

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening  
Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

Remember our ***gospel meeting*** with Lowell Sallee, April 26 to 29!



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**Servants during February:**

**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:** Danville Rd (23-26); Anderson (3/1-3/4); Hwy 157 (3/1-3/4); Jackson Dr (3/1-3/5)

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# The Bible . Examiner

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

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# SELF-CONTROL

*By Bill Hall*

What is the value of self-control? Self-control is that which enables us to hold our tongues when we are tempted to viciously put someone in his place once and for all; or when we know a juicy bit of gossip that would be entertaining to the group and would turn us into the "life of the party"; or when an occasion almost demands that we betray a confidence that must not be betrayed under any circumstances.

Self-control is that which enables us to control our passions when another is provoking us to anger; that keeps the clinched fists in the pockets when the agitator is only half our size; that keeps the lips sealed when another is railing and swearing at us. Self-control is that which enables us to be like


our Lord "who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously," 1 Pet 2:23.

Self-control is that which enables us to maintain purity of heart and to thrust out evil thoughts before they can take root; that enables us to place the best possible construction on another person's actions when unproven rumors could easily destroy our confidence in him; that helps us to maintain a cheerful disposition when everything around us has turned sour. Self-control is that which enables us to love the unlovable and to hate that which the world loves.

Self-control is that which enables us to rule our appetites; to say “no” when our lusts would lead us to sin or when that which is harmful to our health is placed before us. Self-control is that which enables the smoker to put down his cigarettes and the alcoholic to put down his drink and never return to it. Self-control is that which enables us to rule rather than to be enslaved.

The Bible does not glorify the indifferent and impassive. It is not our goal to be uncaring. To be like Paul, we must be able to have our spirit stirred within us when we are surrounded by evil, Acts 17:16. To be like our Lord, we must sometimes feel anger when

surrounded by hypocritical self-righteousness, Mk 3:5; we must even react with occasional outbursts of goodness on occasions, as when the Lord cleansed the temple, Jn 2:13-17. But, all such outbursts must be tempered with self-control, that in our anger we “do not sin,” Eph 4:26.

God does not view our uncontrolled actions with amusement. Our temper tantrums and harsh, unbridled words are soul threatening, a potential bar to the abundant entrance into the Lord’s everlasting kingdom, 2 Pet 1:5-11. We must not minimize the danger. We must not surrender to this evil. 

## *A Mess or a Beauty?*


*By Joseph Girzone*

There will always be pain and hurt in life. You cannot grow without it. Pain and suffering are the dark strands weaving through the tapestry of our life, providing the shadows that give depth and dimension to the masterpiece God is fashioning within you. Athletes embrace stress and pain as they prepare their bodies for the contest. You are made strong and refined through your hardships and

struggles. They may not be punishment for sin. They are the necessary ingredients of life if you are to grow in God’s image. If God is to mold the human clay of which you are made, into something that resembles Himself that process cannot help but be painful.

So, be patient! Know that your pain is not in vain, nor is it a punishment. God is too big to pick on people when, in their

weakness, they fall. When you do things that are hurtful, God like a kind father, or more a tender mother, makes adjustments in your life to remind you that your actions are hurting others or yourself and prompts you to make

changes. However, God is never cruel. He accepts you where you are and is very patient as you turn ever so slowly back to His love. He weaves everything, even your sins, into good when you reach out to Him. 


## *The Wicked Bible*

*By Jeff Himmel*

In 1631, English royal printers Barker and Lucas published a Bible that has since been called “The Wicked Bible.” After publication, a printing error was discovered in Exodus 20:14: the word “not” had mistakenly been omitted, so that it read, “Thou shalt commit adultery.” The printers were fined by the High Commission, and the entire edition was recalled and destroyed. Only a handful of copies are known to have survived.

We chuckle at the “Wicked Bible” because we know that many people would prefer it if Exodus 20:14 really did say that. But we also know that a lot of folks, many of whom call

themselves Christians, don’t need an altered Bible to decide that God really doesn’t mind so much if they commit adultery, or lie, or steal, or gossip.

The challenge in every generation and every society is to believe and live out what the Scriptures say — not what we might wish them to say. That goes for sexual morality and for countless other matters in which our own inclinations might run up against the teaching of God’s word. “Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls,” Jas 1:21. 

## *Remember in Prayer*

Please continue to pray for **Ruth Black, Madelene Britnell, and Faye Vilander**; also **Lois Adams, Carolyn**

**Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Teeple**. 