



Walker's Wanderings

A Brief History of the Lord's church in Trenton, GA

The Lord's church that would become the church of Christ at Trenton began meeting in Dade Co. GA in 1837 near the community of Union on what is now Cedar Lane. It is the second oldest continually meeting congregation in the state of GA. It was established by "two men from a town north of Savannah" who came to Salem (which was the name of the town until 1840), held a gospel meeting and baptized several in a local creek. Leroy and Elizabeth Sutton were members of the church of Christ before they moved to Dade Co. in 1838 or 1839. They located near New England, and finding there was a church already at Union started attending there. This is positive proof of the early existence of the Lord's church here, for if there had not been a congregation available, they would have started one in their home at New England, as was the custom in those days. George Sutton and his son Leroy, and Silas Wakefield were listed as heads of households in the 1840 Census of Dade Co, GA. An evangelist, James J. Trott conducted revivals in Georgia late in 1844. Reporting on them, he wrote that there was one congregation of about 20 members in Dade Co.

The Christian Register published a record in 1855 that stated there was one congregation in Dade Co with 200 members. In August 1859 there is a record of a meeting at Union by preachers M. Love, T. Witherspoon, and A.P. Seitz with 30 confessions. Washington Bacon worked with them in this meeting and it is assumed he was the local preacher. In 1860, in a general meeting of the "Christian churches" in the state of Tennessee, Joseph Wheeler from Chatooga Co, GA pled for more aid "for the distressed brethren and sisters in a most deplorable, destitute and suffering condition-no money, no meat, or bread in the county to be obtained for labor or anything else with the greater portion of the community too destitute to get away from the county." The Tennessee brethren made appeals outside the State by inserting information in the American Christian Review, Christian Standard, Millennial Harbinger, and the Gospel Advocate. As true Christians do, there was a good response and our people in Dade County survived the Civil War's devastation. Services continued in a frame building at the Union site until the 1920's when an effort was made to move to Trenton. Arrangements were made with a then existing Presbyterian group, where by one would meet in the morning and the other would have evening services. Before long, conflicts and disagreements put an end to this arrangement and the church returned to Union. In 1937, a building was erected at the present location on the southeast corner of the town square across from the Courthouse. Members of the church here did most of the labor. This building served well until 1975 when a new Auditorium was built and completed. The original building was torn down and a new classroom building and fellowship hall were built. The building was completed and furnished at a cost of about \$100,000. After this new building was completed, in the early 1980,s Cordell Holloway, the minister here at the time, with help of several other men in the congregation, took rocks from the old Union building foundation and used them to build the base of the sign that presently sits in front of the building on Church Street. Twice the church has allowed the use of their building by Dade County for schools. It was done at Union and again in 1975. The school system was allowed free use of the classrooms as Kindergarten rooms until the completion of the new Northwest GA High School (now Dade Co High).

Among the many preachers who have served this congregation are: G.B. Stone, William Howard Sutton, Washington Bacon, J.D. Floyd, John T. Smythson, Peter Ramsey, Lige Martin, Flavil Hall, R.C. Coleman, Max Hamrick, Charles Holder, Hugh Price, R.C. White, Joe Weir, Sr., F. H. Green, Andrew Pilgrim, James Pilgrim, H.C. Geer, Ken Rhodes, Bob Edwards, Gerstle Slatton, I.H. Wheeler, John Hicks, Verlon Carroll and Donald F. Walker, our current minister. Brother Walker has been the minister here since 2004. In September, 2010, four men were appointed to serve the congregation as elders; Chris Gerber, Buddy McKenzie, Don Puryear and Don Walker.

We love and appreciate you, Don and Jamie

Trenton Tidings

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But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

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*** Elder on Call for June**

OUR DEACONS Ricky Breeden 423/309-0527 Felix Cruz, Jr. 347/403-5262

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WELCOME TO OUR HOMECOMING AND OUR 176TH ANNIVERSARY

We welcome you today back home or to our home if you are just visiting! We are honored either way. On the back page you will find a brief history of the first 175 years of the this congregation.

Those of us worshipping here now are proud to be a part of this great history. Our desire is to continue to be faithful to God's Word to leave a heritage here that will last until the Lord returns.

In the last few years we have been blessed with wonderful growth, especially with our young families and our youth group. The contribution continues to grow as this group of people shows their commitment to the Lord in every way.

This is a congregation that is proud of how it arrived where it is but very committed to even greater service to the Lord in the future. If you live in the area and are looking to be a part of a growing church, we welcome you here full time!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

What a blessing it is for us to have you with us today. It's a beautiful time of year and you have made our service even more beautiful by being here today. You will always find a warm and friendly welcome here and an attempt to do Bible things in Bible ways. We hope your plans will include a return visit to us here very soon. Feel free to talk with one of our elders about how you could fit in here and for more information about us. If you would, please fill out a visitor's card

EVIDENCE OF OUR LOVE

SUNDAY 8/4

Bible Classes **58**

AM Worship **78**

Contribution **\$2655**

Lads to Leaders 2014 Fund **\$1393**

PM Worship **68**

WEDNESDAY 8/7

Bible Classes **54**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Devotion/Singing at

Wood Haven 6:00 pm

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

**The Homecoming
Acts 14:21-28**

- I. Homecoming is a Time to Reflect on **WHERE WE HAVE BEEN** Ac 14:26-27
- II. Homecoming is a Time to Reflect on **WHERE WE ARE** Ac 14:28
- III. Homecoming is a Time to Reflect on **WHERE WE ARE GOING**



SUNDAY EVENING SERMON

**LYDIA:
The Influence of One
Acts 16:12-15**

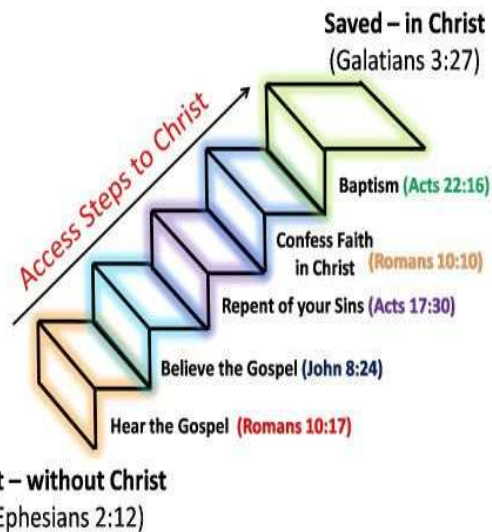
- I. Lydia was a Worshiper of God
Ac 2:42-47; 5:42; 20:7; He 10:24-31
- II. Lydia Had an Honest Heart
He 10:1-10
- III. Lydia Immediately Corrected Her Life to Conform with God's Will
Ro 6:3-5; Co 2:12
- IV. God Was More Important to Lydia than Her Business
- V. Lydia Was The Kind of Person that Could and Did Influence Others for Good
Ac 16:15; 1 Co 11:1
- VI. After Obeying the Gospel, Lydia Immediately Began to Serve God

In Christ

By J. Randal Matheny

Here, the air breathes pure and clean,
Where distant peaks beyond are seen,
The sky sings hymns of battles bold,
Of men who braved the heat and cold.

The higher slopes require full measure,
Forgoing many a dream and pleasure,
His rawest will, his deepest drive —
But there he'll be most truly alive.



TYG News

Today **TYG** continues to adjust to **LWOM Part II** (for the unaware, that is **Life With Out Matt**) It has been a great summer and we are excited about the things to come this fall and beyond. **Matt** has been hired to work as a youth minister with the Eastern Meadows church of Christ in Montgomery and we are happy for him and wish him well! **Ben** has moved to Statesboro to begin his work on his Master's, **Felix** has begun his college career at Faulkner, and in a few days, **Alex** will return to Berry. Next Friday **Shelton Davis** leaves for a semester in Greece with Faulkner then this coming weekend **Tyler Suttle** will be back with us. There is a lot to be thankful for and to be praying about! Remember our college students each day in your prayers! A lot of changes but let's pray it is all good!

TYG Events Upcoming

- 8/11 1:00 PM **TYG to Teen Singing Central (Cleveland, TN)**
- 8/17 1:00 PM **TYG Activity with Faulkner Vanguard (Tyler)**
- 8/31 TBD **TYG Devo at the Grindstuffs'**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TODAY** Our 176th Anniversary and Homecoming
- 8/14 8:00 PM** Household Shower for **Debi and Darrel Stanley**— Sign up today for food for the shower
- 8/18** Services conducted by Faulkner's Vanguard Program
- 9/21** Ladies' Day-Magby Gap

In Our Daily Prayers...

Nancy Bernhardt is home
Angie Bone needs prayer.
Felix Cruz's brother health problems.
Terri Evans, co-worker of Linda Getter.
Jeannette Foster who many of us know, is in DHR (Sand Mont) and is some better
Celine Gallardo, one of our ladies in the Philippines work, is having health issues.
Tommy Hartman, Judy/s husband, was treated for kidney stones this week.
Clayton Keys in South Africa has Rheumatic fever.

Sandra Lane was very weak and ill this past week.
Buddy McKenzie's brother, Danny, The reports on his cancer is not good. He has begun chemo treatments.
Mary Medley at HHCL in LaFayette
Lavina Patterson is at home and weak
Janice Raines has had some better days
Lillian Steele, Sandra Wheeler's mother, is in the DHR (Sand Mont).
Geneva Tinker is at Glenda's with Hospice. She is very weak and does not recognize anyone now.

Carl Walker is in the hospital in Valdosta and recovering and taking therapy
Van Wall, Bill Newby's uncle is in DHR (Sand Mont)
Dot Wall, Helen Odell's sister in law, passed on Monday night.
Max Wallin, brother of Ivan Wallin is home
Jean Webb needs our prayers
Stephanie Williams has ongoing problems
Gerald Yancy is having problems and needs surgery.