



Serving Our Saviour

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After almost forty five years of doing local work we have decided to “change gears” and serve the Lord in a somewhat different manner. It has always been our goal to build the local congregation around the members and not the preacher. All too often we have created the “pastoral system” that we have taught against.

While the preacher is an extremely important part of the congregation, the programs of work should not depend upon him. When he leaves the work should continue. We believe our experience gained in local work can help congregations large and small to serve the Lord better. We have preached for congregations numbering about 25 (Keel Mt.) to almost 600 (Springfield). We are at your service and can “tailor” our work to fit your needs.

We have served six congregations (well actually seven). Our work began at Gurley, Alabama in 1960 and for almost a year while there we also worked with nearby Keel Mountain, a congregation we helped establish. The remaining five include: New Union (Manchester, TN); Morrison, TN; Springfield, TN; Bremen, GA; and the last eleven years at Woodstock, GA.

Leroy Dedmon

Leroy has been preaching the Gospel over 45 years. His first sermon was in a Men's Training Class at Chattanooga Valley in 1958. He filled appointments for congregations in North Alabama after moving to Huntsville in 1959 to work at Redstone Arsenal as a Design Draftsman. He began local work in February 1960 at Gurley, Alabama.

He has conducted daily radio programs in Manchester, Springfield and Bremen. He has appeared as a guest on several TV programs, mostly on Search the Scriptures in Bowling Green, KY. He has conducted over 300 Gospel Meetings in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Indiana.

He is also an entertainer for special meetings with his humor. His creation of "Preecher Alfalfa Hayseed" has become a popular hit with his "after dinner speeches".

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Opportunities

(by Leroy Dedmon)

Preaching

Gospel Meetings - Campaigns

Local Interim - "Fill-In"

Summer Series - Special Lectures

Workshops

Christian Home - Evangelism

Church Growth - Leadership

Counseling

Pre-Marital

Marriage and Family

Church Conflict

Entertainment

Any Special Occasion

Jane Dedmon

Jane has developed several lessons designed for special Women's Day activities. Among them are: *"Teaching Women's Classes"*, *"God's Charm School"*, *"Christian Hospitality"*, *"Wives of Leaders"*. She does not claim originality in all the material she presents, as more that forty years as a preacher's wife has left her with much material and experience. The author and poet Tennyson once said, *"I Am a Part of All Those Whom I Have Met."* This may adequately describe Jane as she has built a "storehouse" of information to aid women in **Serving Our Saviour**.

Jane has conducted Women's Day lectureships and workshops in Chattanooga, TN; Jonesboro, GA; Morrison, TN, Springfield, TN and Gurley, AL.

Especially for Women

(Presented by Jane Dedmon)

Women's Day Themes

"Teaching Women's Classes"

"God's Charm School"

"Christian Hospitality"

"Wives of Leaders"



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.....THEY COULD HAVE HAPPENED

WOODSTOCK MINISTER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Leroy and Jane Dedmon began their work with the Woodstock Church of Christ (Woodstock, GA) on May 2, 1993. Leroy served as the “Pulpit Minister” while Jane worked with the Women’s Programs and taught Women’s Bible Classes. The Dedmon’s moved from Bremen, GA, where they served the Bremen Church of Christ for eight years. They plan to reside on the “old home place” near Ringgold, GA, where Leroy was born on June 27, 1939. Leroy and Jane are both graduates of Rossville High School. (Leroy-1957, Jane Glasscock-1958)

A farewell “Covered Dish” Dinner was held in their honor on Sunday, January 4, following the evening worship service. Leroy and Jane were presented a plaque in recognition of their service to the congregation. Leroy was also presented a plaque by Rafael Uzcategui, the Spanish Minister, for his work in helping establish the Spanish speaking congregation and his work in the ESL (English as Second Language) program. The Dedmon’s presented the congregation with research books for the church library.

Leroy and Jane came to Woodstock during some troubled and trying times for the congregation. The number in attendance had fallen to about 125 for worship on Sunday morning. Presently the attendance is averaging around 325 with an occasional 350 or more.

In addition to serving as the Pulpit Minister, Leroy was also the Educational Director, ESL (English as Second Language) Teacher, Office Manager and Administrator of the

Woodstock Day School, a preschool for ages one through four of more than ninety students. The paid staff of about twenty, includes a Day School Director, Teachers, Aides, Ministers, Office and Custodial staff. In addition to the Spanish Minister the church had an Assistant Preacher, Roy McClendon, who passed away in September of 2002.

Leroy was also the webmaster and administrator of the churches eight computer network. His love of computers often kept him busy building and upgrading not only the church computers, but also many of the members who depended upon him for their personal computers.

In addition to his preaching, Leroy has been active in several other areas. He directed a week of Summer Bible Camp for youth at Camp Inagehi, near Douglasville, GA, six of the ten years at Woodstock. His love for softball has kept him playing on the church team and for the last five years he was active with the Cherokee County Senior Softball Association as a player, American League Director and serving on the board of directors. He is also a member of the Woodstock Kiwanis Club where he served as president for three terms.

Several years ago, Leroy created a character he calls, “Preecher Alfalfa Hayseed”, which he uses for comedy routines at special meetings for both churches and civic clubs. Leroy says that he believes laughter is good for the soul and he created the “Hayseed” character to help see the humor in life.



LEROY AND JANE DEDMON

Leroy and Jane plan to continue serving the Lord, but in a much different way.

Jane has developed several workshops for women which include: “Life Looks Better When You Do” and “Christian Hospitality”. She also conducts classes for wives of elders, deacons and preachers. Leroy plans to increase his Gospel Meeting schedule and workshops. He has developed special classes in Leadership, Evangelism, Marriage and Family. Since he holds a masters degree in Marriage and Family counseling, he will be available for counseling. The Dedmon’s served as houseparents at Sunny Acres Home for Children in Morrison, TN and Childhaven Children’s home in Cullman, AL.

Leroy plans to spend some time writing and doing family genealogy research. He hopes to finish a book on the History of the Church of Christ in Georgia, which he began several years ago. He has published a workbook on the History of the New Testament Church.

Jane and Leroy have two children, Gary and Gwen, three grandchildren, Carrie, Greg and Jonathan, two great grandchildren, Masie and Curt. Leroy’s mother is still alive and well at ninety two years of age.

MEET LEROY DEDMON

Biographical Information of



LEROY DEDMON WAS BORN ON JUNE 27, 1939 IN RINGGOLD, GA TO HIS PARENTS, GORDON LEE AND RUBY (DICKSON) DEDMON. HE IS THE OLDEST OF FIVE CHILDREN (CAROLYN, RUTH, TOM AND BILL). LEROY WAS "RAISED" IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BUT WAS CONVERTED AND BAPTIZED BY JAMES WATKINS IN 1957 AT THE CHATTANOOGA VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST IN FLINTSTONE, GA. LEROY CONVERTED HIS SISTER, RUTH, WHO IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHURCH AT GURLEY, AL AND HIS BROTHER, BILL, WHO IS ALSO A GOSPEL PREACHER, AND PRESENTLY PREACHES FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN BOWDON GA.

LEROY ATTENDED GRADE SCHOOL AT GRAYSVILLE, GA AND OSBURN ELEMENTARY (NEAR CHICKAMAUGA, GA) AND GRADUATED FROM ROSSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IN ROSSVILLE, GA IN 1957. HE HOLDS A BA IN BIBLE FROM NATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY AND A MA FROM SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (FORMERLY ALABAMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF RELIGION) IN MONTGOMERY, AL. HE IS CERTIFIED TO ADMINISTER THE TAYLOR-JOHNSON TEMPERAMENT ANALYSIS PROFILE AND A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR FOR RON WILLINGHAM MEN'S LEADERSHIP COURSE.

ON APRIL 5, 1959, LEROY MARRIED JANE GLASSCOCK, HIS HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART. SHE WAS BORN AT CHICKAMAUGA, GA, THE OLDEST OF 3 CHILDREN (RUTH AND ED) HER FATHER, BERLIN GLASSCOCK, SERVED AS AN ELDER FOR CHATTANOOGA VALLEY. FOLLOWING HIS DEATH IN 1961, JANE'S MOTHER, CYNTHIA SERVED AS A DORM SUPERVISOR AT FREED-HARDEMAN COLLEGE UNTIL SHE PASSED AWAY IN 1972. JANE IS A TEACHER FOR WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS. SHE HAS DEVELOPED HER MATERIAL, "GOD'S CHARM SCHOOL AND CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY". LEROY AND JANE HAVE TWO CHILDREN, GARY OF SPRINGFIELD, TN AND GWEN (GOWER) OF BUCHANAN, GA. THE DEDMON'S HAVE 3 GRANDCHILDREN, CARRIE WEBB, GREG AND JONATHAN DEDMON. THEY ALSO HAVE TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, MASIE JANE AND CURT THOMAS WEBB.

HE HAS BEEN PREACHING THE GOSPEL FOR MORE THAN 45 YEARS. HIS FIRST SERMON WAS IN A MEN'S TRAINING CLASS AT CHATTANOOGA VALLEY IN 1958. HE FILLED APPOINTMENTS FOR CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH ALABAMA AFTER MOVING TO HUNTSVILLE IN 1959 TO WORK AT REDSTONE ARSENAL AS A DESIGN DRAFTSMAN. HE HAS SERVED AS MINISTER FOR SIX CONGREGATIONS: GURLEY, AL (1969-1964); NEW UNION, NEAR MANCHESTER, TN (1964-68); MORRISON, TN (1968-1972); SPRINGFIELD, TN (1972-85); BREMEN, GA (1985-93); AND WOODSTOCK, GA (1993.-2004). WHILE AT GURLEY, AL HE HELPED ESTABLISH A CONGREGATION AT KEEL MT. AND PREACHED FOR THEM AS WELL AS THE GURLEY CONGREGATION FOR ABOUT 6 MONTHS, PREACHING 4 TIMES EACH LORD'S DAY.

LEROY HAS ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, SERVING AS P.T.A. PRESIDENT, CUB SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT LEADER, AND LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL COACH. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROBERTSON COUNTY JOB OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE, SPRINGFIELD EMERGENCY FOOD BANK, ROBERTSON COUNTY HOME HEALTH CARE, VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN OF THE ROBERTSON COUNTY JAIL AND JESSE HOLMAN JONES HOSPITAL IN SPRINGFIELD, TN. HE IS A PAST MEMBER OF THE MORRISON RURITAN CLUB, SPRINGFIELD KIWANIS CLUB, BREMEN LIONS CLUB AND PRESENTLY IS A MEMBER OF THE WOODSTOCK KIWANIS CLUB, WHERE HE SERVED THREE TERMS AS PRESIDENT. HE IS PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. HE HAS SERVED THE FOLLOWING CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS: CUMBERLAND HEIGHTS (ALTAMONT, TN); FALL CREEK FALLS (PIKEVILLE, TN); LYLEWOOD (CLARKSVILLE, TN); SHORT MT. (WOODBURY, TN); AND CAMP INAGEHI (DOUGLASVILLE, GA). HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT CAMP INAGEHI FROM 1985-2004). HE DIRECTED A WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS AT INAGEHI.

JANE AND LEROY HAVE SERVED AS HOUSEPARENTS AND PUBLICITY DIRECTOR AT CHILDHAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME IN CULLMAN, AL AND HOUSEPARENTS AT SUNNY ACRES HOME FOR CHILDREN IN MORRISON, TN.

LEROY HAS CONDUCTED DAILY RADIO PROGRAMS IN MANCHESTER, McMINNVILLE, SPRINGFIELD AND BREMEN. HE HAS APPEARED AS A GUEST ON SEVERAL TV PROGRAMS, MOSTLY ON SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES IN BOWLING GREEN, KY. HE HAS CONDUCTED OVER 300 GOSPEL MEETINGS IN GEORGIA, ALABAMA, TENNESSEE, FLORIDA, MISSISSIPPI AND INDIANA. HE IS ALSO AN ENTERTAINER FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS WITH HIS HUMOR. HIS CREATION OF "PREECHER ALFALHA HAYSEED" HAS BECOME A POPULAR HIT WITH HIS "AFTER DINNER SPEECHES".

LEROY'S HOBBIES INCLUDE: GOLF, SOFTBALL (STILL AN ACTIVE PLAYER), AND COMPUTERS. HE HAS ASSISTED SEVERAL CHURCHES IN SETTING UP THEIR COMPUTER PROGRAMS TO PUBLISH THEIR BULLETINS, CREATE WEB PAGES, UTILIZE MEMBERSHIP TALENTS AND CONTROL THEIR FINANCES.

Biographical Information of

Jane Dedmon

Jane Glasscock Dedmon was born on February 1, 1940 in Chickamauga, GA. She is the oldest of three children born to Berlin Edward and Cynthia Shirley Glasscock. She was baptized by Charles Kilgore at the Chattanooga Valley Church of Christ in Flintstone, Georgia in 1954. Her father served as an elder at the Chattanooga Valley congregation until his death in 1961. After his death, her mother served as a dorm mother at Freed-Hardeman University until her death in 1972. Her brother Edward Lebron Glasscock lives in Carrollton, GA and her sister Ruth Morton lives in Buchanan, GA. She married Leroy Dedmon on April 5, 1959 and they are the parents of two children, Gary Lebron, born November 22, 1960 and Gwendolyn Jane, born October 7, 1962. Gary lives in Springfield, TN, where he teaches school and preaches at nearby Cedar Hill. Gary is married to the former Diane Toothman and they have two sons, Greg and Jonathan. Gwen lives in Buchanan, GA and is co-owner and operator of Gwen's Family Restaurant, a joint effort with Leroy and Jane. She has one daughter, Carrie Jane. Carrie also lives in Buchanan and works at the family restaurant. She is married to Doug Webb and they have one daughter, Masie Jane.



Jane attended Osburn Elementary School in Chickamauga, GA through the seventh grade. She then transferred to Chattanooga Bible School in Chattanooga, TN, which is now known as Boyd-Buchanan, for the eighth grade. She then attended Rossville High School in Rossville, GA, from which she graduated in 1958. In the fall of 1958 she entered the Erlanger School of Nursing which was housed at Erlanger Hospital. The classes were through the University of Chattanooga, now known as the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC). In order to prepare herself as a teacher of God's Word, Jane has attended several classes and schools which include the Tullahoma School of Preparation, Tullahoma, TN; National Teachers Institute (Adult Teacher Training), Hendersonville and Columbia, TN and the School of Biblical Studies, Marietta, GA. She is a certified instructor for Ron Willingham's Course, "The Christian Woman". She has also received professional training as an Interior Decorator at Payne furniture Company and Carriage Lane Interiors, Nashville, TN.

Having been married to a Gospel Preacher for more than forty five years, Jane has considerable experience in "church work". The Dedmons have served six churches where Leroy was the "full-time" pulpit preacher. Jane has served in several areas of the educational program of congregations, including coordinator of children's educational departments, planned, coordinated and supervised VBS programs, taught children's classes of all ages, taught women's classes at: Manchester, TN, Springfield, TN, Bremen, GA, and Woodstock, GA. She has held workshops for adult classes and organized church libraries. Jane has developed several lessons designed for special Women's Day activities. Among them are: "**Teaching Women's Classes**", "**God's Charm School**", "**Christian Hospitality**", "**Wives of Leaders**". She does not claim originality in all the material she presents as more that forty years as a preacher's wife has left her with much material and experience. The author and poet Tennyson once said, "*I Am a Part of All Those Whom I Have Met.*" This may adequately describe Jane as she has built a "storehouse" of information to aid women in their service to the Master. She has conducted women's lectureships and workshops in Chattanooga, TN; Jonesboro, GA; Morrison, TN, Springfield, TN and Gurley, AL. Other church related activities include: Coordinator of Women's Activities - Bremen, GA and Woodstock, GA. Member of Special Activity Committee - Springfield, TN; Member of Interior Decorating Committee - Woodstock, GA and teaching English as a Second language - Woodstock, GA. She has assisted Leroy in Georgia mission work. She has been involved in several Youth Camps which include: Camp Child - Altamont, TN; Fall Creek Falls - Pikeville, TN; Lylewood Camp - Clarksville, TN; Short Mountain Camp - Woodbury, TN; Camp Inagehi - Douglasville, GA. The Dedmons have been house parents at two Children's Homes: Childhaven - Cullman, AL; Sunny Acres - Morrison, TN

Jane has been active in many community activities including: The March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, Parents Teachers Association, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. She also volunteers as a Model with Fashion Bug Department Store. Jane's involvement with volunteer work actually began while she was in High School. She was the organizer and President of the Allied Medical Club at Rossville High School. She also served as President of the Y-Teens (YWCA) at Rossville high School. She was the secretary of Morrison Parliamentary and Study Club at Morrison, TN. In Springfield, TN she was the Reading Chairperson of the Mt. Dension Home Demonstration Club and served as Secretary of the Green Thumb Garden Club. Jane's hobbies consist of: Teaching, Public Speaking, Reading, Coordinating social activities, Entertaining, Collecting Dinnerware, and conducting special Women's Days and Retreats.

Although Jane has never pursued a career outside of homemaker, she has worked at several part time jobs that has provided her with opportunities to broaden her talents and communication skills. Among her places of employment are: Hutcheson Memorial Hospital, Ft. Oglethorpe, GA where she served as a Medical Secretary. She has also been a substitute teacher for several school systems which include: Woodville Elementary and High School in Woodville, AL; Gurley Elementary and High School in Gurley, AL and Morrison Elementary and High School in Morrison, TN. Jane has also served as a Receptionist/Secretary on occasions where her husband, Leroy, has preached. Those congregations include: Springfield Church of Christ, Springfield, TN and Woodstock Church of Christ, Woodstock, GA. She has been involved in Catalog Retail Sales for Montgomery Ward, and Sears, both of Springfield, TN. She also has considerable experience in retail sales, having been employed by Little World Children's Clothes, Springfield, TN; Carpet Land Carpets, Springfield, TN and Fashion Place Carpets, Springfield, TN (a joint business venture of Jane and Leroy with her brother). She has also worked as a Merchandiser for Gibson Greeting cards, at Woodstock, GA. Her experience in the food business includes cashier, server and caterer with Henderson's Restaurant, Bremen, GA; and Gwen's Family Restaurant, Buchanan, GA (a partnership with the Dedmons and their daughter.)

Introducing.... ...Preecher Alfalfa Hayseed

Are you tired of the same old boring speeches that keep you looking at your watch or putting you to sleep???. If so, maybe it's time to call "Preecher" Alfalfa Hayseed to provide "side busting" laughter...

You may never again think of preachers as the solemn faced "party pooper" that has often characterized the profession. You will be able to relate to so many of his experiences as he makes you laugh at good clean family rated humor. From getting both eyes blacked in church to the preaching of the funeral of the town "reprobate" He reminds us of the humor found in life's experiences. "Preecher" Hayseed says he can remember when it was tradition to take the preacher home for dinner on Sunday. One he says he misses with mixed emotion.

Preecher Alfalfa Hayseed was born at the foot of Taylor's Ridge in Houston Valley, in Catoosa County near Ringgold, GA. He has preached in such places as: *Keel Mt, Gurley, Gossburg, Curlee, Noah, Beech Grove, Shady Grove, Gnat Hill, Cheap Hill, Lumley Stand, Pocohontas, Bearwillow, Greenfield, and Bean's Creek...*

Preecher Alfalfa Hayseed is a created personality by Leroy Dedmon. Leroy has been a preacher of the Gospel for the Church of Christ for about forty-five years. More than four decades of preaching the gospel has brought many humorous events into my life. Things are always hilarious when you are not supposed to laugh. Of course we all know that "preacher stories" may or may not have actually happened, but we know THEY COULD HAVE HAPPENED!

I am reminded of the radio preacher who was really into his sermon and with a rather loud voice said, "folks, I am not just preaching, I AM TELLING THE TRUTH!!!! I believe laughter is "good for the soul"... I created the "Hayseed" character to help us see the humor in life.....

**Church Groups - Holiday Dinners - Youth Rallies - Civic Clubs
Senior Citizens- Retirement Banquets - Appreciation Dinners
Family Reunions - Birthday and Anniversary Parties**

Recommended by

**Scott West, President
Woodstock Kiwanis Club**

"If you have not heard Preecher Hayseed, then you have missed a great time... He is very funny. It is certainly worth the price of the ticket..."

**Butch Jones, minister
Elijay Church of Christ**

"Preecher Hayseed has been to Elijay at least twice. His repeat performance was better than the first.:"

**Jim Bullington, President
Wings of Hope**

The word "funny" doesn't adequately describe the hilarious performance of Preecher Hayseed. Clean and good natured fun is at the core of the Preecher's performances; side splitting laughter is guaranteed whenever he comes to "preech!" Got a feeling that even if collections were taken, there'd be a big crowd wherever the Preecher is scheduled to speak!



**PREECHER "HAYSEED" ENTERTAINING
FOR THE DEDMON FAMILY REUNION**