

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	51
Sunday AM.....	66
Sunday P.M.....	52
Wednesday.....	42
Contribution.....	\$1435
Budget.....	\$1702

Sermons
A.M. Dining With Jesus
P.M. Bed Too Short

Mark Your Calendar
Dec. 21 Elders' Meeting @ 4:30
Dec. 21 Children's Holiday Party following evening service
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 (January)
Announcements..... Jerome Thompson
Communion..... Ben Teel
Wednesday Singing..... Ken Lovvorn
Clean Building..... TBD

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?"

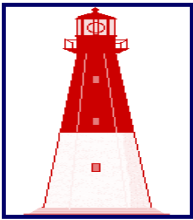
Believe - (John 8:24) "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

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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**Wishing
you a
very happy
holiday season!**


Bill and Connie

What about Christmas?

Gus Nichols

There is no proof that Christ was born on December 25. But the glorious good news is in the fact that He was born as our Saviour, that He came down from heaven to seek and to save the lost (Luke 2:8-12).

Christ should be just as precious to us as if He had been born on December 25. In fact, if He had been born only yesterday we would know nothing of His wonderful life, His miracles, His teachings, His death for our sins, His resurrection and ascension into heaven.

We would know nothing about the New Testament church and the spreading of Christianity upon the earth, as in the Acts of the Apostles. In fact, if Christ had been born yesterday, we would not yet have the New Testament and Christianity.

Another fact worthy of consideration is the fact that we can rejoice in Christ, as Christians and believers in Christ, on December 25, just the same as on the other 364 days of the year. We do not have to cease to be happy in Jesus at "Christmas" just to be different from others. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil. 4:4). This would take in Christmas the same as all other days of the year.

Instead of revealing the date of the birth of Christ, God has revealed the day on which He was raised from the dead—the first day of the week (Mark 16:1, 9; Luke 24:1-47). God does want us to celebrate this day. It is a day called "the Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10; 1 Cor. 16:2). In it we are especially rejoiceful and glad.

We should show our faith in Christ, in His birth, in His life, in all He did for us, and is doing for us, in every proper way; but we should not deceive others into thinking we are celebrating December 25 as the birthday of Christ, for there is no good reason to believe it is the date of His birth.

But when all the facts are considered, there is nothing to prevent our enjoying the holiday season just ahead called "Christmas."

We may give and receive gifts in this season, or at any other season of the year, on December 25, or on any other day of the year that we wish—on our birthday, or that of others. In fact, we should "rejoice with them that do rejoice" at Christmas or any other time. There is not enough happiness in the world any way.

We can, however, do all this without celebrating Christmas as the birthday of Christ.

Finally, it is proof of the divinity of Christ to find Him so popular in the world nineteen hundred years after His birth that the civilized world wants to celebrate His birth, whether it knows the date or not. Thank God for our Lord and His coming into the world, regardless of the exact date of His arrival by virgin birth. We shall, therefore, go on teaching His truth, whatever is proper and fitting, regardless of "Christmas."



Welcome

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.



This will be the last bulletin for the year. Our next bulletin will be published on January 4, 2009. Please pay attention to the assignments as they will not appear again until January 4.

Sunday Morning Devotional

December 21

Song - Kiley Fordham

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Nolen

December 28

Song - Zach Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - Greg Holloway

January 4

Song - Ben Teel

Scripture and Prayer - Bill Dedmon

Wednesday Night Devotional

December 23

Song - Phil Harrington

Devotional - Jerome Thompson

Announcements - Bill Dedmon

December 31

Song - Phil Harrington

Devotional - James Harrington

Announcements - James Harrington



New Classes Begin

The Winter term of the West GA School of Biblical Studies will begin on Monday, January 5. Patrick Gray will be teaching Church History at 11:00 a.m. and Bill Dedmon will be teaching Premillennialism at 7:00 p.m. Classes are held at the Villa Rica church of Christ.



Barry Bracknell; Joe McCoullough, 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.



On Wednesday night, December 31, instead of regular Bible class, we will have a "prayer meeting". Please give Bill names, or things, that prayers should be made for on this last night of the year. Also, we will have our annual New Year's Eve get together at the church building following class. Bring finger food, games, etc.



If you have not signed up for the M.E.P. Program, please see Ken and let him know your preferences. He needs to be getting the teams set up for the first Sunday night in January.