

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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"There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all,"

—Ephesians 4:4-6

**Servants during July:**

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

Reading: Mike

Announcements: Stanley

Table: Larry, Marty, Mike

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

Area Meetings:

Anderson, 19-22, Kyle Pope

Oakland, 26-31, Mitchell Dalrymple

Jenning's Chapel, 26-31, Lowell Sallee

***Don't forget our meeting
 Sept 13-16 with
 Jonathan Carswell!***

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

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This May Shock You...

By Donnie V. Rader

This may shock you, but there are a number of things that the Bible does not teach that a multitude of people are not aware of.

The Bible does not teach that one church is as good as another. Rather, the Bible says, "There is one body," Eph 4:4. Christ only built one church. Are the ones He didn't build just as good as the one He did build? That would make man's works as good as God's. Jesus said, "Every plant, which My heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up," Mt 15:13. You see, Jesus didn't seem to think that one church is as good as another.

The Bible does not teach that Christ will return to earth to reign on a literal throne for 1,000 years. That would be a shocking fact for more than 80% of religious people.

However, the verse that so teaches is yet to be found. I read, that when Christ comes again, that will be the end, 1 Cor 15:23,24.

The Bible doesn't teach that Christ was born on December 25th. Neither does the Bible teach that there were three wise men.

The Bible doesn't teach that terms such as "Reverend," "Pastor," and "Father" should be applied to a preacher. The term "Reverend" is only used one time in the Bible, and that time it applies to God, Psa 111:9, KJV. "Pastor" simply means one that is a shepherd over a flock. It is descriptive of an elder in the church that meets certain qualifications, 1 Tim 3:1-7; Tit 1:5-9. Jesus condemned the use of such terms as "Father" in Mt 23:1-12.

The Bible teaches that only those who are the members of the body of Christ will be saved. I read that Christ is “the Savior of the body,” Eph 5:23. Thus, He only promises to save those in the body. His body and church are one and the same, Col 1:18. Thus, only those in His church, the church of Christ, will be saved, Rom 16:16.

If number five is a shocker, this will shock you more. The Bible teaches that not all of those in the body of Christ will be eternally saved. I read how the faithful will receive a crown of life, Rev 2:10. Some of those that were once sanctified by the blood of Christ

will turn aside and be lost, Heb 10:26-29.

The Bible teaches us that “rejoice” and “forgive one another,” are commands of God, Phil 4:4; Eph 4:32. These are not just suggestions that will make us better people. Neither is there an option to choose or not to choose. These are commands! Violating them is sin, 1 Jn 3:4. To sin is to separate oneself from God, Isa 59:1,2.

The Bible teaches that “faith” is a work, Jn 6:29. If we are saved by faith only, we are saved by a work. If works do not save us at all, then we are not saved by faith. 

The Value of Quiet Benevolence

By Warren E. Berkley

An irritable brother who always kept some grievance or issue loaded, called a meeting with the preacher and the four elders of the local church.

He leapt right into his complaint, arguing that all five brethren made a good living, drove late model cars and lived in nice homes, yet, he argued: “You don’t ever share your good

fortune.” His audience listened patiently and then after the outburst, one of the elders said: “How do you know we do not share?” There was no answer. Apparently the agitated brother assumed they didn’t, or wanted to believe they were miserly. The elder calmly explained, putting an end to the event: “God does not expect us to prove to you or to

anyone the extent of our benevolence. In fact, the larger amount of one’s benevolence will not be known on earth.” In support of this, he read Matthew 6:1-4, and the meeting ended.

The story illustrates, among other things, a common misunderstanding of individual benevolence. The purpose is not to satisfy witnesses, elicit the applause of men, or prove anything to detractors. One’s sharing ought to be so private and unpublicized, when the right hand gives, the left hand has no idea. It should be as Harriet Beecher Stowe once wrote of someone she believed had the spirit of Jesus. She said of this person, that “He had a habit of quiet benevolence,” doing more good silently than was common of most people in their public charity (Life and Letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1897).

I read a few years ago of a mystery unfolding in the world of college fund-raising. “During the past few weeks, at least nine universities have received gifts totaling more than \$45 million, and the schools had to promise not to try to find out the giver’s identity,” (AP, April 16, 2009). I have no idea how this story developed; it was not, to my knowledge, followed up with additional reporting (except perhaps to the IRS). It may turn out that some individual or group of individuals are engaged in quiet benevolence, determined to avoid the typical praise of public, ostentatious giving.

Are you a quiet giver? There is rich spiritual value in this kind of giving. Value for you and the recipient, having this truth connection: “with such sacrifices, God is well pleased,” Heb 13:16, cf Mt 6:1-4. 

Remember in Prayer

Please continue to pray for **Carolyn; Betty; Hazel; Dwight and Shirley**; as well as **Larry’s** mother, **Polly**; **Cindy’s** parents (**Don and Jackie Churches**), and her brother **Kenny**, who cares for them; and **John, Sylvia, and Paige Pollard**. Pray also for all those in areas of war, as

well as those hit by natural disasters—especially brethren. Several brethren have died or otherwise been affected by the earthquake in Venezuela; there are several forest fires in the region near western Colorado; and there has been major flooding in Kentucky.