

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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"...I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

— Romans 12:1, ESV

**Servants during January/February:**

Songleader: Stanley (30), Larry (2/6), David (2/13), Peter (2/20), Stanley (2/27)

Reading: Robert; Mike M (Feb)

Announcements: Marty; Larry (Feb)

Table: Larry, Peter, David, Stanley; Mike B, Peter, Marty, Stanley (Feb)

Wednesday Lesson: Kris (2/2), Larry (2/9), Stanley (2/16), Kris (2/23)

Area Meetings:

4th Street (Cullman), Darryl Smelser, 2/11-13;

Jordan Park, singing, 2/18, 7pm;

Market Street, singing, 2/25, 7pm

Eastside Russellville, John Gibson, 2/25,26

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

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Contents and Realities

By Ramon Madrigal

What is the Christian's task in the world today? Some quickly answer, "evangelism"—and then proceed to separate this vital aspect of Christianity from the rest of human life. Evangelism becomes stuffing the gospel down some unconverted throat, and preaching Christ becomes the propagation of a canned message plus the call for a decision. Being a Christian ...means much more than this type of "evangelism." It includes a balanced grasp of doctrine and theology, worldview and lifestyle, faith and practice. As Francis Schaeffer says, it involves "two contents, and two realities."

FIRST CONTENT: A Christian must be deeply concerned with knowing exactly what the Bible teaches. He must totally immerse himself in the content of Scripture. How can we effectively teach others about Christ without a thorough grasp of the Book of God? We must accept what the Bible says about history, morals, miracles, and Jesus; and strongly reject the modern teachings which reduce the Bible to ancient myth and legends. Sound doctrine is the first content.

SECOND CONTENT: If Christianity is Truth, it can answer questions; even the questions of

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the intellectual. We must always be willing to study and give answer to everyone who asks concerning the hope that is in us. We must not simply ask people to “believe,” without answering their questions. This is a dangerous way to “preach Christ.” We must study constantly, and strive to apply truth to man’s honest questions. This is the second content.

FIRST REALITY: Christianity is not merely propositions and doctrine. If the New Testament teaches us anything at all, it is that mental acquiescence alone is not sufficient to become and be a Christian. What we know must become what we are. Hunger, thirst, zeal, as well as enthusiasm are all involved in forming a personal relationship with God. Content alone is meaningless. Christianity becomes simply another philosophy if there is no reality involved. True spirituality is the first reality.

SECOND REALITY: Not only must the Christian love the Lord, and maintain a personal

relationship with Him, but he must also treat all men with dignity and honor. Jesus tells us to love our enemies and bless those who curse us. Christianity demonstrates that the nature of man is quite distinct from the rest of creation. Man is made in the image of God. We must treat all men well because of this. This involves all aspects of our day-to-day lives. Our family and friends and our colleagues and peers are all made in the image of God; just as our brethren in Christ are made in the likeness of God. So, we must preach Christ both in content and in deed. What is the duty of the Christian in the world today? It is much more than simply attending a few religious services each week. There are two contents and two realities in genuine Christianity. We must know God’s word and be able to apply it; we must practice Christianity toward God, and toward our fellow men. When all four requirements are present, something wonderful happens.

--via Plain Talk, Feb 1981 

bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” My sacrifice should be pleasant to God, 2 Cor 2:15, not offensive as in Deut 17:1. Although we no longer live under the Old Law, we serve the same God, Heb 13:8; Mal 3:6. The Creator of all does not require animal sacrifices; but He does require a living sacrifice—me!

What do I offer to Him today? Am I giving God my best each day? Is there an effort made on my part in my walk as a Christian? When it’s time to worship, am I prepared?

The following are some examples of offerings...

- A quiet life of focus that includes study of God’s Word, Psa 118:24; 119:10,11; 1 Thess 4:11,12.
- An active prayer life, Mt 6:5-8;

Prov 28:9; Rom 8:26,27.


- Being steadfast and vigilant, Psa 119:80, 97, 102-104, 128; Heb 3:14; 6:11; 1 Peter 3:17,18; 5:8,9.
- Practicing and producing fruit of the Spirit, Gal 5:22-26; Eph 4:30-5:2.
- Maintaining a heart of gratefulness, Rom 14:6-8; 1 Cor 15:57; Eph 5:20.
- Worshiping at appropriate times and ways, Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 14:40; 1 Tim 2:9-12.
- Displaying to the world love, not hate or racial prejudice, Mt 5:43-45.
- Serving others using the talents, gifts, blessings and resources given, Prov 3:27; Gal 6:9-10; Eph 5:15-17; 1 Cor 15:58.
- Teaching others whenever possible, and living a godly example before all people, 2 Tim 3:15.

What am I offering up?

(Adapted and slightly edited) 

Remember in Prayer

Stanley has had a stomach virus pretty bad for some time now. **Betty** has bronchitis; **Robert** has had the flu for some time, but is doing better

now. Please continue to pray for **Madelene Britnell, Carolyn Dennis, and Joyce Smith.** 

A Living Sacrifice

By A. Thornberry

Romans 12:1,2 instructs me to be a living sacrifice: “Therefore, I

urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your