

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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"...when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding."

—2 Cor 10:12

**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: Southside, 5/26-31, Jonathan Sutton; Pepper Road, 6/1-6, Donnie Rader

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

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My Sin Is Not Your Hope

by Robert F. Turner

"If that is the way Christians act then I don't want to be a Christian." You have likely heard this many times and may have given tacit consent to the thought—having strong distaste for hypocrisy in religion.

There is no denying that followers of Christ should so live as to attract rather than repel; and we make no excuse for those lights who have gone out, or salt that has lost its savor. But one who uses the "if that is the way..." excuse, is also "copping out" on responsibility.

Christianity, in its true sense, is not determined by what any

person, high and noble or low and vile, does or says about it. "The church," even in its purest stage, is the product of Christianity, not the mother of it. God has not abdicated His throne, nor Christ His divinely appointed roles. God distributes the "rule" (inspired truth) which reaches to all alike, 2 Cor 10:12-14.

If I mislead someone by my conduct or teaching, I must answer for this in judgment, 1 Cor 3:12-15. But my sin is not his righteousness. He is not released from his obligation to God because I failed to meet my

obligations. Or, to put it another way, offences must come—sin and injustices will continue so long as this age lasts—but this does not excuse him “by whom the offence cometh,” Mt 18:7. The inevitability of sin in the world does not excuse the sinner. Are we to assume that the one who is disgusted by hypocrites has no need of forgiveness? If he knows what Christianity is NOT, does he know what it IS, and refuses to conform? Or, has he confused a “good moral life” with

Christianity? True followers of Christ are morally upright, but they know they cannot trust in themselves for justification. Freely acknowledging their need for forgiveness, they trust in Jesus Christ for mercy and redemption. One has not learned the real meaning of Christianity until he so learns Christ.

And we do not learn Christ by studying the faults of others. We must turn our attention from the disciples and center it upon the Master.

—via Plain Talk, September 1979 

HAPPINESS IS...

by Robert F. Turner

Waiting in line at a cafeteria, my attention was captured by a question which a young lady directed to her male escort. “What standard do you have for determining right and wrong?” His answer came quickly and with confidence: “If it makes me happy it is right!” He seemed very pleased with his philosophical insight, and would no doubt have been shocked to know that to me and to several other listeners he had revealed his immaturity. I had mental pictures of a five-year-old

“spoiled brat”, who had not yet learned that the world is greater than his own little circle.

What if “it” makes others unhappy? Is my pleasure to come at your expense, or before the well-being and happiness of society in general? On such a basis “right” is as cheap as the most selfish man’s desires. There would be as many “rights” as there are people, or no standard of right whatsoever. Those whose lives are governed by such a concept are saved from the slavery of


complete anarchy by the very ones they prey upon, i.e., by those with more noble ideals.

Sometimes parents, from their superior position of experience and knowledge, must make their children temporarily “unhappy,” in order that they might enjoy a greater and more enduring happiness than the child had thought possible. Is it not possible that there is a Superior One, the Heavenly Father, who knows what will produce the greatest happiness for His creatures?

A Christian does not presume to know more about himself, nor his surroundings, than his Creator.

Nor does he childishly equate “happiness” with a pleasant physiological sensation. He is not insensitive to beauty and temporal pleasure, but his acceptance of eternal goals enables him to make a more mature evaluation of earthly treasures. A man who deeply loves his wife and family cannot be “happy” in a cheap flirtation he knows will take from him his greater love and joy.

Happiness is not chased and caught. It is developed and nurtured within—a part of us that we allow to mature, thru faith, to hope, to love of God.

—via Plain Talk, November 1979 



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Remember in Prayer

Hazel Griffin has been feeling ill this past week. Don't forget to pray for the family of our brethren that have never known, or have

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