

**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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*“Blessed are those who  
 hunger and thirst for  
 righteousness, for they  
 shall be satisfied.”*

—Matthew 5:6

**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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## A “Sound” Church

*by Robert F. Turner*

“Please list those things that make a sound church.”

This is really a request for a human Creed, a Confession of Faith, a sectarian standard by which “we” (the “sound ones” of course) can readily identify “our” kind. I do not believe the querist is aware of this—but that is all the more reason for using the question.

At best, a “Creed” is what the writer believes God’s word teaches. I believe God’s word teaches certain things, and I want you to believe it teaches these things (this is common to all Bible teachers—even to those who believe it teaches “different things to different people”) but each person must answer to God, not to his fellow man, Rom 14:4,5,12.

Each generation has its own

problems and points of emphasis. I could list some of the “issues” of our day, and tell you what I believe God says on these matters; but one might find a church that taught and practiced each of these things as I believe it should, and still be “unsound” before God—for two reasons: 1) Any list, short of the complete revelation of God’s will, is incomplete; 2) My judgment as to what is right and wrong is fallible, subject to error.

Institutionalism, a “social” or “this world” emphasis, misconceptions regarding the Holy Spirit’s function, and a “party” or denominational concept of the church are major “issues” now. But these are no more important than a lack of holiness among “members,” or our failure to work diligently for the salvation of souls

in all the world. There is no stopping place short of the ideal perfection toward which we are constantly to press.

Every sect has its list of “those things that make a sound church.” The variety in these “lists” (written or just “understood”) makes the difference in the sects. Even “accept and fellowship all differences” is just another human philosophy, based on a perverted and unbiblical concept of love. It denies the authority of God.

Any error in which we persist, to which we hold regardless of God’s word, for which we brook no scriptural rebuke or admonition, is enough to mark us as “unsound.” There can be no “whole, healthy,” (see Vine’s dictionary) saints or churches in the absence of a humble, submissive attitude

toward God; respecting His will and “striving together for the faith of the gospel,” Phil 1:27-30. A good appetite for the right food is a sign of health, and a sound church “hungers and thirsts after righteousness” accepting straight Bible preaching, Mt 5:6; 2 Tim 4:2-4. It is not without reason, therefore, that scriptural elders and strong preaching mark a sound church. However, even here some may “hang on” who do not support, encourage or practice such preaching—and trouble is in the making.

In the final analysis, particular doctrines and practices identify as “sound” or “unsound” because they reveal our love, faith, and submission to God in Christ—or the lack of it.

—via *Plain Talk*, June 1972 

# Improve Your Life

by *Frank Himmel*

***Turn off the TV [or Facebook reels, YouTube, Netflix, etc... --ksv] for an hour and read your Bible.***

The Psalmist said of the blessed man, “His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night,” Psa 1:2.

***Put down the phone and pray.***

I never cease to be amazed at how much time some people spend on their cell phones. Is all that talking, texting, and browsing really necessary or profitable? “Pray without ceasing,” 1 Thess 5:17. “The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much,” Jas 5:16.

***Get out of bed a little earlier and come to Bible study.***


“As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed,” Prov 26:14. “He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to listen as a disciple,” Isa 50:4.

***Cut down your credit card purchases and give.***

Give to the poor. Increase your contribution at church. “One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed,” Prov 19:17. “It is more blessed to give than to receive,” Acts 20:35.

***Change the conversation from sports, weather, and politics to spiritual things.***

Do that at home. “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up,” Deut 6:6,7. Do that at work, too. “He who wins souls is wise,” Prov 11:30.

A few simple changes can make a big difference! 



**Our meeting with Stefan Richardson was an encouraging blessing...**

***Take a moment to thank God for each other as a local church and as individuals, for Stefan, and for every spiritual blessing, Eph 1:3!***

## *Remember in Prayer*

Please continue to pray for **Mike B; Carolyn; Betty; Kathy Mitchell;** and the **Pollard Family.**

John Pollard has been blessed with enough financial support in his work with the church in

Sugarland, TX—may God continue to bless him and his family as they serve the God of Heaven, and teach others about salvation through Jesus Christ! 