

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

"...on that day a great persecution began... and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria... Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word."

—Acts 8:1,4



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Servants during November:

Songleader: Peter (1), Stanley (8), Larry (15), David (22), Peter (29); (Dec) Stanley (6), Larry (13), David (20), Peter (27)

Reading: David; Stanley (Dec)

Announcements: Marty; Robert (Dec)

Table: Larry, Mike, Robert, Stanley; (Dec) Marty, David, Peter, Mike

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (4), Stanley (11), Kris (18), Larry (25); (Dec) Stanley (2), Kris (9), Larry (16), Stanley (23), Kris (30)

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

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The "Lost and Found" Bible

By Lynn Camp

In July, 1961, I boarded the Danube Express at Vienna's West Train Station, traveling to Budapest behind the Iron Curtain. What a contrast between free Austria and Communist occupied Hungary—so dark and drab! Businesses were closed. Signs were banned. People hardly dared to speak or smile.

Carefully contacting names accumulated in Vienna, we met Ivan Martos, an officer of the National Bank of Hungary. He travelled to Vienna twice each year for bank conferences. Later, I arranged to meet Ivan at West Train Station. When he arrived, he looked like he had lost his best friend. Indeed, he had. Ivan related his bitter experience. Guards had boarded the train at the next-to-last stop on the Hungarian side.

Checking all passengers, they came to Ivan. His ID and travel documents were in order. But one guard made him open his briefcase. Finding Ivan's personal Bible, he held it up for all to see and angrily shouted, "What is a man in your position doing with a Bible?" Before Ivan could respond, the guard threw the Bible out of the window of the moving train.

About two years later, at another Vienna meeting with Ivan, he was as upbeat as he had been downcast before. He had received a postal package in Budapest—it was his Bible! An apologetic note explained:

Our children were playing one day along the railroad tracks. They found your Bible. Not knowing what it was, one of them took it to his grandmother, who immediately

recognized it as a Bible. Word spread quickly through the little village on the border. Some of our older people had possessed Bibles before they were banned and remembered the significance and power of the Word of God. We decided to conceal the discovery while those who so desired would make handwritten copies. That joyful task lasted two years. Please forgive our keeping your Bible so long. But you might like to know that we are now a secret band of about 30 who have baptized each other and seek to

follow Jesus in our daily lives.

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart,” Heb 4:12.

“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls,” Jas 1:21.

—via *Meditate on These Things*, Aug 2018 

Wherever They Went

By Bob Craig

The Jews in Jerusalem were displeased when they saw their own people forsaking the Law of Moses and embracing the Christ. Their displeasure was manifested in their persecution of these people. This persecution became so severe that many fled the city and went into the surrounding territories of Judea and Samaria. And the record says in Acts 8:4, “Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.”

Persecution has never hindered God’s people from preaching the truth. Christians were first persecuted by the Jews. This ceased when Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed in 70 AD. Nero instigated

persecution against Christians about 64 AD and it continued, intermittently, until 313 AD when Constantine handed down the Edict of Milan giving all religions freedom from persecution.

When persecution ceased, apostasy flourished and produced the Roman Catholic Church which in turn brought forth the Protestant Denominational situation we are surrounded with today.

But these Christians of Acts 8:4 did not go everywhere in the known world of their day. “...They were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria,” Acts 8:1. So I think it can be more accurately stated that “Everywhere

they went, they preached the word.” And that’s the way it should be today. We are not obligated to go everywhere but everywhere we do go, we are obligated to preach the word.

Question: are we doing that?
Answer: No! Question: why not?
Answer: perhaps because we have it so easy. No persecution. No need for

defending the word, so we don’t do it. We expect the government to pass moral laws to do our work. But everywhere THEY went, they preached the word and because of their work, they continued to be persecuted until Constantine, and then protection by the government and apostasy flourished.

—via *Daily Bible Lessons*, 2nd 100 

Death of the American Family?

By Keith Sharp

Forty years ago a secular news magazine reported, “Changes of a profound nature are underway in American family life... [These have] convinced some social scientists that the ‘death of the family’ is at hand,” (*US News & World Report*, April 16, 1973, p71). In 1980 18% of babies born in America were to unwed mothers, in 2010 it was 40.8% (*cdc.gov*). In 1967 the American divorce rate was 26%. Most states enacted no fault divorce laws, and the rate increased to about 50% in 1985, where it has remained (*divorce.lovetoknow.com*). It would be far higher but for the fact so many more unwed couples live together today (*www.usatoday.com*). Now 17 states

allow same sex marriage, and the U.S. Supreme Court has invalidated the federal law defining marriage as a relationship between one man and one woman. Marriage is the first divine institution, Gen 2:18-24; Mt 19:3-6. It is indeed between one man and one woman, Mt 19:4-5; 1 Cor 7:2, and is a lifelong relationship, Mt 19:3-9; Rom 7:2,3. Man does not have the right to change it, alter it to suit himself or society, or leave it at will. As our society foolishly, blindly rushes toward moral destruction, Christians must be “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world,” Mt 5:13-16.

—via *Meditate on These Things*, Nov 2013 

Remember in Prayer

Joyce is having some tests run following a fainting spell; and let’s not forget those that aren’t meeting with us currently, such as **Barbara, Billy and Marie, and Donise ...**

Please continue to pray for those that cannot meet with us, including **Lois Adams, Madelene Britnell, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, and Polly McNatt.** 