

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM

Speaker, Robert Emerson

Study Sunday 10:00 AM

Worship Sunday 11:00 AM

Worship Sunday 5:00 PM

Singing every 2nd Sunday evening

Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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Won't you come
study the word of
God with us?

**Servants during May:**

Songleader: Chandler (5), Dwight (12),
Stanley (19), Larry (26), David (6/2)

Reading: David; Mike (June)

Announcements: Marty; Stanley (June)

Communion: Larry, Chandler, Lakin, Mike;
Buddy, Robert, Marty, David (June)

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (1), Stanley (8), Kris
(15), Mike (22), Larry (29), Stanley (6/5)

Lawn Mowing (week starting):

Kris (5), Billy (12), Marty (19),
Stanley (26), Robert (6/2)

Singing: The Leopard's (26)

Area Meetings: Hwy 157 (6/2-5);
Quinn (6/2-7); Somerville Rd
(6/7,9-12); College View
(6/10-13); Eastside (6/9-14);
Elgin Hills (6/9-14)

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

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Complaining Christians

By William J. Stewart

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world," Philippians 2:14-15.

Few things can be more destructive to a child's future (both earthly and heavenly) as a propensity to whine and complain. Such is the manner of those who are ungrateful, greedy and self-seeking. Continued grumbling and griping is evidence that a child has successfully trained his parents to cater to his wantonness, placing in jeopardy not only the child, but also the parents, Prov 22:6; Deut 6:7; Eph 6:4. If the routine is not broken, the murmuring child will become a murmuring adult, and an irritation to his peers, Prov 2:15; 23:13-14.

Recall, when God brought the children of Israel from Egypt, they were a nation of complainers, Ex 15:24; 16:2; 17:3. The apostle Paul candidly states, "...with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness," 1 Cor 10:5. He cites the things which happened to them as "...our example, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted," v6. Friend, you and I are not to "...complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer," v10.

A Christian complaining is no more acceptable than any child or the nation Israel doing so. If the Lord commands that we "drive it far" from the child, and if He scattered the Israelite bodies in the wilderness on account of their murmuring, then surely we can understand that such has no place in the child of God. The context of Philippians 2 supplies Jesus as our great example, through His

obedience in going to the cross. Recall, the prophet wrote of Him, "...as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth," Isa 53:7. If he endured such hostility and pain for us, without complaint, shouldn't we endeavor to serve Him daily without complaint?

Understand, my friend, our standing as children of God depends upon us laying aside all murmuring. If we are to shine as lights in this world, it will be through faithful obedience, and the knowledge that we are to be "blameless and harmless", not whiners and complainers. 

Real Contentment

By Shane Williams

Man frequently thinks that IF only he were rich and famous he would finally be content. Too often we look with envy at those who are celebrities, thinking how much better our own lives would be if that were us. Becoming rich and famous does not guarantee contentment. If it did, multimillionaire athletes would not jeopardize their careers by turning to drugs. If it did, the occurrence of multiple marriages among celebrities would not be commonplace. Obviously, real contentment must come from a foundation other than money and fame.

In Ecclesiastes 5, Solomon said we shouldn't be surprised when the poor are oppressed and when justice and righteousness are denied, v8,9. His words sound as if they were written in modern times, instead of so many years ago. "If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are

others higher still. The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields."

The life of those who love money is not as glamorous as it seems. They are never satisfied with what they have, and they face the emptiness of watching other people consume their riches, v10,11. Again this sounds like it was written to our society. "Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?"

The modest laborer, content with what he has, can sleep soundly, while the rich man lies awake at night worrying about his money, v12. "The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep." These indeed are great words of wisdom that all of us today need to take to heart.

How about you? Are you frustrated or content?

Paul told Timothy to tell the rich that they are "not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly

supplies us with all things to enjoy," 1 Tim 6:17. Only when we trust in the Lord and follow Him will we find what we are looking for.

— Via "The Lilbourn Light," Lilbourn, Missouri 

Dawn and Sunset

By Jimmy Tuten

Of the whole circle of the sun's path the most beautiful moments come at the dawn and sunset. In the early hours of morning there comes a pause as if the whole earth were intent on beholding the eastern skies put on their robes of purple and gold to greet the lord of the day; and in the evening, when the glory of the sunset lingers in the west, before the stars are lighted in the darkening sky, again the round of hours sings their fast, compelling song of wonder and praise.

So it is with the seasons also; the loveliest comes at the beginning and the close of the year. In the promise of early springtime with its budding trees, and in the glory of the flaming foliage of the last days of fall, nature reveals herself in her most gracious and her most glorious of moods.

And so also it is with the round of life. It is ushered in with the tender beauty of infancy; it draws to its close in the peace of old age. In the late afternoon of life there comes a pause like the lingering of the light at the close of day, the time when a life well lived approaches evening. Then again the soft melody which was heard at the beginning is resumed, and the circle of the year is completed in the same peace and splendor which accompanied its beginning. It departs in the glory like that of the sunset, token of the fairer dawn beyond.

There is a beauty to be found in the purity of the newly baptized, and in the maturity of the older Christian; in the birth of a baby, and the death of a saint of God.

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Remember in Prayer

Bob Broadus that his foot heals;
Bernice that clear sight would return.
Remember **Ruth Black** and **Madelene Britnell**, both in nursing homes.

Please always remember to pray
Lois Adams, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Teeples. 