

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM

Speaker, Robert Emerson

Study Sunday 10:00 AM

Worship Sunday 11:00 AM

Worship Sunday 5:00 PM

Singing every 2nd Sunday evening

Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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with us!**Servants during May:****Songleader:** Stanley (3), Larry (10),
David (17), Chandler (24), Dwight (1)**Reading:** David**Announcements:** Stanley**Communion:** Robert, Larry, Chandler,
Shay**Wednesday Lesson:** Stanley (6), Kris (13),
Mike (20), Larry (27), Stanley (July 4)**Lawn Mowing (week beginning):**Marty (3), Stanley (10), Robert
(17), Larry (24), Kris (July 1)**Singing:** TBA (June 24)**Area Meetings:** Cartwright (Singing,
June 3); Pepper Road (June 3-8);
Oakland (June 4-8)**Hays Mill church of Christ**

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**The Bible .
Examiner***"Examine everything carefully..." -1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB*

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**How the church
came to Antioch***By Robert Turner*

Men of Cyprus and Cyrene, (members of the church scattered by persecution) came to Antioch and "spoke unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus." A great number believed, and turned unto the Lord."

The church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to Antioch, "Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord." Through his work, "much people was added unto the Lord."

Later, Paul came to work with Barnabas, and "they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

In these passages (Acts 11:19-26) we learn (1) the word of the Lord was preached, (2) people believed, (3) and turned unto the Lord; (4) they cleaved unto the Lord, and (5) others were added unto the Lord. And these people were called "the church" "disciples" and "Christians." The discerning person sees in these verses how the church

came to Antioch, and how it comes to any other place on earth.

The Seed is the Word of God

The kingdom (church) is the fruit of seed sown in honest hearts (Lk 8:11). Truth, and only truth, can produce the church of Christ. Conversely, the complete unadulterated Truth can produce only the church of Christ. Surely it is obvious that I refer to the true church of the Lord, and not to a party of people who may wear the name, Church of Christ. The true church consists of people who cleave unto the Lord, not of people who cleave unto a church building, or to other people. (Reread Acts 11:19-26).

How May the Church STAY in Antioch?

We have seen that its existence depends upon the TRUTH, and PEOPLE DEDICATED TO THE TRUTH. Now the truth will remain true, without any help from us. 1 Pet. 1:25 says it will endure forever. But people are far less constant—they "depart from

the faith”(1 Tim.4:1). Note: depart from the faith, not from other people.


The only way we can keep Christ’s church in Antioch or any other place, is to keep people dedicated to truth. (And that takes a fair job of keeping, in the light of competition. As a rule, the majority is dedicated to preachers, friends, buildings, and to “the way we’ve been doing it.”)

No Man Can Save the Church

The church already has a savior, Jesus Christ. He is willing and able to save all who come to Him. But we can

exhort one another; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (2 Tim. 4:2-f). We can do as did Barnabas—“exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord” (Acts 11:23). In this way we may “keep” the church in Antioch, Iuka, or any other place. And mark it well, this is the only way it can be kept.

Let Jesus Christ save YOU, and YOU will be a member of His true church.

Via Plain Talk, Vol 1 No 3, January 1964. 

Dedicated, Determined, Dependable

By Steve Klein

A local TV station has as its motto “Dedicated, Determined, Dependable.” While this may or may not be an accurate description of Channel 48’s personnel, it strikes me that these words ought to be a true description of you and me as children of God. Truly, “the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light” (Luke 16:8). If people of the world are dedicated, determined and dependable in their secular pursuits, surely those of us who are doing heaven’s work should be more so.

Dedicated: To be dedicated is to be completely committed. Jesus doesn’t ask us to give a part of ourselves to Him; He wants our all. He doesn’t just want three hours on Sunday and one hour on Wednesday. He wants us to be at His

disposal every moment of every day—24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. He promises that, “whoever loses his life for My sake will save it” (Luke 9:24).


I suspect that a truly dedicated television newscaster would be ready at any time of the day or night to cover a big story. I have watched TV weathermen stay up all night to keep the public informed during periods of dangerous weather. These people consider such sacrifices to be completely reasonable because they have completely committed themselves to their work. Even so, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1).

Determined: In Luke 9:62 Jesus said, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” Our minds must be made up and focused. On one occasion Barnabas encouraged the saints in Antioch that “with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord” (Acts 11:23). Nothing, nothing, nothing should keep us from continuing to serve the Lord. No trial, tribulation or disappointment should be allowed to change our minds. Like Paul, our attitude should be that “none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy...” (Acts 20:24).

Dependable: If anything important happens in North Alabama, a truly

dependable TV news station would be on the story like a hen on a June bug. You could count on it.


Can the Lord count on you? If a car only runs two days a week is it dependable? If an employee only shows up for work half the time, is he a faithful employee? Can the Lord count on you to assemble with the saints to worship Him? Can He count on you day by day to study, pray, teach and be an example? Will He be able to greet you on the last day and say, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.” (Matthew 25:21)?

Via The Bulletin of the church of Christ at New Georgia, July 8, 2001. 

Remember the Needs of Others

*Remember the needs of others,
Including our fathers and mothers.
Helping out by running errands;
Picking strawberries at Miss Karen’s.*

*God wants us to be kind and good;
Helping friends and neighbors like we should.
Bringing food and staying to talk,
Helps us and them in our daily walk.*

*--Sarah Vilander, Age 9
(Around July 2006, though she might not remember it) *

Remember in Prayer

Kenny Paul Mitchell is doing some better after his stroke, and has been moved to a regular hospital room. Let’s not forget to pray for those who are unable to meet with us... including: Lois Adams, Ruth Black, Carolyn Dennis, Dot and Tim Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Teeple. 