

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

*Pray "for kings and all
who are in authority..."
—1 Timothy 2:2a*



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Songleader: David (2), Peter (9), Dwight (16), Stanley (23)

Reading: David

Announcements: Stanley

Table: Larry, Mike, Lakin, Buddy

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (5), Stanley (12), Kris (19), Larry (26)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): On winter break...

Singing: Kris and Cindy's (23)

Area Meetings: Phil Campbell (2-4);
Fourth Street (Cullman, 7-9);
College View (15 Men's Study);
Eastside (Russlleville, 21,22);
Kelly Spring Road (21-23);
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"Examine everything carefully..." —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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Lessons in Times of Disaster

By Marc W. Gibson

What lessons should the faithful Christian learn from times of disaster?

Disaster can strike at any time or place and can start in the smallest ways (the proverbial "finger in the dike"). We must remain alert and watchful at all times, physically and spiritually, Eph 5:15-17. The Christian will appreciate the brevity of life much more than those who have hope only in this world, Jas 4:13-15.

All that we possess may be gone in a moment. Earthly things are uncertain, and the faithful

Christian will not put his trust in such things, but use them to the glory of God, 1 Tim 6:17-19.


Life is more precious than property. If a great disaster is predicted to come, the Christian will seek safety, and not foolishly risk his life for the sake of earthly things that can be replaced. The Hebrew Christians did not worry when their goods were plundered because they had better possessions waiting in heaven, Heb 10:34. God teaches us to properly order our priorities so

that we will not fall into the snares and dangers of life, cf. 1 Tim 6:9.

Only our relationship with God is everlasting. We can be separated from earthly things and relationships, but nothing on this earth can separate us from the “love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord,” Rom 8:37-39. In life or in death, we are “more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

Our attitude must be one that will accept the trials of life as we faithfully lean on God to care for our souls. Paul overcame despair and depression by learning to be content (sufficient, adequate, trusting) in any given situation, good or bad, Phil 4:11-13. Paul had plenty of disastrous moments in his life (cf. 2 Cor 11:24-28), yet he

learned how to suffer with integrity and faith. It is easy to be content in good times, but we must be determined to learn how to suffer with patience in times of disaster, avoiding the temptation to sin with our mouth or commit acts unbecoming of a child of God.

Whatever may happen on this earth, eternal salvation is always available by grace through faith. Let us hear and obey the will of the Father so that we may face the trials of life and death with trust and hope in our God who has preserved an eternal inheritance for us in heaven. In that heavenly home, we will endure no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain, Rev 21:4. I know this will be true, for no earthly disaster will ever touch it! 


denominational world have used this as justification to have a “foot washing service” as a part of the worship to God.

Washing feet is also mentioned in Luke 7 where a woman washed the feet of Jesus with her tears and wiped them with her hair. Then it is mentioned in 1 Timothy 5 as one of the deeds that would characterize some widows.

The usual mode of travel in Jesus’ day was walking. The roads and pathways were usually dusty. One of the signs of hospitality in that time was to wash (or, have a servant to wash) the feet of a guest when they arrived in your house. This seems to be the thought in Luke 7 and seems to be given as a symbol of hospitality in 1 Timothy 5. It is certain that the lesson Jesus taught in John 13 was that of humility and service.

Saints still need to be humble in the sight of God (Jas 4:10), and in this humility be willing to do anything they can to relieve the distress of another—including washing their body (not just feet). We should show hospitality to those who visit us, but washing another’s feet is not necessarily the only way to manifest this. And, we all (not just widows) should be active in doing good deeds.

To go through a ceremony of washing another’s feet when they do not need washing is NOT a show of humility nor godliness. So far as I can see it is NOT something to be done in worship to God.

Let us leave it as the Bible does—a symbol of hospitality and good works. Let us manifest hospitality in other ways and do all good works expected by God—but let us not fall into a ritual of washing feet in applying the Scripture improperly. 

Jesus Washed Feet: Should We?

By J.F. Dancer, Jr.

In John 13, after Jesus had instituted the Lord’s Supper, we find that he washed his disciples’ feet, v4-16. Many times the

question arises, “Since Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, should we not wash one another’s feet?” Some in the

Remember in Prayer

Please continue to pray for **those leading our nation and state**, that they might make wise and godly choices, 1 Tim 2:2; as well as **all those we know that are sick**, both spiritually and physically, brothers in Christ or not

(Jas 5:16; 1 Tim 2:1), including **Dwight Presnell**; as well as **Faye Vilander, Ruth Black** and **Madelene Britnell**; also **Lois Adams, Carolyn Dennis, Tim** and **Dot Hice, Polly McNatt**, and **Hazel Teeples**. 