

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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"...For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil,"

— Romans 16:19

**Servants during September:**

Songleader: Larry (1), Dwight (8), Stanley (15), Larry (22), Dwight (29)

Reading: Stanley

Announcements: Larry

Table: Mike M, Marty, Stanley

Wednesday Lesson: Kris (4), Larry (11), Stanley (18), Kris (25)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Kris (1), Marty (8), Stanley (15), Larry (22), Kris (29)

Area Meetings:

Jordan Park, 15-18, Jonathan Reeder; **Mt Zion,** 15-18, Various...; **East Albertville,** 15-20, Steve Klein; **Singing River (Florence),** 22-27, Greg Gwin; **Pepper Road,** 23,24,26,27, Bruce Reeves; **South Cullman,** 29-1/1, Greg Kline

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

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Wise In What Is Good— Simple Concerning Evil

by Sewell Hall

Eddie Mai is an unusual name for a lady. But then, Eddie Mai Caldwell is an unusual lady. Her name, she is quick to explain, was one of her own choosing. She told her mother one day, "I want to change my name to Eddie Mai." Her mother agreed to the proposal and that is what it has been ever since.

Eddie Mai is a slow learner. She just doesn't seem to catch on to things that other people seem to know by intuition.

Everyone knows that an elderly lady from a small town would not be expected to find a church in a big city into which she ventured for the first time. But Eddie Mai found my name in her

Bible recently, and with some effort she remembered that she had obtained it from the preacher where she was worshipping several years ago when she was planning a visit to the city where I was preaching. She did not want to miss services there—and she did not.

No one would expect a widow who had spent all of her life in one small Tennessee county to be able to sell her home, leave her lifetime friends, move to a city like Atlanta and be happy. Besides other problems, after finding a suitable place to live she just might find that there was no church nearby. Eddie Mai, however, hasn't seemed to learn

the difficulty of all of this. To be near her son she had to move to Atlanta, but she did not want to be in his way. So she located a church where she felt she could be happy and then rented the nearest affordable apartment, well within walking distance. The church has provided her with all the friends and family she needs.

Most everyone has learned that hospitality for a visiting preacher during a meeting is to be provided by those who have large homes, fine furniture, beautiful china and expensive silverware. This, too, Eddie Mai has failed to learn. Her name is always “on the list” and her sincere welcome and good Tennessee cooking warm the hearts and please the palates of those who accept the invitation to her small apartment.

Everyone knows that in a big city, you go about your own affairs, make few acquaintances, and trust no one. Everyone knows that—but Eddie Mai. She did learn not to lend her car to strangers when a man in her apartment complex borrowed it and wrecked it while driving under the influence of alcohol. But she has continued to show an interest in her neighbors, cooking for them when they are sick,

watching out for their apartments when they are away, proving herself a real friend to the lonely—just generally being a good neighbor.

People know, too, that folks are not interested in your religion these days, especially young folks. If they have some religious affiliation they don’t care to change and if they have none it is because they are “not into religion.” So most folks have learned to keep their religion to themselves. But Eddie Mai can’t seem to learn that either. Every friend she makes is invited to services.

Students from nearby DeVry Institute, living in the apartments, may have laughed at “the little old lady in tennis shoes” who joined them for a few minutes in their basketball game, but before she left they had all been invited to services. And so was a young man upstairs, and the lady in the office, and the old couple across the way. Many whom she had invited have come; she probably has brought more visitors to our services than any other member in the past three years. One young man whom she brought was baptized and now leads prayer, leads singing, makes talks and is

growing stronger with her continued encouragement. She is truly his mother in the faith.

A few months ago, however, the handwriting began to appear on the wall. Her days with us were numbered. Circumstances demanded that she move to live with her son more than twenty-five miles from our meeting place. It was evident to anyone who had seen her easing cautiously along the highway that she could never drive that distance to the services. We looked at maps to try to locate a nearer congregation. We tried to find people who could provide transport, but all to no avail. We bade her goodbye with much regret, wondering what decision she would make and anticipating sadly the void there would be in our assembly the following Sunday.

Next Sunday, her little brown Chevette pulled in as usual, only

a little earlier. Thinking she had not completed her move or had spent the night nearby, I asked, “How did you get here?”

“I drove,” was the simple reply. And drive she has, every Sunday since.

Eddie Mai just never seems to learn the things she cannot do. What this church and many others need is more slow learners like Eddie Mai—“wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil,” Rom 16:19.

—via Christianity Magazine, 3/86 



Remember in Prayer

Mike B has open heart surgery scheduled for 10/1. **Becky** has a shingles, but is doing some better. **Hazel** is doing well with rehabilitation; please pray that she can come home, soon. **Carolyn** continues to recover from

extensive foot surgery in July.

Please continue to pray for those other brethren we know and love, including **Betty**; **Barbara**; **Kathy Mitchell**; **Joshua V**; and **the Pollard Family**. 