

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	N/A
Attendance AM	65
Attendance PM	N/A
Wednesday PM	N/A

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Florine Thomas; Walter Tolley (rehab); Diane Cole (Norris); Jerry Thomas; Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Carlene Harley; William Bogan; David Dudley; Victoria Dudley;
Prayer: Richard Melson, Jr. Patrick and Ashley Thomas (work);
Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Cook family
Prayers: Norris Cole, II;
Repentance:
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 21	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Richard Melson	
Opening Prayer	Mike Mamula	
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	
Lead Lord's Supper	Lyle Cole	
Server 1	Norris Cole	
Server 2	James Grigsby	
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	
Sermon	Richard Melson	
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	
Closing Prayer	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.

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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.

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All Members

Supporting

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

NO MERCY + NO TRUTH = NO RESTRAINT

Dan Jenkins

For over two hundred years after the death of Solomon, those ten tribes in the northern part of Palestine never worshiped God. If you want to see just how longsuffering God is, consider that during this time they had nineteen kings and not a single one of them was righteous. It was not that they had no way to know God, for He sent prophet after prophet to call them back. They refused to hear.

They chose to not know Him. God's messenger, Hosea, described them and their destiny in this way: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you from being a priest to Me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children" (Hos. 4:6). The end was at hand. It was the end of that nation. Their children would never enjoy the favor of God again.

How did all of this happen? Look at the verses in the first part of Hosea chapter four. In the very first verse, Hosea describes the path traveled by Israel in its journey away from God. "There is no truth or mercy or knowledge of God in the land." Where there is no desire for truth, there is no room for true mercy and compassion. Think of how often truth and mercy are connected with the Lord. Remove these from any nation, and there is no hope for that nation. They have left these holy values and ignorance of God prevails.

What happens in a society where there is no mercy, truth and knowledge? Look at the words found in verse two. There is swearing and lying. We tend to think of swearing as using profanity, but in this context, the emphasis is swearing to tell the truth and not doing it.

What else happens? There is killing, stealing and adultery. Killing is also described in the last part of this verse as bloodshed upon bloodshed. The blood of the oppressed flows so freely that it touches the flow of blood from other killings. There is theft of property and even the taking of another man's wife. Adultery in any nation will ultimately lead to the moral decay of that nation.

The most revealing phrase in this path away from God is, "They break all restraint." The entry of sin may begin with a "little sin," but it does not end there. The Bible describes it as adding sin to sin. The door through which little sins enter soon opens to the entry of many others. There finally is no restraint in our lives. "They break all restraint." We think it cannot happen, but it is inevitable!

Read these verses again. How far is America from being like Israel—no mercy, truth or knowledge? How close are we from being a nation which has broken all restraint? *GS*

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

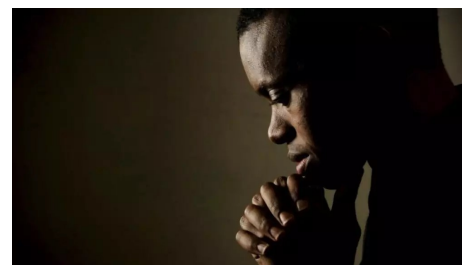
Which One Is Confused?

A preacher said to a farmer,
 “Do you belong to the Christian family?”
 “No,” said he, “They live two farms down.”
 “I mean are you lost?”
 “No, I’ve been here thirty years.”
 “I mean are you ready for the judgment day?”
 “When is it?”
 “It could be tomorrow, or even today.”
 “Well, when you find out for sure when it is,
 let me know. My wife will probably want to go.”



—<http://webby.com/humor/blog>

“Good and acceptable in the sight of the Lord”

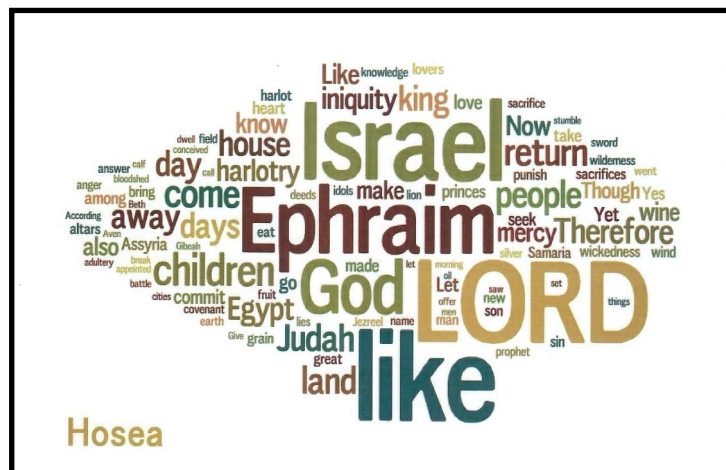


There are a number of times when Scripture talks about something being “acceptable to the Lord.” Doesn’t that expression sound so appealing? Doing something that is “acceptable” in the eyes of the Lord. What a motivation! One such time is in First Timothy chapter two.

Verse three begins with the word “For,” which points back as an explanation to (i.e., a reason for doing) the first two verses. The text reads, “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved...” (1 Tim. 2:3-4). So, the wording demands this question: “WHAT is good and acceptable in the sight of the God”?

The answer: “...That supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority” (2:1-2). Do you pray for those in authority? Do you intercede to God on behalf of those in authority? Do you give thanks for those in authority? Only by doing ALL (see the word “and”) of these can we be “good and acceptable in the sight of God.”

David Sproule
 Thought for the Day



Being a Kid Is Tough



“One of the great puzzles in my life is when Daddy spanks me for smoking a cigarette butt he threw away. And Mommy sometimes washes my mouth out with soap for saying a word that I learned from her. Ever since I can remember, my parents have taught me not to tell lies, but the other day Mommy sent me to the door to tell a salesman that she was gone. Maybe when we get big and our folks get little, we can enjoy the privilege of telling whoppers. You know, being a parent must be fun . . . but being a kid is tough, with so many restrictions.”

Remember that every word spoken before our children and every action observed contribute to the formation of their character.

—*Author Unknown* .

There’s always something you wish your children would do, such as not tossing clothes inside out into the hamper. Here’s my wish list of phrases I’d like to hear my children say. Not all the time—just once would be nice.

1. “You’re so cool, Dad.”
2. “Who cares if the TV is broken?”
3. “What! No kiss?”
4. “No, thanks. It’s too expensive.”
5. “It’s a hard choice. Everything sounds great.”
6. “Bored? How could I be bored?”
7. “I’ve already made my bed.”
8. “It was my fault.”
9. “That’s okay. None of my friends are allowed to do it either.”

—*Larry Rout*

“My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.” PROVERBS 1:8

Melson’s Musings ...



An Everyday Religion

Monday—Wash Day: Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead (1 Peter 5:6).

Tuesday—Ironing Day: Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others (James 2:1-3).

Wednesday—Mending Day: O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others (Matthew 5:14-16).

Thursday—Cleaning Day: Dear Lord, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart (Psalm 19:14).

Friday—Shopping Day: O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love (1 Corinthians 13).

Saturday—Cooking Day: Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness (Ephesians 4:32).

Sunday—The Lord’s Day: O God, help me to worship Thee this day in spirit and in truth recognizing thy greatness and my weakness (John 4:24); remembering thy Son’s death in the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 11); giving generously as thou hast been good to me (2 Corinthians 9:7,8); singing enthusiastically praise to thy name (1 Corinthians 15:14); praying reverently (Hebrews 4:16); and studying carefully from thy Word (Luke 8:18; Mark 4:24). *GR*

STUDIES FROM THE QUESTION BOX

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. *GR*

GOSPEL MEETING

March 21-24, 2021
 Central Avenue
 Church of Christ
 922 S. Central Ave. Fairborn, Ohio 45324
 (937) 878-0452
 Lessong live streamed from www.eachurchofchrist.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

You Are Invited To Attend A
GOSPEL MEETING
 March 28th thru 31st 2021
 “SPIRITUAL GROWTH”
 Sunday 9:30 AM: “Growing Spiritually”
 Sunday 10:30 AM: “An Assessment Of Paul’s Life”
 Sunday 6:00 PM: “Trust In The Lord”
 Monday 7:00 PM: “Therefore Will I Hope”
 Tuesday 7:00 PM: “A Message Of Comfort”
 Wednesday 7:00 PM: “The Just For The Unjust”
 SPEAKER:
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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