

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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—James 5:20



Servants during May:

Songleader: Dwight (5), Stanley (12), Larry (19), Dwight (26)

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Marty

Table: Mike M, Stanley, Marty

Wednesday Lesson: Kris (1), Larry (8), Stanley (15); Kris (22), Larry (29)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Larry (5), Kris (12), Marty (19), Stanley (26)

Area Meetings: Haleyville

(Needmore), 5/12-14, Bill Woodall;
Southside, 5/26-31, Jonathan Sutton

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

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Is Your Heart Big Enough?

by Steve Klein

So much of what it means to live for Jesus is summed up in the word love. Among other things, love is an essential ingredient in the recipe for unity among believers. The body of Christ builds itself up "in love," Eph 4:16. Love is "the bond of perfection," Col 3:14. The love which binds us together is more than mere feeling or sentiment. It is a powerful force which inspires us to behave in specific ways, cp. 1 Cor 13:1-8. Because love "does not rejoice in iniquity", one thing it compels us to do is to correct the errors of those whom we love. Gal 6:1,2 commands, "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness,

considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

In Galatians we are shown that "the law of Christ" is a law rooted in love. Paul asserts that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything "but faith working through love," Gal 5:6. "Through love" we "serve one another," Gal 5:13. "All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," Gal 5:14. And, "the fruit of the Spirit is love..." Gal 5:22. The point is that the law of Christ is a law of love and we fulfill it by bearing one another's burdens, including helping one another

overcome sin.

Paul exemplified this spirit of love in his dealings with the Corinthians. In his first letter to them, he severely rebuked the Corinthians for their errors. In his second letter, he explained that “out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you,” 2 Cor 2:4. He spoke so openly to them because his heart was “enlarged,” 2 Cor 6:11. His heart was swelling with love for the Corinthians, and he could not bear to see them lose their souls.

More than anything else, we need

hearts enlarged with such love—love that refuses to sit idly by and watch as brothers and sisters in Christ are overcome with sin. “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins,” 1 Pet 4:8. It should be noted that this passage does not say that love covers sins by ignoring them. Love “covers a multitude of sins” by encouraging the sinner to repent, and by readily forgiving him when he does. “Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins,” Jas 5:20. Is your heart big enough to restore your fallen brother or sister?



Parents Who Are Christians

by *Frank Himmel*

It is obvious that parents have an obligation to feed, clothe, love, protect, and care for their offspring. A newborn human is about as helpless as any creature could be. Parents who are Christians have responsibilities which extend far beyond temporal provisions. There is an area of spiritual care, training, growth, and development that demands special attention.

Parents who are Christians have an obligation to set a good example before their children. That includes a godly home life—no drugs, no tobacco, no strong drink, no profanity, and no fussing and fighting. A good example means godly living in the home, on the job, while on vacation, during recreational activities, and in all other situations. A good example includes regular attendance at Bible

classes and church services. It also includes honesty, fairness, willingness to admit wrong, and readiness to forgive.

Parents who are Christians have the responsibility of disciplining their offspring. Mischievous acts that may be dismissed as “cute” in the little ones can be quite annoying to others. Those “cute” little capers, if unchecked, can establish a pattern that turns into a nightmare by the time the child is a teenager. Discipline must start early. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it,” Prov 22:6.

Parents who are Christians should teach their children right priorities. Which comes first, your personal interests or the Lord’s work? Which is more important, a child’s solving a math problem or preparing a Bible lesson? The principle taught in Matthew 6:33 is learned quickly by a child who sees that basic truth demonstrated by his mother and father. Your child needs your help in establishing the correct sense of values.

Parents who are Christians are

responsible for bringing up their children to be Christians. Bring your child to each Bible study and worship period, and teach him to sit still. If you do not train him, who will? Tell him some of the great stories in the Bible. Those historical narratives about Noah, Abraham, Daniel, Moses, and others will do him more good than nursery rhymes and fairy tales. Drill him in Bible facts. Make him conscious that there is a wealth of material in the Bible. Teach him about God and Jesus Christ. Some fathers leave the spiritual training to the mothers. But the Bible says, “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,” Eph 6:4. Daddy cannot shift his responsibility over to mother. The spiritual training of a child calls for the best efforts of both parents. Christians who are parents have much for which to be thankful. Children are “an heritage of the Lord,” Psa 127:3. But the responsibilities of parenthood are serious. In today’s wicked world, it is not easy to bring up children in the nurture of the Lord. However, it can be done. —very slightly edited, ksv

Remember in Prayer

Six year old **Marleigh Gilbert** suffers from cancer, and is currently hospitalized for pneumonia—please pray not only for her, but especially her family. **Donise’s sister-in-law** passed away last week.

Please continue to pray for **Mike B; Carolyn; Betty; Kathy Mitchell**; and the **Pollard Family**. Pray also for **Stefan Richardson** and that the meeting would be a blessing to the brethren and our community.