

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Speaker, Robert Emerson
Study Sunday 10:00 AM
Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

“Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.” — Col 3:2



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Songleader: Chandler (5), Stanley (12), Larry (19), David (26)

Reading: Stanley

Announcements: Marty

Table: Larry, Chandler, Mike, Robert

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (1), Stanley (8),

Kris (15), Stanley (22), Larry (29)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Stanley (5),

Robert (12), Larry (19), Kris (26)

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“Examine everything carefully...” —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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“Write Up” Experience

By Robert F. Turner

During my very early years as a Christian I heard preachers use Jn 9: 31 (“God heareth not sinners”) as saying only the baptized would be heard. This was usually aimed at “mourner’s bench” religion, where aliens ignored God’s commands (repent and be baptized) and tried to “pray through.” Then one day while riding with an older and more experienced preacher he said this conclusion was partly right but the exegesis was faulty.

“The ‘sinner’ (Jn 9:16,31) was in rebellion against God as a manner of life—walking in darkness. A baptized person could be in that condition. In fact, the Jews “knew” this by reference to such scriptures as Psa 66:18, Isa 1:15; 59:2 where those in covenant relation with God would not be heard because of their rebellious ways. To the ears of one who had preached it with the limited application, this was false

teaching.

A few weeks later I was riding with another older, experienced man, who had been quick to “write up” many with whom he differed, and who expressed “doubts” about the man with whom I had earlier traveled. I did not have the good sense to keep my big mouth shut, but told him of the man’s erroneous (as I thought) view.

He did not correct me (though later I learned he knew the proper use of Jn 9:31) but seemed to enjoy my “discovery” of what I thought was the first man’s unorthodox interpretation. It was not until I had made careful study of the scriptures involved that I realized the first man was trying to help me, while the second seemed to be looking eagerly for something “on” a brother, to “write him up.”

Those travel companions are

dead now—this incident long past. I am shamed by this memory, would like to forget it, but it comes again to mind as I have the feeling its principles are being repeated by others. The seasoned preacher, as well as the inexperienced, could have erroneous concepts. Error

needs correction; but little of this will be done by arrogance or “brotherhood police” tactics. The “spiritual” must correct error in meekness, considering himself, lest he also be tempted, Gal 6:1.

—via *Plain Talk*, June 1983 

The Truth Sometimes Hurts

By Jonathan Perz

How much do you appreciate the truth? The truth is easy to hear when it is flattering, encouraging, and uplifting. However, the truth can sometimes hurt. Do you always desire the truth from those around you, regardless of whether it is favorable or not? Do you always demand the truth from those who preach and teach the gospel of Christ?

The truth pleased the rich young ruler until Jesus told him the one thing he lacked, Mk 10:17-22. Some would call such a declaration of truth unloving, but the Spirit called it love (note v21). How do we feel when someone courageously and honestly points out our shortcomings, Prov 27:6?


Some of the Jews who heard Peter on Pentecost appreciated the truth, though it indicted them. They chose repentance and baptism, Acts 2:36-40. Whereas, those Jews

who heard Stephen speak that same truth hated what was spoken. They responded by stoning Stephen to death, Acts 7:54-60. How do we respond to the truth?

The Galatians loved the apostle Paul—so much that at one point they were willing to pluck out their own eyes and give them to Paul. However, in the very next verse, Paul was compelled to ask if he had become their enemy because he told them the truth, Gal 4:14-16. Do we despise those who tell us what we need to hear?

Simply stated, unless we have a love of the truth, we will never appreciate the truths that hurt, 2 Thess 2:10-12. Unless we are willing to accept painful truths, we cannot know the sanctifying power of truth, Jn 17:17. Unless we obey the truth, we will be condemned, Rom 2:8.

How much do you appreciate truth? The answer is painfully obvious when we are confronted with agonizing truths that require

change in our lives. Change hurts, but the truth saves. How will you respond the next time you are confronted with the truth? 

Why Be So Alarmed?


Benjamin Franklin—not the statesman, but his great nephew; one of the most influential gospel preachers of the late 1800’s—wrote of priorities in the midst of a great American epidemic. Men and women were dying everywhere, healthy one day, and being covered with earth the next:

“We need not commence now to inform our readers of the rapid spread of cholera, for the alarm has reached every hamlet on the continent. No matter how heedless men are at other times and relative to other subjects; when the alarm is proclaimed, and the arrows of death are flying thickly in their midst, and cutting down many victims, the thundering tones of the proclamation arouses the most

slumbering and stupid soul.

“Why be so alarmed? Did we not know that we must die? And had we any certainty at any time that we should not die in a single hour? Not in the least.”

“We perceive the President of the United States has designated a day for prayers to be offered to Almighty God, to avert this threatening calamity. This may be well for those who are not in the habit of praying; but the Christian’s King and Lord has set His time for him to pray, and if he attends to it he will be sure of the President’s day, for the Christian’s code says, ‘men ought always to pray.’”

—quote via Ottis L. Castleberry, **They Heard Him Gladly: a Critical Study of Benjamin Franklin’s Preaching**, p28,29 

Remember in Prayer

We thank God that our sister **Bernice** was well enough on Wednesday to return to Valley View rehab, room 505!

Please continue to pray for **Lois Adams, Madelene Britnell, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, and Polly McNatt...** 