

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Speaker, Kris Vilander
 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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“...Sanctify them
 in the truth;
 Your word
 is truth.”



— John 17:17

Servants during January:

Songleader: Larry (1), Peter (8), Stanley (15), Larry (22), Peter (29)

Reading: Mike M

Announcements: Larry

Table: Stanley, Marty, Mike B, Peter

Wednesday Lesson: Kris (4),

Larry (11), Stanley (18), Kris (25)

Meetings: Eastside, Feb 10-12, Wiley Deason

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

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Truth and Error: How to Tell the Difference

by Steve Klein

We learn about a thing by experiencing it. Babies learn sweet from sour, hot from cold, and wet from dry by experiencing these things. Even so, we learn spiritual truth by experiencing it in God’s word, which is truth, Jn 17:17. Our use of God’s word enables us to readily distinguish between truth and error. Haddon Robinson relates the following story that illustrates this point:

A Chinese boy who wanted to learn about jade went to study with a talented old teacher. This gentleman put a piece of the stone into the youth’s hand and told him to hold it tight. Then he began to

talk of philosophy, men, women, the sun, and almost everything under it. After an hour he took back the stone and sent the boy home. The procedure was repeated for weeks. The boy became frustrated—when would he be told about jade?—but he was too polite to interrupt his venerable teacher. Then one day when the old man put a stone into his hands, the boy cried out instantly, “That’s not jade!” (Biblical Preaching, p102).

In Hebrews 5:12-14, the inspired writer is addressing Christians who were not mature enough to tell the difference

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between right and wrong. He admonishes them with these words:


“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

There are two words in the text that shed much light on our current topic. The first is the word “unskilled” and it means “inexperienced.” The Hebrew Christians had not progressed and developed because they did not have enough experience in the word. As a result, they were like children who cannot discern right from left; they were spiritual babes who could not tell right

from wrong. The second word to consider is the word “exercised.” It comes from the Greek word “gumnazō” from which we get our word “gymnasium”—the place where athletes practice and train. Those who regularly use God’s word have their senses trained to “discern both good and evil.”

Why is it that some brethren don’t seem to be able to identify obvious error when they hear it? Why are so many Christians bogged down in their spiritual lives by moral relativism and compromises with the world? Can we not tell the difference between good and evil? Could the root of the problem be that we have had no meaningful experience with the “word of righteousness”?

My friends, may we this day resolve to hold God’s word in our hearts—to study it, meditate on it, and practice it—so that when we’re given something else we will be able to simply exclaim, “That’s not truth!” 

struggle with various and serious health issues. Please continue to pray for **Carolyn Dennis** and **Dot Hice**, also. 

Reverencing the Name of God

by David Gibson

I once overheard an older woman ask a middle-aged man as he entered the post office, “Are they closed?” “Lord, no!” he said. “They ain’t closed.”

In a Dallas hospital waiting room, several women were passing the time in conversation. One of them mentioned that a certain man they knew was 38. “God Almighty!” one of the other women exclaimed in surprise. Later one of the group said, “O God, yeah, we used to run with each other all the time.”

These remarks are all too typical these days. The use of “God,” “Lord” and variations thereof are so commonplace that hardly anyone seems to think much about it.


That’s the problem. People don’t think. They speak of God without really thinking of HIM. God’s name is used not to refer to Him in a proper manner or to

appeal to Him in prayer, but His name is employed to express surprise or dismay—and sometimes it is used merely as verbal filler.

How do you suppose God feels about hearing His name being used so trivially and irreverently?

Careless speech often betrays a careless heart. How can we pray, “Hallowed be thy name,” and then misuse His name the next time we feel the need to vent our emotions?

I am indebted to an article on this subject for calling my attention to the following passage: “Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and esteem His name,” Mal 3:16, NASB.

“Holy and awesome is His name,” Psa 111:9. 

Remember in Prayer

Joyce continues to deal with her cancer—please remember her. The **Beddingfield’s** and the **Emerson’s** both continue to