

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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“But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, **expecting nothing in return**; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; **for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men,**”

—Luke 6:35



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“Examine everything carefully...” 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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What’s in it for Me?

By Steve Klein


The Lord described one of the shortcomings of the ancient Israelites as follows: “Everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, nor does the cause of the widow come before them,” Isa 1:23. Like many today, the people of Israel were not much interested in helping those who could not help them in return. The prevailing way of determining whether or not to be charitable and kind was apparently to ask oneself, “What’s in it for me?” and “What am I going to get out of it?” And so it is today. Unless there is some prospect of being rewarded

with pleasure, financial gain or praise, few will show much concern for the welfare of the needy and lowly.

It has been said that you can learn a lot about a man’s character by observing how he treats someone who can do nothing for him. A person of quality will be kind to those who are in positions “lower” than his (e.g. waiters, cashiers, clerks, employees at work, underclassmen at school, etc.). He will go out of his way to be helpful to those who cannot pay him back.

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Jesus expects His disciples to “condescend to men of low estate,” Rom 12:16. He explicitly commands us to do good to those who cannot or will not repay us. In Lk 14:13,14 Jesus said, “When you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” And in Luke 6:35 He commands us to love our “enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.”

Note that in both of the preceding passages, the reward for doing good to others is not material, financial, or even emotional—it’s spiritual and eternal. Let not our love and kindness be sold cheaply for the temporary rewards of this life. Rather, store up eternal treasures in heaven by showing courtesy and compassion to all. Make it your task today to do something for someone who cannot pay you back. 

Outdoor Cooking

By Robert F. Turner

A man who “just loved outdoor cooking” could no longer endure the sissy civilized refinements of a modern kitchen. He built a stone barbecue pit and grill in his back yard—where he could assert his rugged individualistic style, cooking and communing with nature.

To make a more solid footing for his table and chairs, and avoid mud and/or red ants, he poured a concrete slab all around the grill. Then, when a few “cook-outs”

were spoiled by sun or showers, he built a good roof overhead—extending a chimney through the roof, and installing a vent-a-hood to remove unwanted smoke. Since the vent-a-hood required electricity, it was a simple matter to add lighting, and an outlet for the electric coffee maker.

Came summer, and he screened-in the shelter to foil the flies and other insects attracted to his table. Then, to “do it up right” he built a tile-topped work

cabinet, complete with double sink and “running water”.

This man “just loved outdoor cooking.” Nothing quite like it. He reminds me of the way some brethren “just love the Lord’s church.”

They are attracted to the philosophy of New Testament Christianity.


- “Bible things in Bible ways”
- “Back to the Bible!”
- “The church you read about in the Bible!”

These slogans sound good, and they like to identify themselves with the stalwarts of old who fought bravely for such a cause.

But the reality of New Testament Christianity—like that of outdoor cooking—is something

else. If there be any virtue in the two (and for the New Testament church I base my case on God’s Word) the benefits can only be realized by accepting the practice as well as the terminology.

The dudish “outdoorsman” is within his rights, even though we may feel he is “kidding himself” about his “rugged” character. But the members of the church who alter New Testament Christianity to suit their own taste, **not only deceive themselves but bring reproach upon the name of the Lord and His work.**

There is incongruity in the sign: “**church of Christ**” and the church supported banquets, inter-congregational organizations, sectarian spirits and worldliness that is often within. “We love the Lord’s church” ...indeed!!! 

Remember in Prayer

Carolyn has apparently been in a good deal of pain; while she appreciates contact with brethren, she finds texting easier than telephone calls. Peter and Jacie are still on a driving trip to Montana, then back to Tennessee.

Please continue to pray for **Betty; Hazel; Marie and Billy;** as

well as **John, Sylvia, and Paige Pollard.**

Pray also for our nation’s leaders; for those serving as our protectors and defenders, both national and local; for our family, friends, neighbors, and even our enemies—particularly that they might come to know God.