

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday morning worship (Bible study)	9:30 AM
Sunday morning worship (Preaching)	10:30 AM
Sunday afternoon worship (Preaching).....	4:00 PM
Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study).....	7:00 PM

NEWS AND NOTES

SCHEDULE: The schedule for June is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for that month.

OUT OF TOWN: David and Peggy Tiffin are on an extended trip. Rita Thompson is in Nashville

SICK AND SHUT-INS: Telford Hamm's brother. Ruth Hamm is in the hospital in Birmingham. Helen Sparks is at home now. Nancy Summerford's mother is in last stages of Alzheimer's and her sister-in-law, Jenny Bowen is now at home and is some better. Donna Criswell continues to care for her aunt, Nell Barrett. Donna Criswell's brother-in-law, Sam Livingston was able to go home from the hospital but still not doing well. Angie McKinney has been sick for several days.

TEACHING EFFORTS: Our teaching bulletin, the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, will be in the **Red Bay News** on the 26th before our meeting with an announcement on the front and an article on the back. For those who do not get the paper, there will be copies of the new issue on the table in the foyer. There is also an add that appears in the local paper once a month offering a free Bible correspondence course. Remember our TV/Radio program on local Cable TV channels 12 and 97 at 6:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Sunday and various times through the week as well as the audio on radio stations 1430 AM and 97.9 FM. It is also on Facebook live at various times. There are also DVD copies of the TV program available that your DVD player will show on your TV.. Jerry is also on the radio on 95.5 FM about 10 AM each Sunday. Please pray for these efforts that they will reach people who will be interested in reading and listening to God's word.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE MEETING: There are cards and flyers on the table in the foyer for advertising and inviting our friends and neighbors to our upcoming meeting (July 7-12) with Bob Hutto. Our quarterly teaching bulletin that is inserted in the newspaper has an announcement in it and will be inserted in the paper Wednesday the 26th of June. Then there will be an announcement in the paper July 3rd. It will also be advertised on the TV and radio stations on which we broadcast sermons.

GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS: June is filled with too many meetings to list, some are close enough for us to attend. Please see the list on the bulletin board. If you know of meetings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

POINTS TO PONDER

- A breath of truth with kindness is more moving than a gale of flattery.

THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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THE EASTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
(meeting at the corner of Meadow Dr. and Hwy 24 East Red Bay, AL)

INVITES YOU TO A SERIES OF BIBLE LESSONS

JULY 7 - 12

The times for these lessons are:

SUNDAY: 9:30 & 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM

MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:00 PM

The speaker will be Bob Hutto
(From Oak Mountain church of Christ in Pelham, AL)

For more information or transportation
Call 662-542-3170 or 256-333-0017

Please consider this to be your personal invitation to this series of Bible lessons and please invite your neighbors and friends to attend with you.

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

Editor's Note: With our meeting fast approaching, I thought these two articles Bruce Tooley recently wrote, would be some good thoughts for us to keep in mind as we begin to invite our friends and neighbors to attend the meeting. Certainly, we want the Truth and we believe brother Hutto's lessons will be centered around the Truth and the way of escape that has been provided for us by God. So, read carefully and think about these themes when talking with your friends and neighbors.

TRUTH OR ERROR

By W. Bruce Tooley

Is truth the same as error? This is not a difficult question to answer. It is obvious that a falsehood is not the same as truth. Yet, it is a very popular idea in religion to say that it does not matter what one believes so long as they are sincere. The same idea is expressed in the saying "We are all going to the same place (heaven) just on different roads". If this be true, then there is no difference between truth and error.

What does the word of God say? In John 17:17 we learn that God's word is truth. Thus, one can easily establish what is true in religion by reading the Bible. There is no other source of religious truth. In John 17:20,21 we learn truth unifies. A characteristic of truth is that it does not contradict itself. Therefore, in following truth one will be united in faith and practice with all others following the truth. Following error results in confusion and division.

Does it really make a difference? Jesus said in John 8:32 "You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free." Does being set free from the burden of sin matter to you? If so, then determining what is truth is essential because the truth makes you free, not falsehood.

In 2Thessalonians 2:9-12 God, through Paul, tells us that those who do not love the truth and who believe a lie will perish. Jesus promised that His apostles would by the power of the Holy Spirit receive truth (John 14:26 and 16:13). Once this truth was revealed to them, they were able to say, "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!" (Galatians 1:8) Such strong language ought to impress upon our minds that there is an enormous difference between truth and error thereby showing it does make a difference what one believes and practices. To be saved one must follow the truth of God's word.

THE WAY OF ESCAPE

By W. Bruce Tooley

Mankind has always been perplexed with the question: "How can we escape sin and its consequence?" Ever since Adam sinned in the garden people have been trying to find renewed favor in the sight of God. Man has come to realize that when he is disobedient to God there is a break in his relationship with God. Thus, it is vital to him to find a way to return to favor once enjoyed by man and his escape from the judgment that will come upon all the unrighteous.

Even a casual glance should convince us "the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" 1John 5:19. The reason is because "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23. We know that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 6:23. Now man is left to his own devices which leaves him lost and hopeless except for the grace of God that requires that sin either be punished or pardoned. Therefore, man is lost without God.

However, God in His infinite mercy and love has provided us with a way of escape. God's justice demands punishment, but God's mercy longs to pardon sinners. In order for sinners to be pardoned and saved a price must be paid. That price was paid in the death of Jesus the only begotten of the Father. He was the only one who could "bear the sins of many" (Hebrews 9:28) and save man from his sins. Jesus became that way of escape (John 14:6).

Even though Jesus has died for all men, the benefits of that death are enjoyed only by those who accept the conditions of pardon and are obedient to Him. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked but would have all men to be saved. (Ezekiel 33:11; 1Timothy 2:4). Jesus pleads with all men to come to Him and to be saved (Matthew 11:28-30), but He is not going to force anyone to accept Him. Only those who reach out for this salvation through obedience will be able to enjoy the rewards of His death for mankind.

The way to receive the benefits of His death is by the conditions of that agreement. Salvation is free but also conditional. The sinner who obeys the gospel in the manner described by God is a Christian saved by the grace of God and a gift from Jesus. A Christian must "make your calling and election sure" (2Peter 1:10); by being "faithful unto death" (Revelation 2:10); thereby "finishing the course" (2Timothy 4:6-8).