

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	N/A
Attendance AM	68
Attendance PM	N/A
Wednesday PM	N/A

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Walter Tolley (MVH); Jerry Thomas; Otis & Glenda Adair, Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Carlene Harley; William Bogan; Diane Cole (Norris); Charles Chittick
Prayer: Richard Melson, Jr. Patrick and Ashley Thomas (work); Gabrielle Willis (interview);
Traveling: Norris Cole, II;
Prayers: Norris Cole, II;
Repentance: Janice Bland
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Birthdays: March—5 Brandon Lease; 6 Melody Angus; 9 Rita McGahee; 11-Mary Vance; 17 Pat Norris; 18 Layne Vance; 27 Lyle Cole; 28 Cynthia Lease; 30 William Bogan & Timothy Angus -
Anniversaries—
Ladies Reading Group:

March 14	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Richard Melson	
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	
Server 1	James Grigsby	
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	
Scripture Reader	Anthony Grigsby	
Sermon	Richard Melson	
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	
Closing Prayer	Michael Blanks, Jr.	

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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THE HEART OF HOSEA

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

The great book of Hosea is in a class all by itself! There is nothing else just like it throughout the rest of the Bible. There is sadness and doom coupled with hope and sweetness rippling across its pages. Some commentaries label Hosea as "more sob than sermon" and "a love story that went wrong" as they label Hosea as "the prophet of sorrowful heart ." This grand treatise is a very tender section of Holy Scripture that ought to challenge and enrich our hearts. One of the sterling points in the entire book is found in 2:7 where we learn that life with Jehovah is always the better way! C. F. Jones wisely wrote:

*"There's nothing so precious as Jesus to me;
Let earth with its treasures be gone;
I'm rich as can be when my Savior I see;
I'm happy in Jesus alone."*

Hosea wept over Israel's sins seven centuries prior to Christ but the errors of God's people then parallel our problems today. One grave mistake in that long ago era was the fruitful nature of Israel in secular realms but its barren success in spiritual pursuits. The tragedy of secularism haunts the church even today! If all the talented folk who are supposed to be Christians would really stand up for Jesus, how bright and influential would be our plea. Hosea's heartache centered on this same problem in his day. Strong politically and economically Israel was "a half-baked cake" in spiritual matters. Good for nothing - raw on one side and burned on the other (Hosea 7:8)!

They had "eaten the fruit of lies" and had trusted in military might instead of the power of godliness (Hosea 10:13-15). As a result God's people were reaping the whirlwind of the seed sown in sin (8:7). Hosea's excruciating experience with his own faithless wife parallels God's sorrow with Israel, His gadding bride. Trusting more in "the nations around them" than in the true and living God brought shallowness into the Northern Kingdom. The citizens of Samaria, Israel's capitol city, needed to return to the Valley of Achor (Joshua 7) for the disciplinary chastening that would provide their only "door of hope" (Hosea 2:15). There was no truth, mercy, or knowledge in the land and the very earth mourned (4:3)! The ancient landmarks were being removed (5:10) Satan rejoiced over the adulterous actions of a decadent society.

It is chapter six that projects the major thrust of this eloquent treatise. One dynamic verse states: "Let us press on to know the Lord." This word for know refers to intimate knowledge as the Bible view of a husband knowing his wife (Matthew 1:25). Sadly, however, God's bride was unfaithful and flippant (6:6). In the final chapter we learn that the Lord's ways are right and the just shall walk therein. But, the way of the transgressor is hard!

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

WANTED !!!

More to **improve** and fewer to **disapprove**.

More **doers** and fewer **talkers**.

More to say **it can be done**
And fewer to say **it's impossible**.

More to **inspire** others
And **fewer** to **throw cold water** on them.

More to **get into the thick** of things
And fewer to **sit on the sidelines**.

More to point out **what's right**
and fewer to **find fault**.

More to **light a candle**
And fewer to **curse the darkness**.

More to **act like Jesus**
And fewer to **live like the devil**.

Seven Wonders of the World

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to see
 2. to taste
 3. to touch
 4. to hear
- She hesitated a little, then added,
5. to feel
 6. to laugh
 7. and to love."

Those things we overlook as simple and "ordinary" are wondrous. Let this serve as a gentle reminder the most precious things in life cannot be bought or made by man; God gave them to us (Jas. 1:17).

Believe it or not, it's hard not being a Christian

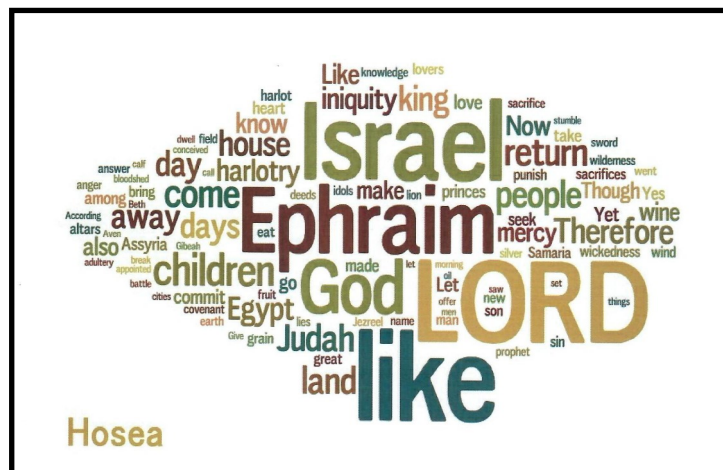


Some people think that being a Christian is the hardest life to live. Unfortunately, they look at the commandments of God as "negative restrictions" rather than "positive opportunities" and "for our good always." They think that living the life of the world is much easier.

Did you know this verse is in the Bible? Proverbs 13:15 states, "The way of transgressors is hard." Think about that. Could that be true? Could it actually be hard to live a life of unfaithfulness to the Lord? Some folks would immediately say, "No way!"

Consider one example. When a person lies about something, now they have to remember "two realities": the true one and the one they made up. They also have to remember to whom they told the "alternate reality" and when they told them. It's much easier, in the long run, to just tell the truth to everyone. Is it "difficult" sometimes (Matt. 7:14)? Sure it is. But "difficult" does not mean "worse"! In fact, after regular practice, "difficult" becomes a desired (yeah, easy and preferable) way of life!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Are Your Covid-19 Decisions Consistent?

May we always show our love to God with reverential loyalty! ✍️

The following article was written by Tim Kidwell, it is well thought out and challenging. I commend it to you for serious consideration. Share it with others. — RDM

- Do you go to your workplace but stay away from your place of worship?
- Do you seek to make sales among the public but have placed seeking and saving the lost on hold?
- Do you send your children to public school, but keep them away from Bible school?
- Do you go out to eat in a restaurant with your physical family, but refuse to gather to eat around the Lord's Table with your spiritual family?
- Do you go shopping among strangers to obtain essential physical items, but refuse to assemble with the saints to obtain essential spiritual blessings?
- Do you continue to keep your doctor appointments but refuse to keep your appointments with the Great Physician?

You said you would return to the worship assembly when the virus contraction rate slowed. You said you would return to the worship assembly when a vaccine was available. You said you would.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7).
"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..." (Matt. 6:33).
The more you miss the assembly, the less you miss assembling.

But the assembly misses you! It is time!

- Tim Kidwell

After the Sunday morning worship service of March 7, the men met and agreed to resume all Bible classes effective Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 9:30 AM and Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday evening worship at 4:30 PM. It was decided to hold off the monthly fellowship meal at this time.

I am starting a monthly session called, *Studies from The Question Box*. There are 4x6 cards for you to write Bible questions which I will endeavor to answer these during the evening service each 4th Sunday. The questions should be yours, not intended to get back at someone, but designed for the purpose of growing spiritually. ✍️

GOSPEL MEETING

March 21-24, 2021
Central Avenue Church of Christ
922 S. Central Ave. Fairborn, Ohio 45324
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Lessons live streamed from www.cachurchofchrist.com

Sunday, March 21	
10:30AM	Scott Spencer, Fairborn, OH God Gives Insight for My Marriage
6:00PM	Richard Melson, Dayton, OH God Gives Insight for My Family
March 22-24, 7:00PM	
Monday	Bob Vincent, Tipp City, OH God Gives Insight When Facing Temptation
Tuesday	Andral Gooden, Springfield, OH God Gives Insight When I Need Forgiveness
Wednesday	Michael Nix, Troy, OH God Gives Insight When I Ask

NEWS AND NOTES

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