

### 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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—Galatians 1:10



### Servants during July:

**Songleader:** Stanley (2), Larry (9), Peter (16), Stanley (23), Larry (30)

**Reading:** Peter

**Announcements:** Larry

**Table:** Mike M, Marty, Stanley, Larry

**Wednesday Lesson:** Stanley (5), Kris (12), Larry (19), Stanley (26)

**Lawn Mowing (week starting):** Larry (2), Kris (9), Marty (16), Stanley (23), Larry (30)

**Meetings: Eastside (Red Bay),** July 9-14, Wes Brown; **Russellville,** July 9-14, Don Miller; **Danville Road,** July 15-19, Grady Huggins; **Belgreen,** July 16-21, Stan Adams; **Truth Lectures,** July 17-20

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

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## Living on the Bread of Life

by Mike Thomas

Jesus said something about bread that is a challenge for anyone to consider. When Satan tempted Him to misuse His powers to turn stone into bread, Jesus said, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God,” Lk 4:4. He was referring to what Moses told the Israelites after God had given them bread from heaven (manna) to satisfy their hunger. He “fed you with manna ... that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,” Deut 8:3. The manna was to demonstrate to the Israelites God’s love for them and ability to meet their needs. This should have convinced them to love and trust Him no matter the circumstance—even above physical sustenance. As long as they followed Him, they had everything they needed. Jesus understood this principle and remained true to God’s word when confronting the devil. We must do the same with our

temptations. Nothing should be more important to us than following God and keeping His word. Nothing.

What Moses and Jesus said about bread is a bold statement. Bread is a staple in most societies and has been for centuries. In America, grocery stores have entire aisles and sections dedicated to it. Nevertheless, even it cannot meet our greatest need. James said, “Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls,” Jas 1:21. If we want to be saved from sin, we must learn, understand, and obey God’s word, Rom 10:13-17. Nothing else in the world has that power or ability. No medicine, no exercise, no currency, no administration, no person, no thing, and not even food and water can provide us with forgiveness. The only thing on planet earth that can save us from sin and cause us to be raised from the dead is the word of God. Specifically, this hope is found in the

teachings of Christ, who said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever," Jn 6:51.

Our physical body is going to die, no matter how well we feed and care for it, but if we are wise our soul will last forever because we fed our spiritual man with the bread of life. "For bodily exercise profits a little, but

godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come," 1 Tim 4:8. God gave the Israelites daily bread to teach them to depend on Him. He has given us the Bible so we might live "by every word of God." Do we?

—via *Meditate on These Things*, November 2013 

## *An Acceptable Prayer*

by Bob Craig

People often tell me of being in an awkward situation when they didn't know what to say. Especially in times of tragedy or catastrophe we become speechless. Under such circumstances, generally it is better to say nothing. And there are times when we go into our closet to pray and want to pray for something or about something and we find ourselves in the above condition. We just don't how to express ourselves. But in that situation, we can be assured that whatever we say and however we say it, if we are on praying terms with God and have the right attitude of heart, it will be heard and understood in the way our heart desires.


In Romans 8:26 Paul gives us that assurance: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings

which cannot be uttered." The translators thought that the Holy Spirit was under consideration in this verse, therefore they capitalized the word spirit.

But the spiritual mind of man is being discussed throughout the seventh and eighth chapters. The spirit of man is at war with the flesh and through Jesus Christ the spiritual man emerges and overcomes the flesh.

Then in verse twenty-seven he says, "And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." The unutterable groanings are those of man. So the search is not of the heart of the Holy Spirit, but he searches the heart of the spiritual man; and his spiritual disposition makes his petitions sensible and understandable because he prays according to God's will.

The same reasoning would be true with the man who leads the public prayer. His prayer need not be with flowery language or perfect grammar.


As long as he has a spiritual heart, that good heart will make his petitions acceptable before the throne of grace. 

# What Kind of Church Do You Want?

by Keith Sharp

In our lovely, little community we have a church dedicated to being brand new. We have another that exists for cowboys—and wanna-be cowboys; and another for bikers. All the major brands of human tradition are represented—with their sectarian names identifying each tradition. We have the older models, imported from Europe, and the newer, made in America brands. Surely you ought to find one that pleases you. But doesn't that miss the whole point of being religious? Are we seeking to please ourselves or God? "For do I now persuade men or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of

Christ," Gal 1:10. If the Son of God always pleased His Father and did His will rather than pleasing Himself and following His own desires (Jn 8:29) even though it meant going to the cross (Mt 26:39,42,44), should we be seeking to please ourselves or our Father? Are you happy with your church? But is God? May I humbly suggest that you should look for a church that is determined to please God regardless of whether or not men are pleased? Shouldn't the question be, "What kind of church does God want?"

—via *Meditate on These Things*, November 2013 

## *Remember in Prayer*

**Buddy** is very unwell, and is in Athens Hospital, room 202. Both **Shane** and **Larry** have Covid. **Deborah** has been sick for some time, but is now being treated following her diagnosis. **Mike** appears to be tolerating chemo

well, and will shortly have word as to how the tumors are responding. Continue to pray for Will, Emily and their expected baby. Please remember **Betty**; **Carolyn**; **Dot**; **John**, **Sylvia**, and **Paige Pollard**; and **Joyce**. 