

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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"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you,"

—1 Peter 5:6,7



Servants during September:

Songleader: Stanley (6), Larry (13), Stanley (20), Larry (27)

Reading: Stanley

Announcements: Larry

Table: Larry, Marty, Stanley

Wednesday Lesson: Stanley (2), Kris (9), Larry (16), Stanley (23), Kris (30)

Area Meetings:

Market Street, 13-16, Jason Shackelford;
Kelly Spring Rd, 13-16, Andy Brenton;
Mt. Zion, 13-16, Dan Binkley;
Pepper Road, 19-23;
Ephesus, 20-23, Mitchell Dalrymple;

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

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The REAL Invictus

W.E. Henley was injured as a young man. He is known for the poem, Invictus (Latin for "unconquerable"), that he wrote in his anger and pain—anger with circumstances, and, it would appear, anger with God. Dorothea Day penned another poem in response; beautifully written, with bright hope for the future, it deserves and demands our attention far more than Henley's—although the world will never give it. Here are both to compare. Who is the REAL invictus? God would have us to know, it is the one conquered—in Christ, 1 Peter 5:6,7.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

Conquered

By Dorothea Day

Out of the light that dazzles me,
Bright as the sun from pole to pole,
I thank the God I know to be
For Christ the conqueror of my soul.

Since His the sway of circumstance
I would not wince nor cry aloud;
Under that rule that men call chance
My head with joy is humbly bowed.

Beyond this place of sin and tears—
That life with Him! and His the aid,
That, spite the menace of the years,
Keeps, and shall keep, me unafraid.

I have no fear though strait the gate;
He cleared from punishment the scroll—

Christ is the Master of my fate;

Christ is the Captain of my soul.

Invictus

By William Ernest Henley

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods there be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced or cried aloud;
Under the bludgeonings of chance,
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.

The 'Check Engine' Light

by Michael Cawthon

Warning signs are everywhere. Road signs prepare drivers for the potential of pedestrians crossing the street, icy bridges, curvy roads and falling rock. Computers within some vehicles inform when the tire pressure is too low, how many miles you have left before running out of gas and when you need to check your engine.

For some lights that flash on, the manual is needed to correctly interpret what the designer of the car intended the operator to do to fix the potential problem. While there are safety requirements and laws that are meant to protect the driver and passengers in the vehicle, one might assume all of those warnings are just to get us in the shop where they can tell us how much we owe to fix all of these issues. Just the other day the check engine light came on in my van. This was after I had taken it in for an oil change the week before. I called the dealership and asked them the reason that light could be on after getting a service. The "sales"—I mean service—agent informed me of several potential problems the van might have, but concluded that the person who performed the oil change simply forgot to reset the warning light.

Don't you wish we had lights and

buzzers that went off when we might be in danger spiritually? Maybe a "low encouragement" sensor and a "go to the Lord in prayer soon" blinking light would be nice. We could place a sticker on ourselves that reads, "Next worship service in 3 days or first day of the week, whichever comes first." An annoying buzzer would be appropriate when we leave our armor off, Eph 6.

While the technology might not quite be there for us spiritually, the Lord did give us plenty of warning signals. We need to pay attention to them.

Elders: "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account," Heb 13:17.

Brethren: "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted," Gal 6:1.

Preachers: "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you," 1 Tim 4:16.

Our study habits: "...searched the Scriptures daily..." Acts 17:11.

Our prayer life: "...pray without ceasing," 1 Thess 5:17.

Our attendance: "...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," Heb 10:25.

Some people can drive their car for weeks while a check engine light is on and simply ignore it. The automobile may not break down the next day or even the following week, but damage is being done that will be evident sooner or later. We can also ignore those who are trying to help us spiritually. Continuing to skip our

spiritual meals, prayer time and avoid brethren may not be a big deal to some. But for certain, damage is being done (Our example is fading, our strength is waning and we are becoming calloused).

A warning light in our vehicles is meant to alert us to the problem, not fix it. Likewise, the spiritual warning signs do not fix the issue. We must individually do something about it before it is too late. 

A Little Too Kind

I have wept at night
At the shortness of sight
That to somebody's need made me blind;
But I never have yet
Felt a twinge of regret
For being a little too kind.

—Miriam Wengerd, via "Keepers At Home," Fall 2018, p47



Why not invite everyone you know to
our meeting NEXT WEEK
September 13-16 with Jonathan Carswell



Remember in Prayer

Kathy M is doing well following her surgery at HH, though in some pain; she is in room 402. **Dwight** has been able to come home; please continue to pray for him and **Shirley**. **Pam's** son-in-law's father (**Scotty's dad**) is in Huntsville

Hospital following a serious motorcycle accident.

Let's not forget **Carolyn; Hazel; Larry's mother, Polly; Cindy's parents and brother; Joshua V** and his family; and **John, Sylvia, and Paige Pollard**.