

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	N/A
Attendance AM	47
Attendance PM	N/A
Wednesday PM	N/A

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Walter Tolley at home (colon cancer & CHF); Jerry Thomas; Otis & Glenda Adair, Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Carlene Harley; William & Priscilla Bogan; Tally Poole (knee); Norris Cole (eye surgery on 24th); Frank Brock  
**Prayer:** Richard Melson, Jr. Patrick and Ashley Thomas (work); Gabrielle Willis (interview); Rita McGahee  
**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II;  
**Prayers:** Norris Cole, II;  
**Repentance:**  
**Baptism:**  
**Sympathy:** Family of Lee Beckley  
**Birthdays: February**—4 Betty Blakley, 13— Tena Eslick, 14— Lori Phillips, 16—G.Frank Brock, 18— Katherine Willis, 21—Catherine Anderson, Jerry Thomas, 22—Brenda Wiley  
**Anniversaries**—

February 21	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Richard Melson	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Lyle Cole	
<b>Song Leader</b>	Michael Blanks, Jr.	
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Patrick Cook	
<b>Server 1</b>	Norris Cole	
<b>Server 2</b>	Mike Mamula	
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Denzil Turner, III	
<b>Sermon</b>	Richard Melson	
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Richard Melson	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Patrick Thomas	

**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.

**Needmore Road church of Christ**  
**PO Box 13963**  
**Dayton, Ohio 45414-9998**

Place Stamp Here

**Visit our website at [www.thelordsway.com/needmoreroad](http://www.thelordsway.com/needmoreroad)**



# THE EDIFIER

Volume 02

February 21, 2021

Issue 08

[www.needmoreroadcoc.com](http://www.needmoreroadcoc.com)  
 Fax: (937) 401-0286

**Meeting Location:**  
 2211 Needmore Rd  
 Dayton, OH 45414

**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.

**Preachers**

Richard D. Melson  
 937-321-3973  
[dr.rdmelson@yahoo.com](mailto:dr.rdmelson@yahoo.com)

Walter Tolley  
 937-238-7752  
[walt944@aol.com](mailto:walt944@aol.com)

**Ministers**

All Members

**Supporting**

- Christian Courier on The Web
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
- Memphis School of Preaching
- Greater Midwest Lectureship Dayton, OH

**"I ... I... I... I" - IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!**

David Sproule

While the pronoun "I" is one of the most frequently used words in the Bible (around 8,800 times) and may seem insignificant with such saturation, its usage in Amos is very instructive. The Lord, through the prophet, pleaded with His people to repent and turn back to Him. He wanted them to know how far they had strayed.

**What God had done for them.** "I destroyed the [giant] Amorite before them" (2:9). "I brought you up from the land of Egypt" (2:10). "I raised up some of your sons as prophets" (2:11). "You only have I known of all the families of the earth" (3:2).

**How God regarded His people's empty service.** "I hate, I despise your feast days" (5:21). "I do not savor your sacred assemblies" (5:21). "I will not accept them" (5:22). "I will [not] regard your fattened peace offerings" (5:22). "I abhor [your] pride" (6:8).

**What God did to induce their repentance.** "Behold, I am weighed down by you" (2:13). "I gave you cleanness of teeth...and lack of bread" (4:6). "I withheld rain from you...I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city" (4:7). "I blasted you with blight and mildew" (4:9). "I sent among you a plague...I made the stench of your camps come up into your nostrils" (4:10).

**How God would deal with their willful sin.** "Thus will I do to you...I will do this to you" (4:12). "I will never forget any of [your] works" (8:7). "The end has come upon My people...I will not pass by [you] anymore" (8:2). "I will not hear" (5:23). "I will not turn away [your] punishment" (2:4, 6). "I will punish you for all your iniquities" (3:2). "I will destroy the winter house along with the summer house" (3:15). "I will send you into captivity" (5:27). "I will raise up a nation against you" (6:14). "I will deliver [you] up" (6:8). "I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people" (7:8). "I will turn your feasts into mourning" (8:10). "I will bring sackcloth on every waist" (8:10). "I will send a famine on the land" (8:11). "I will bring [you] down" (9:2). "I will set My eyes on [you] for harm and not for good" (9:4).

**God's continued patience and future hope for His people's repentance.** "Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob" (9:8). "I will raise up...[that] which has fallen down" (9:11). "I will bring back the captives of My people" (9:14). "I will plant them" (9:15).

Think of what God has done for us, how He regards our empty service, what He has done to induce our repentance and how He deals with our willful sin. As He considers our future hope, He pleads, "Prepare to meet your God" (4:12)!. *DS*

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

## Witnesses to the Birth of the Son of God

Mankind has devised a system of justice based on witness testimony to validate a matter. The more credible the witnesses, the more certain the conclusion. The Bible gives no less than 18 witnesses to the birth of the Son of God.

1. God, the Father (Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3)
2. The Patriarch, Jacob, called Israel (Genesis 49:10)
3. The Prophets, such as Isaiah and Micah (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Micah 5:2)
4. Jesus' birth records (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-28)
5. The angels (Luke 1:26-37; Matthew 1:18-21; Luke 2:9-15)
6. The unborn John the Baptist (Luke 1:41)
7. Elizabeth (Luke 1:42-45)
8. Jesus' mother, Mary (Luke 1:46-55)
9. The word of God (Matthew 1:23, 26)
10. Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)
11. Human history (Luke 2:1-7) - B.C.
12. Divine history (Luke 2:8-14)
13. The Shepherds (Luke 2:9-20)
14. The Wise men (Matthew 2:1-12)
15. Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
16. Anna (Luke 2:36-38)
17. King Herod (Matthew 2:16-19)
18. Jesus as a child (Luke 2:39-40, 52)

The testimony of witnesses is overwhelming. **The Son of God was born on the earth.**

Why did He come? That mankind could be "born again" of water and spirit (New Testament baptism, John 3:1-7) and be saved (I Peter 3:21).

Is Jesus your savior and Lord? (Acts 22:16) He wants to be your Savior now. One day He will be your judge (Romans 14:10).

- Steven K. Guy

Amos

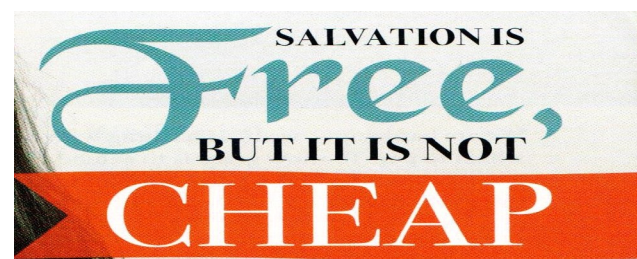
## 29% of the time



The northern kingdom of Israel had turned its back on God and was on the verge of falling. The Lord sent a rugged shepherd from the southern kingdom to plead with his rebellious people in Israel to repent and return to him. The prophet Amos warned that judgment was coming and they needed to "prepare to meet your God" (4:12). In the 146 verses of the book of Amos, we find the prophet using the expression, "says the Lord" (or an equivalent), in 43 verses (29% of the time). Think about that. 29 percent (and really it was more than that) of what Amos said to these lost people started or ended by him saying, "This is what the Lord says."

Today we are living in a nation that has turned its back on God and seems on the verge of falling. God has sent His spokespersons (i.e., us) "into all the [rebellious] world" to plead with them to repent and turn to God, for judgment is coming. Now, what percentage of what you say to others begins or ends with, "The Bible says..."? Amos left us a great template. Is there anything more important for us than to tell people, "Here's what the Lord says"?

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



### If You Could Ask God One Question

The name Larry King may not be well known among younger people, but for decades he hosted a nighttime talk show on CNN. He was born in Brooklyn to Orthodox Jewish parents who had immigrated to America. He died Saturday, January 23, and left an estate of over 140 million dollars. He truly was an icon of broadcasting on radio and television, conducting over 50,000 interviews.

Recently, I saw a clip where someone asked Larry King an interesting question. "If you could talk to God, what one question would you ask Him?" Before giving his amazing answer, let me ask you the same question. If you could ask God just one question, what would you ask Him? Probably a lot depends on your background and what is happening in your life right now. Think about it for a moment and before reading the next paragraph decide what it would be.

Larry's answer? I doubt that you would ever guess what he said but think about his background. His parents were Orthodox Jews, who believed that a Messiah would come someday. There is every chance that this was a vital part of his upbringing. When asked what his one question to God would be, he answered without any hesitation. "I would ask God did He have a son?"

Wow! Do you see how important this question is? It strikes at the heart of the relationship everyone should have with God. The question reaches far beyond Orthodox Judaism. The answer to this question strikes at the foundation of all religions in all ages.

If God had a Son, then the way to God is not through Judaism of any sort. If God had a Son, the way to God is not through Buddha or Mohammed. If God had a Son,

the way to God is not through "Christian" religions started by mortals who rejected the church that Son built on this earth. One cannot acknowledge that God had a Son and then reject in any way what He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

How would God answer the question? He has already given it. Centuries ago, those who stood beside the Jordan River would have heard that voice from heaven. "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17). Then, on a mountain in Galilee that same voice was heard by men when He said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

Do you know the answer to the question? Have you honestly looked at the evidence? What was it that God said on the mountain? "Hear Him!" There is no single question more important. Are you listening to the Son of God?

- Dan Jenkins



For a schedule of programs visit them at  
[www.thegospelradionetwork.org](http://www.thegospelradionetwork.org)

## NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: [www.wvbs.org](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org) ; <http://gbntv.org/> ; [kibbystreetcoc.org](http://kibbystreetcoc.org) ; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak)
- 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