

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 2nd Sunday evening
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“He who rejects Me
 and does not receive
 My sayings, has one
 who judges him; the
 word I spoke is what
 will judge him at
 the last day,”



— John 12:48

Servants during June:

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

Reading: Mike M

Announcements: Stanley

Table: Marty, Larry, Peter, Stanley

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

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Larry
 (4), Kris (11), Marty (18), Stanley (25)

Meetings: Isbell (Russellville), June 18-
 20, Mitchell Dalrymple; Jackson
 Drive, June 18-23, Phillip Owens; Tri-
 Cities, June 18-23, Nick Woods;
 Hickory Heights (Lewis burg, TN),
 June 18-23, Lowell Sallee

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

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THE STORY OF KYLE ELLISON

by Justin Monts

The story of Kyle Ellison is one of a kind. Kyle was speaking at the Fourth Street church of Christ in Cullman, AL as I came by to visit Christians there and support the meeting. When I sat down in a pew, Jeffrey David, a Christian I’d met at a previous meeting a few months prior, told me that Kyle had formerly preached in the Baptist church. That caught my ear for it is rare to hear of a preacher being converted.

After services I spoke with Kyle and learned that for 9 years he indeed preached as a Baptist. He became a member of the Lord’s church just two years ago. He is a younger talented speaker at 27 years of age. Today he is preaching at the Mt. Olive church of Christ near Birmingham.

I asked if I could interview him and he agreed and a fascinating story emerged. Kyle said that in his studies he saw the clarity of verses on baptism, saying, “It occurred to me that if I just read this without any coaching I’d likely just think baptism saves.” He held several revivals a year among the Baptists but it got to a point where, with his conscience, he did not know what to tell people who came forward. He did not feel he could tell them to pray a sinner’s prayer or to seek a sign at a mourner’s bench. He knew Keith Stonehart, the preacher at the Fultondale church of Christ, and expressed his doubts to him. Keith said, “I think you know what you need to do, the question is will you do it? Why would you walk away from here

knowing the truth and not be scripturally baptized?"

Kyle then went with Keith to the Fultondale church of Christ building and he was immersed in water for the remission of sins. It was Friday, July 22, 2016. When Kyle's parents learned what happened they were completely stunned. His mother contacted a close friend to the family, a Baptist minister, for she felt her son had been brainwashed. The preacher met with Kyle the next day, Saturday, but Kyle answered him patiently from Scripture. On Sunday Kyle contacted a local Baptist member to fill in for him, explaining that there were some personal matters he was working through. Then he called a meeting with the leadership.

The chairman asked why the meeting was called and Kyle explained he had been wrestling with a matter for some time and needed to get it off his chest. He confessed he did not believe that what they taught about salvation was correct and that the notion of viewing water baptism as a mere symbol and nothing more did not add up with what the Bible said. The men shook their heads in disbelief and sat in an awkward silence for a full minute. Finally the spokesman said, "Well, have you made up your mind?" Kyle said he

had. So he answered, "Well, we don't agree with you and can't support you. What do you think you need to do?" Kyle replied, "I believe I need to resign." Later that night Kyle made his announcement before the whole church about stepping down and explained why. In those three quick days, from Friday to Sunday, his life radically changed, spiritually and with his work.

The next Sunday he attended at the Mt. Olive church of Christ. He knew he wanted to keep preaching but he was determined to preach only the truth now. The Christians there were impressed with his courage and even with his knowledge of the Bible from his own years of study. As they learned more about him and discussed matters they became convinced of his doctrinal soundness on the whole counsel of God. In time to come he was allowed to teach. And finally, as the church was in need of an evangelist, in January, 2017, he was asked if he would preach on a full time basis.


An incredible story about the power of God's word and a determination to follow where it leads, no matter the consequences. I am blessed to have met a man of great faith as Kyle Ellison.

The following is a note from Wayne Walker, editor of the 2/10/19 bulletin, "Search for Truth," in which I found the previous article:

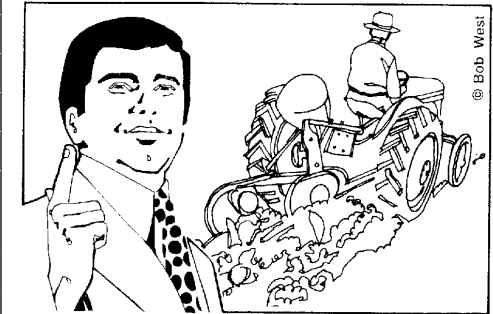
"My friend and fellow gospel preacher Pat Gampp posted this item. He received the following comment from someone named Sandy. 'Patrick, this is NOT uplifting in any stretch of the imagination. It makes me sad to see a denomination bashing another denomination. And for the record, I am not a Baptist. I'm going to stop here, but I am very disappointed.'

"Aaron Roberts replied, 'Hi Sandy. I typically don't respond to other people's post on someone else's feed but I just wanted to say, there is no bashing here. The goal for all of us to find and follow the truth. As a member of the church of Christ I believe that baptism is essential in salvation but even if that wasn't the case this preachers

story of coming to that realization is very uplifting because he had the courage to step back from where he was and change. The fact that he was able to walk away from something he didn't believe in even though he was entrenched in it is something all of us can respect.'

"Pat then responded, 'Aaron Roberts, I say AMEN to your excellent observations, I praise your stand for truth as a young man and end with: 1 Cor 1:10; Jn 17:20-21,17; 12:48; 14:23; 2 Thess 2:10; Phil 1:9-11.'" 

THE EVANGELIST



Whatever a man sows... Gal 6:7,8

Remember in Prayer

Mark Horton is recovering from pelvic/spinal surgery—and he is doing very well! **Buddy** had an injection to ease his pain, early this week—and it appears to be

helping, also! Let's give thanks to God for these, and continue to pray for **Betty; Carolyn; Dot; Joyce; Mike Beckman;** and **John, Sylvia,** and **Paige Pollard.** 