

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 October:****Songleader:** Chandler (7), Dwight (14), Stanley (21), Larry (28)**Reading:** Robert**Announcements:** Stanley**Communion:** Mike, Lakin, Larry, Chandler**Wednesday Lesson:** Kris (3), Mike (10), Larry (17), Stanley (24), Kris (31)**Lawn Mowing (week beginning):**

Marty (7), Stanley (14), Robert (21), Larry (28), Kris (11/4)

Singing: Kris and Cindy's (28)**Area Meetings:** New Hope (Singing, 28th, 3:00pm)**Hays Mill church of Christ**

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**The Bible .
Examiner***"Examine everything carefully..." - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB**Volume 1**October 28, 2018**Number 31***Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns***By Sewell Hall*

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it," (Hebrews 2:1).

The word 'drift' aptly describes the process of apostasy. It is seldom accomplished by giant leaps; rather it is the result of short steps. The steps appear to be only the slightest variation from the accepted truth and altogether innocent, but each one is used as justification for the next one until truth has been left completely, even by individuals who would never have dreamed it possible.

We have known of congregations where a piano was first allowed in the basement to teach children how to sing. But having learned with it, the children continued to need it in their Bible classes. Once this was allowed, someone asked the difference in young folks and adults — the difference in Wednesday night and Sunday night. No logical difference could be shown so it was allowed at those times.

Then someone had only to point out the inconsistency in using it Sunday night and refusing it Sunday morning, and from then on it was used at all services, a thing that would have been opposed when the piano was first moved into the basement.

A group of Americans preaching in Africa said they were strongly opposed to churches of Christ operating a hospital in the United States. But they thought churches could and should support a nurse in Nigeria to treat wounds and minor illnesses. But once the nurse was supported, a hospital was proposed. Anyone who objected would be asked, "If you can support a nurse and clinic, why not a doctor and hospital?" No logical difference could be shown, so the hospital was built. Often now we are hearing of a proposal for a "Church of Christ Hospital" in the United States. The argument: "If we can do it in Nigeria, why not here?" Granted that premise, no sound reason

can be given. It all started with letting a church support a nurse.


A church we know has a kitchen. They defend it on the grounds that it costs the church nothing. The kitchen and equipment were in the building when it was purchased and they have a minimum electric and water bill each month, anyway. But a generation will arise that is accustomed to the kitchen. They will want to build a new building and they will want a kitchen. Their argument will be “We’ve always had a kitchen. If we could have it in the old building, why not in the new?” There will be no chance of keeping it out.

In our town, a kindergarten is beginning in the meetinghouse of one of the churches. In a news item, it is stated, “The kindergarten will be at the church, but will not be operated by the church.” This will satisfy the minds of many who would object to the church operating or supporting a school of any kind. But one of these days another step will be proposed. It may be opening a first grade. If someone objects, the question will be raised, “But what is the difference in a first grade and kindergarten?” There is no difference, so the opposition will be silenced and the way will be clear for second grade, third grade, etc., etc.

But some day the school will need to be subsidized. Those opposed to support of education will rise up to object. But someone will say, “It’s true we haven’t been contributing from the treasury, but we have been providing a place for the school and it has been using the name of the church. Now if we can contribute facilities and influence, why not money?” That question will be hard to answer, for there is no difference and the opposition will then be silenced.

From this, the next logical step will be to send money to a college, because, after all, what is the difference between contributing to our own school and contributing to one operated by someone else? And it all began with a kindergarten, which “will be at the church, but will not be operated by the church.”

Truly, “Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.” The mistake is ever allowing an acorn to get mixed with the seed of the kingdom. Every innovation, regardless of how small, must be rejected, not only for its own sake, but also for the sake of attendant corruptions that will surely follow in its train.

—via *College View Columns*, Florence, Alabama, date unknown. 

programs in which a character became so emotionally distraught and hysterical that someone would slap them in the face and tell them to “snap out of it.” The classic response was often, “Thanks, I needed that!”

Rebuke is a verbal slap in the face that is often needed and ought to be appreciated. Psalm 141:5 says, “Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall be as excellent oil; Let my head not refuse it.” This attitude toward being rebuked is rare indeed. Most of us, when we’re told that we’re wrong, commonly react by becoming defensive, making excuses or pointing out the faults of the one rebuking us. The vast majority of us (self, included) need to work hard on changing our attitude toward rebuke.

The next time someone corrects or rebukes you, take a moment and remember the following:

Rebuke is often motivated by love. If someone is taking the time to correct you, they probably care sincerely about you. In Revelation 3:19 Jesus said, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.” Rebuke manifests love. Truly, “Open rebuke


is better Than love carefully concealed,” Proverbs 27:5.

People respect and admire those who can take correction, but those who can never admit that they are wrong are despised. The Scriptures state it this way: “Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored,” Proverbs 13:18.

Wisdom comes from recognizing and learning from our mistakes. Proverbs 15:31,32 states, “The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise. He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.”

Learning that you are wrong is better being told than you are right when you aren’t. We can find a lot of people in this world who will assure us that we are “ok.” But, “It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise Than for a man to hear the song of fools,” Ecclesiastes 7:5.

Taking correction is a beautiful thing. Let’s each resolve to work harder to see it that way. “Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear,” Proverbs 25:12.

—via *The Bulletin of the Church of Christ at New Georgia*, February 27, 2005. 

Learning to Like Being Slapped in the Face

By Steve Klein

Few of us would regard a slap in the face as a kindness. But there are

occasions when it is. I can recall scenes from movies and TV

Remember in Prayer

Buddy had a diabetic callous removed from his foot, and now needs to stay off his feet to let it heal; and Tim Hice has moved... his new address is 305 Longview, Athens.

Please continue to pray for Lois Adams and her brother, Ted; Ruth Black, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Teeple; and Buddy’s friend, Herbert Sides.