

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

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



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Servants during March:

Songleader: Larry (1), David (8), Peter (15), Dwight (22), Stanley (29)

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Marty

Table: Robert, Stanley, David, Peter

Wednesday Lesson: Stanley (4), Kris (11), Larry (18), Stanley (25)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): On break for SCUBA practice...

Singing: TBA (22)

Area Meetings: Anderson (1-4); Hwy 157 (1-4); Jackson Dr (1-5); Belgreen (7-11); Ardmore (8-11); Hwy 43 (Russelville 8-11); South Cullman (8-12); Riverbend (8-13)

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The Bible .
Examiner

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

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**A Contrast
 Between
 Two Men**

*By Sunday Ayandare
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If the author's writing style is unusual, it is probably because of his nation of origin; yet, while we may not share geography, hopefully we share the same zeal for Christ, Gal 2:20...

The Book of Proverbs presents to us a contrast between two women. On one hand is an immoral, seductress type who "flatters with her words"; "...of a crafty heart," who is "loud and rebellious..." Prov 7:5,10,11. On the other hand is the virtuous type whose worth "is far above rubies," Prov 31:10-29.

Not too long ago, two men in a local congregation presented similar contrast. One brother was absent for the Lord's Day worship and wrote a letter to the elders explaining why he was not present. He was going, according to him, "to sit and mourn along with other family members, the death of a relation who died in the United States of America." And truly, this writer heard over the local radio station under the personal paid announcements (PPA) slot an

announcement put up by a family that had lost an illustrious son in the USA in an auto crash. But that was Friday afternoon!

The announcement suggests that the death did not occur on that Friday. Moreover, it was evidently clear that the relationship between the deceased and this young man who claims to be a Christian was nothing more than what we usually describe as a “distant relative.” Now, our good brother had that Friday to go and “sit and mourn with the family,” but he did not! He had the following day, Saturday, to go and weep with the other relatives. Yet, he did not! The auspicious time as far as he was concerned came on Sunday morning!

Not even Sunday afternoon after the Lord’s Day worship was over. No, it just must be Sunday morning and not at any other time!

Would you like to know the reaction of the elders? They decided that the letter be read publicly and not only be publicly rejected, but publicly rebuked! The elders reasoned that the letter was terribly scandalous and put a question mark on the brother’s claim to being a faithful Christian. First Timothy 5:20 says, “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.”


In the audience for the Lord’s Day worship was another brother

whose daughter died just the previous night. Her remains were committed to mother earth just a few hours before that Sunday morning. Precisely, the burial took place at about 10:30 p.m. on that Saturday night. This 25-years-old young lady was already proving to be the brightest star in the horizon of the family. Indeed, she was the only daughter of her father and mother. What a tragedy!

Besides, this brother had the unfortunate lot of watching his only daughter breathing her last breath. Yet, this man was there to worship the Lord of all lords on this particular Lord’s Day. What a sharp contrast!

One writer has aptly observed: “Generally, attendance is a faith problem. The weak who looks for an excuse will find one. The strong, who faces the same problems and difficulties as other people, somehow manages always to attend.”

There are people who have no faith, Mk 4:40. There are those of little faith, Mt 6:30; 8:26; 14:31. And there are those with great faith, Mt 8:10. It is high time we join the apostles in pleading, “Lord, increase our faith,” Lk 17:5.


—Via *Meditate on These Things*, 10/2018 

THE OTHER SERVICES

By Keith Sharp

Two preachers were talking. One said, “The elders where I preach decided to do away with Sunday evening services because only a handful attended.” The other preacher asked, “What do the members think about this?” The first preacher replied, “Most of them don’t know.” Sad. Would you even know it if the church quit meeting Sunday evening or Wednesday night? What about Sunday morning Bible class? If you showed up for work one day out of four, would your boss consider you a faithful worker? Is it because worshiping the Lord, studying His word, and encouraging each other to good works are less important than secular activities? Is your bank account more important than your

soul? “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works,” Mt 16:26,27. “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you,” Mt 6:33. “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers,” Acts 2:42. “Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful,” 1 Cor 4:2.

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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. 