

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

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"...[T]he tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell."

—James 3:6

**Servants during November:**

Songleader: Stanley (7), Larry (14), David (21), Peter (28)

Reading: Mike M

Announcements: Larry

Table: Marty, Stanley, Mike B, Peter

Wednesday Lesson: Stanley (3), Kris (10), Larry (17), Stanley (24)

Lawn Mowing (week starting):

On break for the winter...

Area Meetings: New Georgia, 11/7-10, Drew Edwards; **Helton Drive, 11/7-11,** Steve Patton; **Midway, 11/14-17,** Bill Hall; **West Madison St, Pulaski, TN, 11/28-12/1,** Bobby Graham

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

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Living with Hideous Monsters

By Ben May

A man visited a psychiatrist to talk about his dreams. "Every night," the man said, "I dream that these three hideous monsters are sitting on the edge of my bed, ready to attack me."

"Hmmm," said the doctor. "I feel sure I can cure you of this problem. But the treatment will cost you somewhere between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars."

"Thirty thousand dollars!" the man gasped. "Never mind getting rid of the monsters, Doctor. I think I'll go home and try to make friends with them!"


Sadly, many have concluded that sin is not so ugly after all either. Instead of taking steps to rid themselves of the "hideous monsters" they try to take the "ugly" off. Our society has found a way to make sin easy to live with.

According to modern man, homosexuality is no longer an abomination, Lev 18:22,23, or degrading, Rom 1:24, but an "alternative" lifestyle. A homosexual is not perverted, he or she is "gay." If you believe that it is immoral and sinful to be "gay" you are labeled a "homophobe." You are the one with a "problem" and in need of help, not the sinner. To further make friends with the "hideous monster", now they want marriage to include same sex couples. This would "legalize" the sexual relationship and further remove the negative social stigma from the homosexual community.

Heterosexuals are demonstrating much the same attitude and have a desire to make sin appear less sinful. Living together has become socially acceptable. Couples proudly

announce the upcoming birth of their baby with no thought of marriage. After all, it's only a "piece of paper." Actually, it is only another attempt to make sin easier to live with. Sex outside of marriage is still fornication or adultery! An ugly monster indeed.

Many other examples could be given of the world attempting to make friends of the "hideous

monster" the Bible calls sin. Remember James' admonition in Jas 4:4— "Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." May we all continue to stand with the Lord. 

If It Feels Right Then Go with It

By Edward O. Bragwell, Sr.

If "it feels right then go with it" is the prevailing philosophy of too many in our time. Along with this, we are told by "experts" that it is unhealthy to suppress one's feelings. Folks are encouraged to let it all out. The idea of exercising self-control and discretion to conform to an objective standard of conduct is a joke to more and more folks. Furthermore, society must grant and defend everyone's right to go with it—whatever "it" happens to be. The results: chaos is fast taking over what was once known as the "civilized world."


We only have to look around to see this philosophy at work. If sexual relations feels right to an unmarried couple, they go with it. If an "affair"

feels right for a married person, he/she goes for it. If it feels right to divorce and remarry how ever so many times and for whatever reason, then they go with it.

If by some quirk of nature one's physical gender does not feel right, then he or she is encouraged to go with their feeling. If one is attracted to one of the same gender, they go for it. Not only do they go for it, they insist on public recognition and accommodation of their feeling.

We are sometimes asked, "How can a thing so 'natural' be wrong?" That is the problem. Many have gotten so far away from God that the unnatural seems to be natural to them. The apostle Paul wrote of the world in his day:

"For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of

the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error," Rom 1:26,27. 


Check Your Tongue

By Michael Pickford

For many years, doctors would take a close look at the tongue of a patient in order to determine his health. The ability of many doctors to diagnose various illnesses simply by checking the tongue is amazing.

While physicians gauge the health of an individual by the tongue, the great Physician can gauge the health of the soul by the tongue. In relation to how the tongue speaks, Jesus said, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil things," Mt 12:35. Often, we can get a good idea about a man's character by the way he speaks. Our speech is very

important. Not only does our tongue reflect the health of our soul, but the health of our soul influences the tongue. Paul spoke often about the proper use of the tongue, and James places a great deal of stress upon controlling the tongue, Eph 4:25,29-32; Jas 3:1-12. Not only can your corrupted soul defile your tongue, but your tongue can defile your clean soul.

Oh, the importance of the tongue! So much so that Jesus stated, "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned," Mt 12:37. So, while you are living day by day, don't forget to check your tongue! 

Remember in Prayer

Please remember the **Selsvik** family that worships with Eastside; their daughter **Anna** died and son **Daniel** was critically hurt in a car accident a little over a week ago. Please pray for the unnamed 16-

year-old that hit them—it is a heavy weight for him to carry as well.

Please continue to remember **Madelene Britnell, Carolyn Dennis, and Tim and Dot Hice, and Joyce Smith.** 