

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	.52
Sunday AM.....	62
Sunday P.M.....	35
Wednesday.....	.36
Contribution.....	\$982
Budget.....	\$1702

Sermons

A.M. Grace and What it Does
 P.M. Monthly Singing Night

<u>Mark Your Calendar</u>	
Dec. 14	Get-together at the Dedmons following PM service
Dec. 15	Ladies' Gift Exchange
Dec. 17	M.E.P. Meeting
Dec. 21	Children's Holiday Party
Dec. 23	Mid-Week Bible Classes (Tuesday night)
Feb. 6-8	Winter Lectureship - Speakers: Cliff Goodwin; James Jones; James Nelson; J.C. Watkins

<u>Those To Serve (December)</u>	
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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 Donnie Truett

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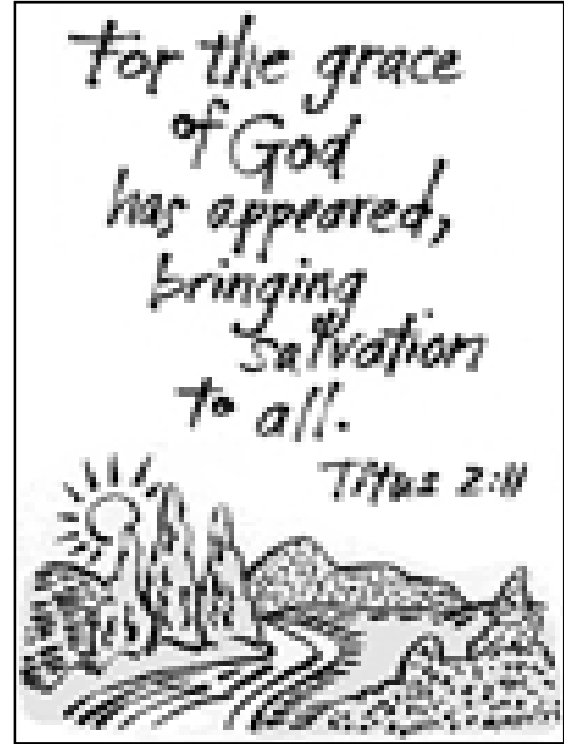


The Gospel Light

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

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WHAT WE CAN'T SEE

For millennia the mystery of disease had puzzled mankind. Various theories had been put forth as to why people became ill, such as spontaneous generation, evil spirits, an imbalance of bodily "humors", and bad air cause by eclipses and comets, among other conjectures.

Anton van Leeuwenhoek (1632-1723) of Delft, Netherlands, was employed in the textile business where magnifying lenses were used to perform thread count in cloth. He began to hone his skill in grinding and polishing miniature lenses of high curvature, and magnifications of several hundred power. His curious mind led him to prepare specimens of the natural environment and examine them through his new lenses. These revealed, to his amazement, a new world of life, including that he called "tiny animals." van Leeuwenhoek thus became the first person to ever see bacteria and is commonly called "The Father of Microbiology."

When people such as Louis Pasteur in France began to assert that such microscopic organisms might cause disease and steadfastly insisted that surgeons sanitize their hands and equipment before surgery, they were often met with resistance and even ridicule. Many scientists and physicians found it ridiculous that something so tiny could harm a human being and would viciously attack proponents of such "quackery." Doctors such as Ignaz Semmelweis of Vienna, who insisted that doctors cleanse themselves before delivering babies, were made outcasts in the medical community. Of course, in time, Semmelweis, Pasteur and others would be vindicated as the danger came to be realized.

Sin can also mislead people in a very similar way bacteria did in time past. Indeed many today view sin as a harmless and meaningless threat to their well-being, ridiculing and scorning those who point out its devastating effects on human existence. Despite the age-old euphemism, wisdom leads us to realize that...what we can't see...CAN, in fact, hurt us!

"For the wages of sin is DEATH, but the gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Christ Jesus, our Lord" (Romans 6:23). God loved us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross to save us from the devastating effects of sin (John 3:16). He will save those who respond to this amazing gift of God's grace on His terms: believing in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

Although we may not see its effects immediately, sin WILL ultimately DESTROY us! But God has a remedy: the BLOOD of Jesus. YOU can be cleansed of sin - IF- you will respond in trusting obedience to His will.

Terry Livingston/David A. Sargent



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 7

Song - Casey Ballard

Scripture and Prayer - Gerald Scales

December 14

Song - Ken Lovvorn

Scripture and Prayer - Jerome Thompson

Wednesday Night Devotional

December 10

Song - Phil Harrington

Devotional - Donnie Truett

Announcements - Donnie Truett



Everyone is invited to the Dedmon's for sandwiches and stuff on Sunday, December 14, following the evening service.



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 the best. There is a list for "It doesn't matter", for those that can't decide. Please sign up soon in order for Ken to get these groups organized. If you have not been participating in this work, now is an excellent time to become involved with the Lord's work.



LouEllen Findley, Melinda Findley, (Sandra Harrington's mother and sister); **Prayer Requests Billie Nolen; Ernestine Gardner,** Robin Findley'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;** all **young people.**

Serving in our military:

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



Amanda Bennett's birthday was left off the birthday list last week. Her birthday was on the 5th.. Sorry.



Ladies Gift Exchange is set for Monday night, December 15, at the church building. See Sherry Scales for more information.



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

The "Pewpackers" class will not meet until January 4.