

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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“...A highway will be there,
a roadway, And **it will be
called the Highway of
Holiness.** The unclean will
not travel on it, But it will
be for him who walks that
way, And fools will
not wander on it.”

— Isaiah 35:8



Servants during December:

Songleader: Stanley (4), Larry (11), Peter (18), Stanley (25)

Reading: Stanley

Announcements: Marty

Table: Mike M, Mike B, Larry, Peter

Wednesday Lesson: Stanley (7), Kris (14), Larry (21), Stanley (28)

Meetings: Eastside in Athens,

Dec 4, 3pm, Jeff May; **Tri-**

Cities, Dec 4-7, Barry

Britnell; **Eastside in Athens,**

Dec 10, 1-5pm, singing at

7pm, study for young

people; **Eastside in Athens,**

Dec 11, 3pm, Nick Woods

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

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“Just What I Needed!”

by Dee Bowman

What we want and what we need are very often not the same thing. If we’re not careful, our “wants” are mostly physical while or “needs” are actually more spiritual. While He walked on the earth, Jesus made certain claims for and about Himself, and these claims relate directly to what we need to insure a righteous life here and an abundant life in the hereafter.

“I am the bread of life,” Jn 6:35. The very idea of bread speaks to the business of maintaining life. In fact, when used in its generic sense “bread” means the means for sustaining life. That fact is true spiritually as well as physically. Jesus is the bread of life. Just as we must have regular meals to sustain our lives

physically, we need the spiritual sustenance that comes from imbibing the refreshing spiritual nourishment which comes from Jesus Christ. “Long for the pure milk of the word,” 1 Pet 2:2, is another way of saying that we need spiritual nutrients in order for the spiritual part of our being to be nourished. While physical nutrients are necessary, it’s foolish indeed to leave off the bread and butter that is spiritual.

“I am the light of the world,” Jn 8:12. Nobody wants to wander around in the darkness. It’s almost impossible to keep your equilibrium while stumbling around in the dark. Only a fool walks about in darkness, Eccl 2:14. And that’s true spiritually as well. Strangely, some people who would

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not dare spend their lives roaming around in a dank and dark world, don't seem to mind at all to drift around spiritually without any sense of direction or any light to guide. Jesus is the light. We need illumination—about who we are, where we are, and where we need to be—and most importantly, where we will spend eternity after this physical existence is concluded. When the night is dark, we can come to the light. When the way is dim, there's a light at the end of the tunnel. When we don't know where to turn, there's a switch we can flip. But we have to have some spiritual inclination to be aware of what we need. How sad that far too many wander aimlessly through life by doing whatever they want, when in actuality, they're walking in darkness toward a terrible cliff at the end of the road. Only as we walk in the light is fellowship with God possible, 1 John 1:7.


"I am the way, the truth, and the life," Jn 14:6. This is an idiom which is actually saying, "I am the true and living way." We need direction. We need a highway, Isa 35:8, and not just a way "that seemeth right unto a man," Prov 14:12, but a way that leads to where we need to go. How sad to see the route of pursuit most people are taking. Where does it

lead? It may be a broad way without any potholes, a smooth lane and a well-lit course; but this broad way leads to certain disaster for the soul that follows it—no matter how enjoyable it may seem at times. And while the "other way" is narrow and difficult to negotiate, it is in reality the only way to go, for it leads to life eternal, Mt 7:13,14.

"I am the door," Jn 10:9,10. We like having access—especially to famous, powerful, or influential people. Jesus is the most powerful being who ever existed; and we have access to the Father by Him. "I am the door," said Jesus, "if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." Sometimes we act like dumb sheep—going somewhere, but we don't know where; just striking out on some adventure without consideration as to where it will lead; just wandering about, going whatever direction we choose to go. "All of us like sheep have gone astray..." and "Each of us has turned to his own way," Isa 53:6. Oh, how we need a route of access to the fold, a Shepherd who cares; how desperately we need to "pass under the rod" so that our sins can be spotted and our needs met, Ezek 20:37. He is the door—the entry to all that is good, all that is


lasting, all that is reasonable. By Him only do we have "...access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God," Rom 5:2 (ESV).

You see, what we need is that wonderful forgiveness, motivated

by the love of God, secured by the Son of God, revealed by the Holy Spirit of God. And every bit of it comes in the personified life of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. "Just what I needed!" 

The Son of God

He was of lowly birth, yet of a Royal line;
From heaven down to earth for souls like mine.
He lived a perfect life—the sinless Man was He;
My life with sin was rife—cruel slavery!
He died, the Holy One, that I with Him might be.
He's risen now and gone—yet lives in me.
He said He'd come again—upon His Word I trust.
My soul He'll come to claim; He's God—He must!

—R. H. Sambrook 

Remember in Prayer

Joyce continues to wrestle with cancer. **Betty** also is dealing with cancer, and **Robert** has a change in medicine that should help his situation. **Steve McNatt** appears to be much better. Please continue to remember **Carolyn Dennis** and **Dot Hice**.

Pray for our national, state, and community leaders, 1 Tim 2:1,2. Also, please pray for

fruit from Bible studies, whether personal, or correspondence course; and courage for brethren in difficult places. God "...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ...Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension," 1 Tim 2:4,8 