

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM

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Study Sunday 10:00 AM

Worship Sunday 11:00 AM

Worship Sunday 5:00 PM

Singing every 2nd Sunday evening

Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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

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Taking Heed Lest We Fall

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Servants during November:

Songleader: David (4), Chandler (11),
Dwight (18), Stanley (25), Larry (12/2)

Reading: Chandler

Announcements: Larry

Communion: Robert, Marty, Stanley, David

Wednesday Lesson: Mike (7), Larry (14),

Stanley (21), Kris (28), Mike (12/5)

Lawn Mowing (week beginning):

Kris (4), Billy (11), Marty (18),
Stanley (25)

Singing: TBA (25)

Area Meetings:

“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall,” 1 Cor 10:12. In these few words the apostle says that the child of God can fall from God’s grace; and that there is the need to be careful to avoid falling; and that the person who especially needs to take heed is the one thinking that he is secure. In all areas of endeavor—physical labor, mental effort, athletic competition, prevention and control of disease, there is the need for those who think themselves to be strong and immune from opposition to exercise vigilance. So it is in the realm of the spirit.

The question from the practical side poses itself: How can I take heed? Here the Word of the Lord supplies the answer that is designed

by the Lord to serve not just as an answer to the question, but also as the solution to the problem of falling.

Buffeting of the Body: While the word here rendered buffet in 1 Cor 9:27 means to bruise, the Lord is not urging us to actually abuse our bodies. His emphasis is upon what the latter part of the verse refers to as “bringing it into subjection, lest we become castaways.” It is extremely necessary for God’s people to learn self-denial, even as our Lord said in Mt 16:24: “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” One must learn to consider the body from the standpoint of its being useful for God’s purpose rather than from the standpoint of physical

gratification and satisfaction that is opposed the standard of righteousness.

Using the Whole Armor of God:

Eph 6:14-18 discusses the armor needed for successful combat in the spiritual realm: "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication..." A use of only a part of the complete armor constitutes a weakened effort in the battle against sin and a lack of appreciation for the Divine provision. Using the complete armor and a standing in the strength provided are to be done in conjunction with prayer and supplication. Is it any wonder that

God's people so often fail? They fail to take heed in this matter, which is so urgent in our effort to remain faithful.

Resisting the Devil: Active opposition is the idea of resisting, not passive drowsiness. God's children can best prepare themselves for the attacks of Satan and ultimately discourage their continuation by open resistance to the Devil. The promise of inspiration is that the Devil flees from such resistance. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," Jas 4:7. The case of Jesus proves what the promise of James means. After Jesus steadfastly resisted the Devil, "then the Devil leaveth him, and angels came and ministered to him," Mt 4:11.

In taking these measures, we take heed to ourselves, to God and His provisions, and to the attacks of the Devil. In doing so, we take heed lest we fall. 

Somxtimxs, it sxms to mx that a givxn congrxgation of God's dxar childrxn is somxwhat likx my old typxwritxr. What I mxan is that not all thx kxy pxoplx arx always working prxsxntly and proprxly...

You may havx vxvn said that, "I am only onx pxrson, I rxally don't makx much of a diffxrxncx."

Howvxr, thx xntirx church, to bx xfficixnt, and functioning as God Almighty intxndxd for it

to function, nxxds thx activx and proprx participation of vxry singlx mxmbxr.

Thx vxry nxxt timx you think your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr my old typxwritxr, and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson, and I am nxxdxd vxry much for thx body of Christ to bx all Hx dxsignxd it to bx, and all Hx intxnds it to bx!"

—via *The Northside News*, August 4, 2002 

Child Evangelism

Little rows of houses On a little street,
Lawns and trees and flowers, Fences white and neat.
Little rows of houses Full of girls and boys,
Full of shouts and laughter, Full of love and noise.
Houses full of children Starting off to school,
Learning of the nation They will one day rule.
Houses full of children... Have they heard of Christ,
Of a tender Saviour, A dear life sacrificed?
Little rows of houses On a little street.
Time is passing over, Time with flying feet.
Houses full of children, Precious and blood-bought.
Have you told them, neighbor? What have they been taught?

By Martha Snell Nicholson 

Remember in Prayer

Buddy's foot is healing, for which we thank God; but there is still a ways to go...

Don't forget Lois Adams and her

brother, Ted; Ruth Black, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Teeples; and Buddy's friend, Herbert Sides.

Key Characters

By Andy Berendt

In the original article, brother Berendt printed the full text of 1 Cor 12:12-27 and Eph 4:11-16. It would perhaps be helpful to read them both, either before or after reading this article.

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it still works quitx wxll. Xxcxpt for a cxrtain onx of

thx kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd prxfxctly, with all of thx kxys functioning proprxly. Trux, thxrx arx sixty-onx kxys functioning just finx, but, as you'vx surxly noticxd by now, onx kxy not working makxs a grxat dxal of diffxrxncx!