

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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We would love to
study God's word
with you!

**Servants during April:**

Songleader: Dwight (7), Stanley (14),
Larry (21), David (28), Chandler (5/5)

Reading: Larry**Announcements:** Robert**Communion:** Stanley, Marty, Chandler,
David**Wednesday Lesson:** Larry (3), Stanley (10),
Kris (17), Mike (24)**Lawn Mowing (week starting):** Marty (7),
Stanley (14), Robert (21), Larry (28)

Singing: The Hamilton's (28),
1708 Hollydale Drive

Area Meetings: Needmore church
(Haleyville 14-19); Hughes Road
@ Gooch Lane (14 3pm); East
Florence Congregation (14-19);
Eastside church (Russellville 14-
19); Hughes Road @ Gooch
Lane (21 3pm); Jackson Drive
(Mondays 3/11-5/13)

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

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What's Involved in a "Gospel" Meeting?

A "gospel" meeting can be a wonderful time in the history of a church. Please pray for and work toward that being the case with our upcoming meeting. Attend every service. Bring visitors. Pray for converts.

Let's consider for a moment—just what is involved in such a meeting?

God is Involved

Without God's love, we would have to take the idea of "gospel" out of the meeting, because there would be no gospel. The gospel is the good news of God's great love for all mankind that prompted Him to send Jesus to a lost and dying world. In gratitude for that love we can echo Paul's great statement: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." This gospel is called "the gospel of the grace of God." Man did nothing to earn God's sending of His Son into the world. It was pure grace on God's part to send His precious Son into a world of sin and shame. "God commendeth His love for us in that

while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Yes, thankfully, God is involved!

The Preacher is Involved

Although God made the gospel, man must proclaim it. Jesus commanded his disciples: "Go Ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Evangelists are to do the same; in fact, our English word "evangelist" is from the Greek word, "euangelion," which means "good message"—or "gospel." Paul says: "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." Again he says that he preached "night and day with tears," that he "kept back nothing that was profitable," and that he had not shunned to declare "the whole counsel of God." It is the duty of the evangelist to faithfully proclaim the word of the Lord as kindly, as firmly, and as powerfully as he is able. We know our speaker will do this.

The Church is Involved

No gospel meeting can be a success without the support of the local church. How can we expect the world to get excited over a message that the local church is not excited about? We owe this meeting our fervent prayers. Without God's aid it is doomed to failure. We need to give this meeting our very best effort. Bring the unsaved with you to hear the gospel. The finest service you can render a friend is to share with him the gospel of Christ. Perhaps the speaker can succeed where you have failed thus far. By all means attend every service. Your presence speaks volumes with regard to your interest, enthusiasm, and involvement

What Might Have Been

By Barney L. Keith

How painful is the thought expressed by one of the great poets, John Greenleaf Whittier:


"For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been!'"

Many a person has thrown away his life in drug addiction, (including alcohol). Numerous are those who have thrown away their marriages by becoming involved with others. Parents have often lost their children by neglecting them, or even granting them excessive freedom. Many are those who have thrown away a good name by some ungodly behavior. Do you not suppose that a vast majority of these later in life have shed tears of bitter remorse as they have thought of "what might have been"? It is too late, however, for all has been lost.

in the Lord's work. Let's be on time; bring our friends; be reverent; and greet our visitors.

The Sinner is Involved

The gospel is provided by the grace of God. When it is faithfully proclaimed by an evangelist, and zealously supported by the local church, the sinner is without excuse. This gospel meeting provides opportunities to reach out to and help save the lost in our community. We cannot allow these opportunities of evangelism to pass us and our community by.


—Edited, author unknown, via **the Walnut Street "Reporter"** 

This bitter lament is found also in the Bible. It was expressed by the "weeping prophet," Jeremiah (8:20) as he sadly exclaimed, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." God had given His people ample time to repent and turn from their idolatrous, immoral ways. They had not shown any inclination to respond appropriately to His offers of mercy. When God was no longer willing to tolerate their wickedness, the Babylonian captivity became His means of teaching them a 70-year lesson. No doubt there were times in Babylon when they mourned and wept over "what might have been" if they had only listened to the voices of the prophets who had warned them.

Such lessons ought not to fall on deaf ears today. That individual who has

stopped serving the Lord faithfully will one day realize what he has given up. It may be too late then to do anything about it. My dear wayward brother or sister, before the "harvest is past" and the "summer is ended," you ought to take advantage of a merciful God's offer of pardon by repentance, confession and prayer. Better that, by far, than to stand condemned in the judgment and have to think of "what might have


been."

That individual, too, who has never obeyed the gospel, should ponder seriously what hell is like (according to God's word) and submit himself to the rule of Christ in faith, repentance, confession and baptism before it is too late to do so. Far better this than to be separated eternally from God and think of "what might have been." 

Remember in Prayer

Billy did not have to have knee surgery, but was instead able to get shots! Please note **Ruth Black's** temporary address: Limestone Health Facility, Room 48, 1600 Hobbs St. W., Athens. **Joyce** could very much use

encouragement right now...

Please always pray for those that would like to but cannot meet with us, including **Lois Adams, Ruth Black, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Teeples.** 

You are cordially invited to hear...

Messages for the NT Church from the OT Prophets: Prophetic views of the church, Christ, and Christians

Presented by Glenn Hamilton

Sunday, April 21st to Friday, April 26th

At the Hays Mill church of Christ meetinghouse
21705 Hays Mill Road, Elkmont, Alabama 35620

Topics include:

Sunday 10 AM	Building a Temple of God
Sunday 11 AM	Being a Temple of the Lord
Sunday 5 PM	Defiling the Temple of the Lord
Monday 7 PM	The Mountain of the Lord
Tuesday 7 PM	The Way of the Lord
Wednesday 7 PM	Running with Horses
Thursday 7 PM	The Day of the Lord
Friday 7 PM	The Son of Man
