

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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"...as often as you eat
 this bread and drink
 the cup, you proclaim
 the Lord's death until
 He comes,"



—1 Corinthians 11:26

Servants during August:

Songleader: Dwight (2), Stanley (9),
 Larry (16), Dwight (23), Stanley (30)

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Marty

Table: Mike, Marty, Stanley

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (5), Stanley
 (12), Kris (19), Larry (26)

Area Meetings:

Piney Grove, 2-5, David Thacker;
Gooch Lane, 9/6, Bill Hall;
Market Street, 9/13-16, Jason
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"Examine everything carefully..." 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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Worship and the Lord's Supper

By Bill Hall

The first day of the week is a special day for Christians. Within that day a special event occurs—the Lord's Supper. This feast does not fit into "worship" that is geared toward spectators or television audiences. It is just ten minutes of "dead time" in this kind of "worship." To true worshipers, however, the Lord's Supper is a special time each Lord's Day.

In The Supper, We Remember

"Do this in remembrance of Me," Jesus said, 1 Cor 11:24,25. In partaking, we should not just give passing thought to the

Lord's death. There is time for us to see Jesus in the garden in great anguish, praying, weeping, sweating; to see the kiss of Judas, the ill-advised actions of Peter, the arrest; to see the Jewish trials, the false witnesses, the hypocrisy of Caiaphas and the Jewish council; to see them mock, slap, and spit upon Jesus; to see Jesus before Pilate and to hear the jeering crowd crying, "Crucify! Crucify!" to see the scourging, the purple robe, the crown of thorns; to see the soldiers bow before Jesus in

mockery and strike Him with the reed; to see Him crucified, giving Himself for our sins; to hear Him say, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit," and to see Him die; to feel the earthquake and to hear otherwise callous centurion exclaim, "Surely this was the Son of God"; and to remember that all of this was because of our sins.

In The Supper, We Proclaim

We proclaim the Lord's death, 1 Cor 11:26. When our children ask, "What do you mean by this service?" we tell them of Christ's death. We tell them that the bread and fruit of the vine represent His body and His blood. When friends visit with us and observe us for the first time partaking in a solemn and thoughtful manner, we proclaim to them the meaning of this feast. We proclaim our faith in Jesus' suffering and death on our behalf. A memorial stands as strong evidence of the event being memorialized. When we partake we are proclaiming to the world that we believe that Jesus is "the way, the truth, the

life," Jn 14:6, and that He is the only way to the Father.

In The Supper, We Have Fellowship

We are familiar with the word "communion" in relation to the Lord's Supper. The words communion and fellowship are synonymous. When we partake of the bread, we are in communion (fellowship) with the body of Christ. When we drink of the cup we are in communion (fellowship) with the blood of Christ, 1 Cor 10:16. In the Lord's Supper we also are in fellowship with all in the body of Christ who legitimately eat of the "one bread," 1 Cor 10:17. Every faithful local church has a fellowship hall, but it is not a place for fleshly nourishment, it is a meeting place where we sing together, pray together, and worship our Lord together. In its fellowship hall every faithful local church has a fellowship meal. That meal is the Lord's Supper. What a marvelous fellowship we have in our worship together! What a marvelous fellowship we have in Jesus Christ.

In The Supper, We Anticipate

In the Supper we proclaim Christ's death till He come, 1 Cor 11:26. We look toward the day when the Lord Himself will descend, when He will appear a second time, 1 Thess 4:16; Heb 9:28, when the dead will be raised in incorruptible, immortal, spiritual bodies, and when the living will be "changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," 1 Cor 15:35-58. At that time we, with all the faithful, will worship forever around God's throne. We raise the question: if we do not have that hope, do we really have a place at the table of the Lord?

In The Supper, We Reflect And Renew

How can we possibly consider what our Lord has done for us without reflecting

on the covenant we made with Him when we became Christians and renewing our determination to be faithful to Him? Because of the Corinthians' failure to partake worthily, many among them were weak and sick, and others dead, 1 Cor 11:30. We will experience the same results if we fail to consider our Lord's suffering and the commitment we have made to Him.

When we consider all that is involved in eating at the Lord's Table, surely we can appreciate the privilege, the honor that is ours. Let us approach this moment each week with reverence and respect, making it a time of spiritual refreshing. Let us eat with happy anticipation of eternally communing with our Lord. 📖



***Remember to invite your friends to
our upcoming meeting
September 13-16 with Jonathan Carswell***



Remember in Prayer

Betty passed from this life early Wednesday morning. **Dwight** is being evaluated at the hospital; **Carolyn** is still struggling with pain. **Faye** is recovering from cataract surgery;

Larry's mother, **Polly**, is recovering well from her fall! Please continue to pray for **Hazel**; **Dwight** and **Shirley**; **Cindy's** parents and brother; and **John**, **Sylvia**, and **Paige Pollard**.