

**Schedule of Meeting Times:**

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM  
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM  
*Singing every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening*  
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love,”

— 1 John 4:18

**Servants during April/May:**

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

**Reading:** Stanley

**Announcements:** Marty

**Table:** Larry, Mike B, Peter, Mike M

**Wednesday Lesson:** Stanley (3), Kris (10), Larry (17), Stanley (24), Kris (31)

**Lawn Mowing (week starting):** Larry (7), Kris (14), Marty (21), Stanley (28)

**Meetings:** Phil Campbell, 5/7-10, various speakers; Brookhill Church, 5/7-10, Alan Yeater

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# The Bible . Examiner

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

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# The Sign Outside...

by Robert Turner

A sign is erected to say something to the general public. But the impression conveyed may be one we have given to the words used, rather than the literal meaning of the words used. As an example, what do you think when you see a church building with the sign: “Church of God”? Do you not think “Pentecostal,” “Holiness,” or whatever connotations your section of the country gives that designation?


If “church of Christ” does not convey the idea of the saints who serve God through Jesus Christ, who gave it the different meaning? “WE” did!! And don’t you forget

it!! By that, I mean people who have used this designation have given it the connotation now assigned it by the public. If it “says” “Promoters,” “Fun-and-Frolic,” “Just Another Sect,” or “Stubborn Antis,” it is the fault of those who use it. Changing the “name” (or leaving off “names” all together—the public can say “those nuts that won’t use any name”) will not answer the need to so live and teach that the public will think of us as the people of God.

Too much has been made of designations. I suspect that earlier concern for the “name” was spawned by a subconscious desire

for institutional image; but it must be admitted that our society demands some sort of means for public recognition. If we used only “the church” (or “assembly”) the term would take on special meaning in the public’s eye. A different designation every week (an actual proposal), would only add to the confusion.

I’m afraid we are stuck with the difficult task of teaching, living, and demonstrating that we are truly children of God, members of the church one reads about in the New Testament. Now isn’t that just awful?

—via Plain Talk, June 1978, originally under the column, “?You Know What?” 

# False Prophets

by Robert Turner

Jonah sought vainly to flee from the presence of the Lord, apparently to avoid his assigned obligation to preach to the wicked people of Nineveh. When finally he began his work, he warned, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh will be overthrown,” Jonah 3:4. He was a prophet of doom, and must have been very convincing; for they “believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them,” 3:5. There is a valid place for warnings, severe and to the point.

But Jonah seemed more concerned about his status as a prophet of doom, than he did about the welfare of those he warned. When “God saw their

deeds, that they turned from their wicked way” he “relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it,” 3:10. And this displeased Jonah! (4:1ff) He seemed to have lost sight of the purpose in warnings—to save rather than to revel in human misery; to pull from the fire rather than to warm his hands with the heat.

We have bigger and better tornadoes in TEXAS; albeit some otherwise brave Texans cringe at the thought. One muscled hulk of a man (with a beard so thick his wife has to kiss him through a straw) cries like a baby when it thunders—(well, that’s the way


“they” tell it on him). And one good story leads to another.

“They say” he built himself a concrete and steel cellar; and practically lived in it. Every time a little cloud blew in he would run to his underground shelter, sit in the dark, fearfully contemplating the supposed destruction above, then finally emerge to find all safe and sound, refreshed by the lovely rain shower.

Until that day when he pushed back his cellar door and stepped out into a changed world. His house was nowhere to be seen; his barns and sheds were but

scattered wreckage; trees were splintered and pulled from the ground; his cattle were all dead. He looked long and hard, he sighed heavily, and then he said, “Now, that’s more like it!!”

Lord, if we must hear the crackle of Hell’s fire in order to see and correct our waywardness and escape its heat, so be it. But deliver us from the doomsday “prophets” who use our fears to sell their wares. Help us to “cast out fear” and anchor our soul in the Haven of Rest.

—via Plain Talk, June 1978, originally under the column, “Stuff About Things” 

❧ IT’S HERE! ❧

Let’s invite our family, friends and neighbors for our meeting with  
**Nick Woods, May 7-12!**

❧ Remember in Prayer ❧

Please pray for **Nick Woods and his family** that they would be strong, and that he would have courage and effectiveness as a servant of God!

**Mike Beckman** has begun treatment to combat his cancer; **Joyce** continues to deal with her cancer, as well. **Hazel’s son-in-law, Shane Reed**, has chosen to remain

home, and stop further treatment for his leukemia.

**John and Sylvia Pollard** and their **newborn, Paige**, have finally gotten to return home from the hospital! Please continue to pray for them!

Let’s continue to pray for **Betty, Buddy, Dot**, and **Carolyn**. 