

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	53
Sunday AM.....	63
Sunday PM.....	37
Wednesday.....	34
Contribution.....	\$1117
Budget.....	\$1702
Under Budget YTD.....	\$1721

**Sermons**  
A.M. Lessons From Nehemiah  
P.M. Peter's Keys

<u>Mark Your Calendar</u>	
April 19	Ladies' Day at Cedar-town
April 19	Girls' Tea
April 19	Golf Outing
May 10	Graduates Cookout
May 25	Guest Speaker
June 15-19	Vacation Bible School
July 20-24	Gospel Meeting with Phillip Satterfield

**Those To Serve (April)**  
Announcements. . . . Adam Holloway  
Communion. . . . . Bill Nolen  
Wed. Singing. . . . . Jerome Thompson  
Clean Building. . . . Sandra Harrington

### 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**  
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# The Gospel Light

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

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## The Problem with Apathy

Growing up there was always one verse that really puzzled me. The verse was Revelation 3:16 in which the Lord says, “*So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.*” This verse confused me because I guess in the back of my mind I always thought it was better to be lukewarm about something than to be cold. Does this verse really mean that God would rather us be “cold” than “lukewarm?” The older I get the more I understand the answer to that question is YES!!!

Apathy may be the biggest problem in the church today. The word *apathy* simply means being “uninterested” or “indifferent” towards something. How is that worse than being “cold” toward the Lord you might ask? Well, being apathetic would, by definition, mean that there is **no passion, no spark, no conviction** in what you believe in. Whenever there is no conviction in a belief it can cause major problems down the road. Just look at what has happened in America over the last few years. What started as prayer being taken out of school has turned into Christians being discriminated against. Just this week a student was given an F in an art class because he drew a picture of the cross. (Thankfully he and his parents sued because they felt their 1st Amendment rights were being violated.) How have we gone from McGuffey Readers, where the Bible was taught in public schools, to the thought that God’s name cannot even be uttered in a public setting? I believe a large part of the problem is apathy.

When the supreme court ruled that prayer was to be taken out of school it has been said that 97% of Americans believed in God. If my math is correct, that means that 3% of the people in America did not believe in God. **How is it that the philosophy of 3% of this country’s people was forced upon 97%? Could it be that the 3% who did not want God’s name to be uttered in our schools fought harder than the 97% that did?** Despite all the changes in America statistics still show that 80% of our people claim to be Christian. What would happen if 80% of this nation’s people stood up and said we are not going to take it any more? Something tells me that Washington and our “politically correct” media might have a change of heart if there actually were consequences for their actions. The reality is that most people are not willing to really fight for the things they believe in.

The problem of it all is that being apathetic to a Lord who was willing to send His son to the cross to die for our sins is just plain unacceptable. God doesn’t want people who are indifferent to a sacrifice of that magnitude. We should either be willing to love Him with all of our heart, soul, and mind or we should turn our backs and go the other way. It is that important. Maybe we should all step back and examine ourselves from time to time and make sure that we never fall into the trap of being apathetic when it comes to the Creator of this world, the Lord of this Universe, and the King of all Kings.

By: Ryan Daniel



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

### Sunday Morning Devotional

April 13

Song - Wes Benefield

Scripture and Prayer - James Harrington

April 20

Song - Eric Ballard

Scripture and Prayer - Gary Anderson

### Wednesday Night Devotional

April 16

Song - Jerome Thompson

Devotional - Bud Benefield

Announcements - Bill Dedmon



We are in the process of updating our records. If your address, telephone number, or email address has changed recently, please give the information to Bill.



Lithia Springs congregation is hosting a series of gospel meetings, April 20 - 24. Phillip Brannon is the guest speaker. Services Monday through Thursday are at 7:30 p.m.

The Bremen congregation is having a gospel meeting, April 27 - May 1. Ronnie Hays, of Adamsville AL, is the guest speaker. Services Monday through Thursday are at 7:30 p.m.



**Barbara Benefield**, Joan Robinson’s sister; **Misty Watts**, Julie Wilson’s niece; **Sabrina Bearden**; **Audrey Marlow**, Ken Lovvorn’s aunt; **Taylor Brown**; **Melinda Harlin**; **Jeff Denney**; **Bill Johnson**; **Irene Harrington**; **Ida Mae Holloway**; **Ansley Suddeth**; **Melinda Fendley**, Sandra Harrington’s sister; **Lawrence Akin**, Edie Anderson’s dad; all of our unfaithful members.

### Serving in our military:

**Tony Goodman**, **Jason Benefield**, **Cope Rowell**, **Keith Freeman**, **Paul Wheeler**, **Chris Buchanan**, **Toby Hill**.



The Sunday night M.E.P. group will meet Sunday night, April 27, following the evening service.



There will be a Girls’ Tea on Saturday, April 19, at the church building. See April Fordham for details.



The Men’s Golf Outing will be on Saturday, April 19. There is a signup list on the bulletin board if you plan to go. If you have any questions, see Phil Harrington.



Parents, don’t forget that *Pewpackers* meet every Sunday evening at 5:45. We need all of the youngsters eight years old and under to participate if this activity is to be successful. We only have six more Sundays of *Pewpackers* before summer break.