. Sign up for the team that will suit you best. There is a list for “It doesn’t matter”, for those that can’t decide. Please sign up soon so Ken can get the groups organized. If you have not been participating in this work, now is an excellent time to become involved.

No “Pewpackers” until Jan 4th



Wes Benefield; Joe McCoulough, Kimberly Smith’s uncle;

LouEllen Findley, Melinda Findley, (Sandra Harrington’s mother and sister); **Billie Nolen; Ernestine Gardner,** Robin Findlay's (Sandra Harrington’s sister-in-law) mother; **Jalen Jones,** friend of Casey Ballard; **Corey Whitley and family** as they go through difficult times; **Ansley and Maddie Carter** as they go through difficult times; **Joyce Whitley; Ken and Cathy Lovvorn; Anice Wilson; Kiley, April, and Emma Fordham; Taylor Brown; Melinda Harlin; Jeff Denny; Irene Harrington; Ida Mae Holloway; Ansley Suddeth; Charles Banks;** our **unfaithful members; young people.**

Serving in our military:

Jason Benefield, Keith Freeman, Paul Wheeler, Toby Hill.



Ladies Gift Exchange is set for Monday night, December 15, at the church building at 7:00 pm. There is a food signup list on the bulletin board.



Jerome Thompson would like to meet with parents and grandparents of young people ages ten through teens following the morning service today, Dec. 14. The meeting is to make plans for the youth in 2009.



Wednesday night, December 31, we will have our annual New Year’s Eve get together at the church building following class. Bring finger food, games, etc.