

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	N/A
Attendance AM	61
Attendance PM	N/A
Wednesday PM	N/A

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Walter Tolley, colon cancer (MVH); Richard Melson, Jr. (tests); Charles Chittick; Sheree Collins (friend of Ashley, has cancer); Jerry Thomas, Otis & Glenda Adair, Richard Melson, Lenora Vance, Dollie Jones, Jack and Carlene Harley; Pat Norris (at home with daughter Judy); Daniel Perkins (nephew of Glenna Adair); Jamie Vance family;

**Prayer:** Valerie Melson and family (uncle is terminally ill)

**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II;

**Prayers:** Norris Cole, II;

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Virginia Robbins (death of her brother in Chattanooga, TN and niece in Florida)

January 10	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Richard Melson	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Frank Brock	
<b>Song Leader</b>	Michael Blanks, Jr.	
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Patrick Thomas	
<b>Server 1</b>	Anthony Grigsby	
<b>Server 2</b>	James Grigsby	
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Denzil Turner, III	
<b>Sermon</b>	Richard Melson	
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Richard Melson	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Norris Cole	

**A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer**

**"Pray without ceasing"**  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

**TO OUR VISITORS**

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your "church" and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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**Meeting Location:**  
2211 Needmore Rd  
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**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

Bible Study 9:30  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
4:30 P.M.

1st Sunday  
No 4:30 PM service

**Wednesday**

Bible Study  
7:00 P.M.

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- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
- Memphis School of Preaching
- Greater Midwest Lectureship Dayton, OH

## LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PROPHETS

Johnny Ramsey

1. God always has had a plan for man to follow.
2. Men often devise their own plan.
3. Prophets called creation back to Creator.
4. Man looks on outward appearance -- God sees the heart!
5. We must blend bold preaching and loving obedience with deep concern for the lost.
6. We should soberly serve our maker! It is a serious matter.
7. Our worship must reflect sincerity, humility, adoration, trust and dependence.
8. Deeper concern for our neighbor's needs -- especially spiritual needs!
9. Put our hand in God's hand -- trust and obey!
10. Lip service will not suffice!
11. Our purpose is to bring others to Christ as we grow spiritually!
12. We actually despise God's law when we fail to keep it from the heart!
13. Lavish offerings and empty hearts often go together.
14. To misuse our neighbor is to disdain God's creation.
15. God tolerates no rival in regard to our affections.
16. Moments spent in true worship are never wasted.
17. Depend upon God; He never fails us!
18. Do not fret over the prosperity of the wicked.
19. Mere ritual robs man of closer walk with God.
20. We should constantly "consider our ways" and start thinking much more about lost souls!
21. We should weep over sin much more than we do!
22. God's great love must be returned by us!
23. Rebellion against divine authority brings sorrow.
24. Corrupt leaders produce ungodliness in the nation.
25. Idolatry produces vain words with no comfort.
26. There is power in plain, simple preaching.
27. True worship can change our lives- not outward form!
28. Attitude toward truth and purpose in life go hand in hand.
29. We should always seek to please God and not ourselves.
30. Micah 6:8 sums it all up!
31. We do not know everything but, we can be known by the only one who does!
32. God desires hearts filled with adoration, honor and appreciation when we engage in worship.

**Such attitudes must rule our lives each day.** ~

# Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

## The Highest Price Paid

In New Testament times there were many slaves in the Roman Empire. There were slave markets all over the Empire. A buyer would walk through the market place looking at all the slaves. The buyer was looking for the best individual to buy as a slave. The price could be very high.

The buyer was allowed to inspect the slave before buying. This inspection included looking in the mouth to help determine the health of the slave. The arms and legs were inspected. The buyer was even allowed to beat the slave to see what kind of response came. The buyer wanted to know if the slave could hold up under stress.

If the seller could see a buyer was truly interested, he would try to raise the price as high as possible to get the best price at auction. This high price paid was the Greek word 'lutroo'

This word is used in Titus 2:14, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." The word 'redeem' is from 'lutroo'. Jesus paid the highest price possible to buy us in Satan's slave market. But Jesus does not beat us. He embraces us with love.

The word 'lutroo' was also used in a second way related to the slave market. Sometimes a good person would go to the slave market with compassionate intentions. The person would pay the highest auction price for a slave and then set the person free. In this sense, the word was used for redeeming a person. Jesus gave himself to redeem us from the slavery of sin. Jesus fulfilled both ways the word 'lutroo' was used.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can about our Redeemer and obey him. And if any of his is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

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## Don't let your "policy" lapse! ...

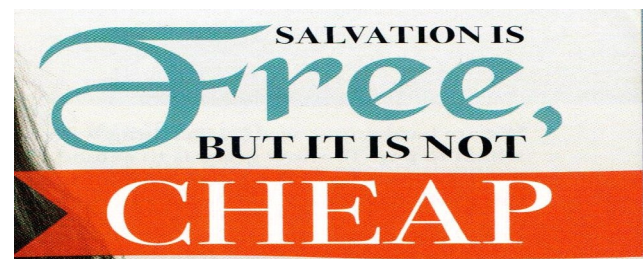


Insurance is an interesting thing! It is not something that you just automatically receive when you are born or buy a house or a car. There are steps you must take to qualify for it. After you have it, you must continue to maintain it and keep up on your premiums. The worst thing to hear is that your insurance policy has lapsed.

This is not an identical concept, but there are a few similarities. Eternal life is not something that you just automatically receive because you are alive. There are steps you must take to be qualified. Don't misunderstand, these are not steps to "earn" eternal life, but steps established by God in order to secure His promise of eternal life (John 3:15-16; Matt. 19:16). After you have followed His steps to secure the promise, you must continue to "maintain good works" (Tit. 3:8, 14), "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6:12), "make your call and election sure" (2 Pet. 1:10) and live a faithful life "in Christ" (1 John 5:11), in order to "lay hold on eternal life" (1 Tim. 6:12).

What would be the worst thing to hear about that on the day of judgment? .

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



### My Servants The Prophets

A study of "my servants the prophets" (Jerm. 26:5; Zech. 1:6) will enhance the life of everyone who undertakes to learn their teaching; "conversely, it will only add to the confusion of those who would use their writings as a basis on which to speculate about the future (Hailey).

A prophet was "a person inspired to proclaim or reveal divine will or purpose" (Jackson). Even women were occasionally used in the prophetic office (Exod. 15:20; Judg. 4:4).

During times of spiritual and moral repression and decay, Jehovah raised up prophets in whose mouth He put His word and whom He sent to the people in an effort to turn them back to Himself.

The "minor prophets" or "the twelve" (as they are called in the Hebrew Bible), were not sent to please the people by voicing popular opinions or their traditional beliefs but to faithfully declare the message which Jehovah had given him (1 Kings 22:13-28; Jerm. 37:16-21; Amos 7:10-17; Micah 3:5-8) regardless of whether they liked it or not. (Willis)

It is because of these facts and our current need that we will undertake a study of "Minor Prophets" or "The Twelve and seek their message for man today.

The following chart will assist in your study of the minor prophets; noting as we have learned from previous lessons, the Old Testament was to bring the Jews to Christ (Gal. 3:24) and it spoke of Him in every book (Luke 24:44ff).

THE GIST OF THE MINOR PROPHETS				
BOOK	THEME	KEY VERSE	KEY THOUGHT	MESSIANIC PORTRAIT
Hosea	God's love for backsliders.	14:9	Return	Second Moses, David, Israel
Joel	The day of Yahweh is coming.	2:13	Repentance	Teacher for Righteousness
Amos	Prepare to meet your God!	5:24	Justice	Occupant of the Tent of David
Obadiah	The kingdom shall be Yahweh's.	v. 21	Pride Humbled	Savior & Judge par excellence
Jonah	Prejudice conquered.	4:11	Judgment Postponed	Resurrected Prophet
Micah	The triumph of hope.	6:8	Divine Expectation	Ruler from Bethlehem
Nahum	The overthrow of oppressors.	1:15	Nineveh Doomed	Bringer of Good Tidings
Habakkuk	Walking by faith.	2:4b	Faith	Conqueror of Satan
Zephaniah	The day of Yahweh's wrath.	1:4	Remnant	Witness against the Nations
Haggai	Courageous strength in discouraging times.	1:8	Build!	Desire of All Nations
Zechariah	Present distress and future glory.	4:6b	Visions	Enthroned Priest-King
Malachi	Divine love offended.	3:8	Robbery	Sun of Righteousness

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- View In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish network Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

## GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

"Sirs, What must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30

- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Heard - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ♦ Sins Must Be Repented of — Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ♦ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ♦ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ♦ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18