

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

“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” —James 1:2-4



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**Servants during December:**

Songleader: Stanley (6), Larry (13), David (20), Peter (27); Stanley (1/3), Larry (10), David (17), Peter (24), Stanley (31)

Reading: Stanley; Mike Beckman (Jan)

Announcements: Robert; Larry (Jan)

Table: Marty, David, Peter, Mike Mitchell; Stanley, Marty, Robert, David (Jan)

Wednesday Lesson: Stanley

(2), Kris (9), Larry (16), Stanley (23), Kris (30); Larry (1/6), Stanley (13), Kris (20), Larry (27)

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

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I Confess

By Allen Dvorak

I confess I belong to that part of the United States’ population identified as the “religious right” (expression to be said with a sneer or contempt in the voice). I am unabashedly religious, believing that one’s life should be conducted with devotion to God and my moral and social values are decidedly conservative, i.e., to the “right.” But it is becoming popular to characterize the “religious right” as a bunch of fanatical nut-cases who are trying to put a stranglehold on social progress. We are supposedly responsible for whatever bad happens in this great nation of ours.

Let me tell you about myself. I still think that it is wrong to lie and deceive, regardless of what power or position one may have in society, Eph 4:25. I believe that it is wrong to cheat my fellow man in business,

Eph 4:28. I see very little difference between the man who steals from me by means of dishonesty in a business transaction and the thug who holds me up at gunpoint. The dishonest businessman merely hides behind the appearance of respectability, but he is a thief just the same. I believe that character is crucial, both in public and private life.

I believe that life is a gift from God, Psa 127:3, and abortion is the taking of an innocent human life. Abortion displays selfishness and an astonishing lack of natural affection and is an abomination in the sight of our Creator, Prov 6:17; Rom 1:31. I believe that God makes parents responsible for raising their children—not the government, schools, the church or Little League, Eph 6:4. I believe in the appropriate

discipline of children in the molding of character, including the spanking of a child who refuses to accept instruction or correction, Prov 13:24; 19:18; 22:15. I prefer to see the tears of a disciplined child than to have to read about how he shot his classmates at school. I despise the physical abuse of children.

I believe that adultery and fornication ought to be cause for shame, Heb 13:4, and not rewarded, financially or otherwise. Homosexuality is not simply an “alternate lifestyle,” it is unnatural behavior and a sin, Rom 1:26-28.

I believe that the poor should be helped, but the lazy should go without, Eph 4:28; 2 Thess 3:10. I

believe in personal accountability, that each person should be held responsible for his/her actions, including those who commit their injustices against others in the name of religion. I believe that it is fitting that individuals are rewarded for hard work, but I don't believe that wealth gives anyone the right to break the laws of the government. I believe that punishment under the law should reflect the seriousness of the crime.

I confess to holding all of these values, but I deny that such values will destroy this nation or impede the progress of society. In fact, if our country is to remain great and free, we must return to these values, Prov 14:34. 📖

through news conferences and public service announcements that “we will get through this” if we will heed their voices. The appeal is to rely on the knowledge and expertise of the scientific community.

One particular ad sponsored by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals caught my attention by its blasphemous message. The announcer, speaking in an authoritative tone, boldly says, “At a time when things are most uncertain, we turn to the most certain thing there is... Science.”

There was a time when the word science meant “knowledge,” but some modern dictionaries list that as an “archaic” definition. Today, the most common usage of the word

refers to “the study of the physical and natural world,” much of which is unproven and therefore uncertain. The apostle Paul warned Timothy to “avoid the profane and vain babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge,” 1 Tim 6:20.

I am confident that a remedy to this scourge will be found, but when this happens it will be because God has supplied it. He may let the virus run its course, or He may allow men to discover a solution; but it is God who will deserve the credit.

When looking for answers in uncertain times, what is “most certain” is not a thing—He is God Almighty!

—via *Think on These Things* 📖

When Things Are Most Uncertain

By Al Diestelkamp

The emergence of a viral epidemic in China quickly developed into the threat of a worldwide pandemic and prompted numerous warnings and appeals for extraordinary precautions in a concerted effort to slow or stop the

spread of the pernicious virus. Certainly, this has created a period of uncertainty throughout the world.

Understanding this, governmental and scientific agencies have tried to assure us

Remember in Prayer

Continue to remember **Joyce**; she has a great attitude, trusting in God—but she will always need encouragement and prayer! **Cindy's** daughter, **Brook**, has been diagnosed with Covid-19; because she is due in February, Cindy has asked for prayers on her behalf. **Madeline** has the virus, but is

apparently doing great! **Robert** has had some concerns about his heart, and has an appointment with a doctor about it shortly.

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

