

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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David (17), Chandler (24), Dwight (1)**Reading:** David, Stanley (July)**Announcements:** Stanley, Robert (July)**Communion:** Robert, Larry, Chandler,
Shay; Lakin, Mike, David, Marty (July)**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:** Leopards (24)**Area Meetings:** Bethel (23-29), Truth
Lectures (23-29)

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"Examine everything carefully..." –1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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One Preacher's Prayer

By Dee Bowman

When I am discouraged and there is no sign of progress; when people are seemingly insensitive and unimpressed with the great things of Thy word; when people have obviously made the world a fit place for their hearts and not for just their hands; when it seems that preaching is listened to habitually and out of a sense of duty instead of hungrily and out of privilege; when expressions of appreciation are followed with little or no action; and I am discouraged—GOD, HELP ME!

When I am not sure about things; when there is uncertainty about what to say and when to say it; when I know a rebuke is needed, but hesitate to articulate it; when I am not sure about what is genuine encouragement and what is flattery; when I am not sure whether a word was said in sincere criticism or out of spite; when I am not sure I should go; when I am not sure how long to stay or how far to go; when

circumstances are such that right is not easily discernible; when I am not sure—GOD, HELP ME!

When I am tempted; when the baubles and bangles of life are attractive to me; when there is a desire for recognition by the world; when I become momentarily fascinated with vocations that offer more in the way of money, security, fame; when the evil one is at my side no matter my turning; when it appears that the "way of escape" is blurred and distant; when I begin to dwell on the provocative and sensual, when I am tempted—GOD, HELP ME!

When things are good; when people are hearing what I say; when they are zealous and active; when the young are growing and the old are becoming wise; when enthusiasm buds and the sheer excitement of serving is obvious; when benevolence is done without

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assignment; when visits are made without prodding, and work is abounding; when there is a real, earnest regard for the spiritual; and when there is a tendency for me to take credit for such growth and development; yes, when things are good—GOD, HELP ME!

And when I am happy; when I have prayed as I ought; when I have remembered Thee; when I have given proper thought to what might have been without Thee; when I ponder with great satisfaction Thy forgiveness; when I clasp hands with a friend and brother in Christ; when the common meeting with those of kindred spirit is cause for great rejoicing; when the simple glance of one who cares fills my heart with love; when the contemplation of the grace of God swells my being with great appreciation; when I am

happy—GOD, HELP ME!

When I must go on; when I share sorrow with the ancient worthies at the loss of loved ones; when I see the wayward stray further and further from Thy protecting care; when I must weep at the open grave; when I must, with David, see my sin before my face; when I, amidst great persecution and intense pain, must continue on my way; when I am lost for a moment and the sheer terror of it grips my soul; when I reach for a friend and find no one there; when those dear to me would mock and ridicule my meager attempt at service; and when through it all, I must go on—GOD, HELP ME!

—I imagine everyone—not just preachers—breathes this prayer at times... or should. Via Southside Sunday, Pasadena, Texas, Nov. 19, 2006, quoted in Topics for Thought, Nov. 26, 2006, Vol. 8, No. 45. 

The Bible's Influence on Our Language

By Steve Klein

The Bible has influenced the English language in untold ways. Although we may not realize it, many of the common phrases we use to express ourselves are rooted in Scripture. Here are some well-known sayings that actually come from the Bible:

The skin of my teeth. Job said, "My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh, And I have escaped by the skin of my teeth." (Job 19:20)

A drop in the bucket. "Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales..." (Isa 40:15)

The root of the matter (or problem). "But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?" (Job 19:28)

Living off "the fat of the land." "And take your father and your households and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of

Egypt and you will eat the fat of the land." (Gen 45:18).

At their wits' end. "They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end." (Psa 107:27)

All things to all men. The apostle Paul said, "To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made All things to all men, that I might by all means save some." (1 Cor 9:22)

The Bible's influence on mankind has been so pervasive that most people commonly quote phrases from it without realizing it! If the speech of people of the world has been slightly influenced by the Bible, the speech of God's children should be greatly influenced by it. Christians, who are to be constantly studying God's word and striving to live by it, will naturally demonstrate it in speech.

We will speak "the truth in love" (Eph 4:15).

We will speak as the oracles of God, sharing God's word with others. "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Pet 4:11).

We will speak with grace, answering spiritual questions with wisdom and solid Bible knowledge. "Let your speech always be with


grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Col 4:6).

We will utter "sound speech" which promotes spiritual health. "...sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you" (Tit 2:8).

We will not engage in filthy talk or dirty jokes. "...neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks" (Eph 5:4).

We will not lie. "Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds" (Col 3:9).

Some time ago, I met a young preacher who impressed me in this way: His every day speech sounded like the Bible. He used very few of the popular "in" phrases that you hear from most young people, very few of the catchy religious sayings that you hear from many denominational preachers, and very few colloquialisms common in his region of the country. In every day conversation, he sounded like he was reading the Bible. Isn't that how every Christian should aspire to sound?

—via the Bulletin of the church of Christ at New Georgia, June 25, 2006. 

Remember in Prayer

As always, please remember to pray for Lois Adams, Ruth Black, Carolyn Dennis, Dot and Tim Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Teeples...