

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	42
Sunday AM.....	52
Sunday PM.....	33
Wednesday.....	35
Contribution .....	\$1584
Budget.....	\$1702

**Sermons**  
A.M. Jerome Thompson, Speaker  
P.M. Overcoming Sin, Satan, Self

<u>Mark Your Calendar</u>	
June 29	Young Men to Conduct A.M. Service
July 6 - 9	Gospel Meeting @ Hogansville, 7:00 p.m.
July 20-24	Gospel Meeting with Phillip Satterfield
August 5	Ladies Bible Class @ 7 pm
August 9	Ladies' Day at Lithia Springs @ 9:00 am
August 9	Cookout and Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 pm
August 25	Classes begin at West GA School of Biblical Studies

**Those To Serve (July)**  
Announcements.....Eric Ballard  
Communion.....Ken Lovvorn  
Wednesday Singing.....Mark Wilson  
Clean Building.....Joyce Whitley

### 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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Greg Holloway  
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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**"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance."**

**Psalm 33:12**

## Blessed Is The Nation

The Psalmist wrote, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance" (Psa. 33:12). These words have a direct reference to Israel of old. God chose Israel as His possession, "For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth" (Dt.7:6). This concept has for many years been applied to The United States of America. Our country, from its beginning, has been characterized as a Christian nation. Many phrases have supported the idea. *In God We Trust, God Bless America* and many other statements confirm the concept that America is God's nation. The pledge of allegiance, "One nation under God..." and a song that has risen to popularity since September 11, 2001, "God Bless America". A Christian nation is the view that many have for our great country.

Israel, God's chosen people, did not remain His people for long. The people went after strange gods, in direct rebellion to God's commands. "They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee" (Dt. 32:16-18). Many look upon Israel and declare them to be a "godless nation", however, they were not godless for they served many gods. A nation may be viewed as "godless" when they disregard the standard God has established. Certainly, Israel's history is one of disregard to God and His way.

What about America? Are we a "Christian" or God fearing society? If we look at the many ways in which our nation has departed from God's way, we cannot in honesty think of ourselves as a people of God. In recent times we have seen widespread departures from God's will. Homosexuals can marry, promotion of gambling, prostitution, and a major political party champions the killing of babies. The United States of America is not a godless nation, "In God We Trust" is our motto, but which one?

America trusts in many gods; The god of success, the god of money, the god of pleasure, the god of sex, the god of fame, the god of power, and on and on we could go. With the worship of so many gods is it surprising the one true God has been forgotten?

The nation who worships and serves God will be blessed. Our nation has been the recipient of many blessings, but for how much longer will we enjoy them? In order for us to be a "Nation under God" we must live under the laws of the God of Heaven. We must respect God and honor His laws. The nation must respect His name.

Some one said, "If the Native Americans had a more strict immigration policy, we would not be in the mess we are in." Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, begins with one person at a time.

Bill Dedmon - 6/29/08



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

June 29

Song - Zachary Benefield  
Scripture and Prayer - Bill Nolen

July 6

Song - Kiley Fordham  
Scripture and Prayer - Greg Holloway

### Wednesday Night Devotional

July 2

Song - Mark Wilson  
Devotional - Bill Dedmon  
Announcements - Bill Dedmon



Today, June 29th, the young men of the congregation will be conducting the morning service.



Our Homecoming and Gospel Meeting with Phillip Satterfield is just around the corner. It is time to begin inviting your friends, family, and neighbors to attend. The meeting begins on Sunday, July 20, and continues through Thursday night, July 24. We will have a covered dish meal on Sunday following the morning worship service and each night before the meeting. A list will be on the bulletin board soon to show which night each family will be preparing food and eating. Please pray for Phillip as he begins his preparation for this series of meetings.



REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER

**Kendra Justiss; Judy Skinner**, wife of Kenneth Skinner, Superior Court Clerk of Carroll County (where Donna Benefield works); **Eva Johnson; Audrey Marlow**, Ken Lovvorn's aunt, had surgery on Thursday; **Harrison Kyle**, Cathy and Ken Lovvorn's grandson; **Taylor Brown; Melinda Harlin; Jeff Denney; Irene Harrington; Clay and Ida Mae Holloway; Ansley Suddeth; Willard Elder**, Jada Truett's dad; our unfaithful members to be restored; our young people; **Brian & Cindy Dedmon and girls; Craig & Brittany Dedmon; Willie Craft.**

### Serving in our military:

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



The church is participating again in Georgia Agape's, "Change for Children Campaign". Change cans are available in the foyer. Be sure to take a can home today.



### July Birthdays

7/3 Nicole Truett  
7/10 Kendra Justiss  
7/27 Irene Harrington

### July Anniversaries

7/1 Kiley and April Fordham  
7/5 Donnie and Linda Truett  
7/13 Bud and Donna Benefield  
7/19 Eric and Stephanie Ballard  
7/30 Phil and Sandra Harrington