

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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—Acts 9:39

**Servants during April:**

Songleader: Larry (7), Dwight (14), Stanley (21), Larry (28)

Reading: Mike M

Announcements: Stanley

Table: Larry, Mike M, Marty, Stanley

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

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

Area Meetings: Jordan Park, 21-24, Cody Hairston; Bethel, 15,22,29

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"Examine everything carefully..." —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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What Will I Leave Behind?

by Frank Himmel

Acts chapter 9 tells about a Christian named Dorcas who lived in Joppa. "This woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did," v36. Dorcas fell sick and died. The disciples washed her body and laid it in an upper room. They then sent for Peter, who was at nearby Lydda.

Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them," v39. Peter had plenty of material to preach an impressive funeral sermon, but he did something even greater: he raised

her from the dead!

The Bible doesn't reveal any other information about Dorcas. How old was she? What did she look like? Was she married? Did she have children or grandchildren? Was she a woman of considerable means or did she have little? We could guess, but that's all it would be—a guess.

What we do know about this woman is enough to raise a question worth considering. The Bible emphasizes the good she left behind. Now the question is: What will I leave behind?

I will leave behind whatever material thing I have. "For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either," 1 Tim 6:7. What will those

rummaging through my stuff find? Will they find any evidence of a God-centered life, or will everything point to a life focused on self?

What will I leave to others? Will there be anyone who can produce a gift I gave to them? Will anyone have a memory of how I provided for them in a time of need, the way Dorcas did for these widows?

What example will I leave? Will it be one of faithful service to God? Would it be the kind that might encourage a struggling Christian to

remain faithful? Would it strengthen others to stand firm for truth?

What words of mine will people remember? Will it be words of encouragement or mostly complaining? Words of kindness or words of bitterness and anger? Will anyone remember me having taught them God's word?

What difference will it make? Will my brethren even miss me? Will it leave any appreciable void in the local congregation?

What will I leave behind? 

What are you looking for?

by Frank Himmel

Many people are looking for a "new church home." Perhaps they have recently moved to different community. Perhaps they feel a desire to make religion a part of their lives, either for the first time or a renewal of earlier interest. Having children sometimes prompts parents to seek spiritual training for their family. Often, people are looking for a new church because they are dissatisfied with their old one.

Whatever the motive, people are looking for a new church. But what kind of church? What are they looking for? What are you looking for?

Some are looking for a **traditional church**, just like the one they left behind or the one they grew up in.

Some are looking for an **innovative church**, one completely different from anything they have ever experienced.

Some are looking for a **convenient church**, one which is located nearby that will minimize their travel time.

Some are looking for a **friendly church**, one that will quickly welcome them and make them feel special.

Some are looking for a **large**

church, where they can get lost in the crowd.

Some are looking for a **small church**, where they can get to know everyone well, or in some cases where they can be more prominent and exert more influence.

Some are looking for an **exciting church**, one with emotionally stirring assemblies.

Some are looking for an **entertaining church**, where the music is like a concert and the preacher is part comedian.

Some are looking for a **tolerant church**, where no one will rebuke them if they (or a family member) live a sinful lifestyle.

Some are looking for a **providing church**, one with all kinds of programs and services

such as day care, schools, recreational outings, exercise classes, etc.

Some are looking for an **elite church**, where they will be able to make a name for themselves or make some good business contacts by mixing with the upper class.

Something's missing here, isn't it? What we ought to be seeking is a truthful church, one that follows the New Testament pattern, upholds God's revealed truth, 1 Tim 3:15, and keeps the emphasis where He put it: on man's spiritual needs.

What we are looking for in a church says a lot about us. Honestly, are we trying to please God or ourselves? 

Remember in Prayer

Mike B had another procedure on his liver; please pray for good results, and that this would have been the last one. Please continue

to pray for **Carolyn; Betty; Kathy Mitchell;** and the **Pollard Family.** Pray also for **Stefan Richardson** and the meeting. 

 **Come hear the gospel,
And invite your friends!**
**Our meeting with Stefan Richardson is coming, May 5-8
Sun 10:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm; Mon - Wed 7:00 pm**