

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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“What is the outcome then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also,”

—1 Corinthians 14:15

**Servants during October:**

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

Reading: Mike M

Announcements: Stanley

Table: Larry, Mike M, Marty, Stanley

Wednesday Lesson: Kris (4), Larry (11), Stanley (18), Kris (25)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Kris (1), Marty (8), Stanley (15), Larry (22), Kris (29)

Area Meetings: Somerville Road (Decatur), David Cox, 10/15-18; **Jackson Dr,** Greg Chandler, 10/15-20

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

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Do We Mean What We Sing?

by Joe Slater

My friend and brother, Tom Barton, made a shocking statement a few years ago at the Old Paths Men’s Retreat. “More lies are told while singing than at any other time!” I wish he had been wrong, but if you think about it, you see he was right on target. Tom was talking, of course, about Christians, not folks in the world. While worldlings may lie routinely about anything and everything, Christians at least try to be honest. But what about our singing? Do we mean what we sing?

Brother Barton’s assigned topic was “We’ll Work ‘Til Jesus Comes.” Will we? Really? Some of us can’t drag ourselves to the

assembly on anything like a regular basis; and Biblically, that’s not even work! What are the odds that we’re doing anything that could be styled even remotely as “work”? But that’s just one of many songs I ask whether we take seriously. “If Jesus Goes With Me, I’ll Go Anywhere!” (As long as it’s within a few miles of all the rest of my family; and as long as it’s a place I like; and as long as...” (you get the picture)).

“Lead me to some soul today!” But I don’t know my Bible well enough to teach that soul the gospel, so maybe that’s not such a good idea. “Make me a servant, Lord; make me like You!” But wait!

People weren't always kind to You; sometimes You suffered greatly while serving. Maybe I don't want to be exactly like You! "All to Jesus I surrender!" Well, I surrender a

little bit, anyway. I'm not an extremist, you know! ***If you don't mean it, don't sing it.***

—via Search for Truth, Sept 24, 2023 

Burdens


by Jonathan Perz

Struggles, infirmities, and adversities are a part of life. We all face them. Paul describes a struggle he brought before God on three occasions, seeking that God remove it from him. Instead of removing the burden, God let Paul bear it, admonishing him with the words, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."

Some burdens are self-inflicted, and we bear them because of our own folly (though God's mercy often prevails despite our follies). God allows and gives other burdens that we may grow stronger through absolute reliance upon Him. Paul accepted his burden by learning to most gladly boast in it that the power of Christ would rest upon him. Let us learn to bear our burdens with joy, knowing God's grace is perfecting us and that He is working in us and through us. He hasn't abandoned

us to our burdens. He is empowering us to carry them in ways we could never on our own!

2 Corinthians 12:7-10:
"Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

—via Search for Truth, June 25, 2023 

The Weaver

My life is but a weaving between my Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colors He worketh steadily.
Oft-times He weaveth sorrow; and I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper, and I, the underside.
Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful in the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.

—Anonymous, Ord L. Morrow, ed., *Poems for Sunshine and Shadow*, 1962 

God Loveth Thee

God loveth thee—then be content;
Whate'er thou hast, His love hath sent;
Come pain or pleasure, good or ill,
His love is round about thee still.
Then murmur not, nor anxious be,
Rest thou in peace, God loveth thee!

God loveth thee! Though dark the night,
His smile shall make thy pathway bright;
When weary ways before thee lie,
The Lord, thy Helper, draweth nigh.
Press bravely on, the end to see:
Be not dismayed, God loveth thee!

—Anonymous, Ord L. Morrow, ed., *Poems for Sunshine and Shadow*, 1962 

Remember in Prayer

Marty had a heart stint put in place to open a serious blockage, and appears to be recovering well. **Mike** will be getting another scan in the next couple weeks to determine the

effectiveness of his treatments. Pray for them and their families, as well as **Betty; Carolyn; Dot; John, Sylvia,** and **Paige Pollard; Joyce; Pam and Julie.** 