

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	25
Attendance AM	78
Attendance PM	40
Wednesday PM	33

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Sherry Baker; Mary Sanders (at home); William Bogan (hip); Walter Tolley (surgery); Victoria Dudley; Herman and Beulah Farmer; Katherine Willis; Samuel Jones (husband of Dollie Jones); Jerry and Linda Thomas; Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack and Carlene Harley; Eli Dudley

**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Penny Cook

**Prayers:** Brethren in Ukraine

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Birthdays: March**— 5 Brandon Lease; 6 Melody Angus; 9 Rita McGahee; 10 Samuel "Brandon" Jones; 11 Mary Vance; 17 Pat Norris; 18 Layne Vance; 27 Lyle Cole; 28 Cynthia Lease; 30 Timothy Angus, William Bogan

**Anniversaries: March** —

**Ladies Reading Group:** March 17 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 3 via Zoom

**Potter Children's Home: Commodities Outreach**— Week of April 10, 2022

March 06	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Michael Blanks
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Michael Mamula	Michael Mamula
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Sermon	Neal Pollard	Neal Pollard
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Otis Adair	Otis Adair
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Greeter		
Usher		
Usher		

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

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

**TO OUR VISITORS**

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**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

Bible Study 9:30  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday No 5:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study  
7:00 P.M.

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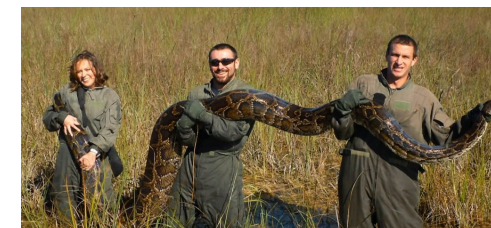
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**THE AMBITION OF A BURMESE PYTHON IN THE EVERGLADES?**

Neal Pollard



No, I have not gone geographically goofy! It'll take more than a sack lunch to go from Florida to southern Asia, but because some pet owners have deposited their no-longer-wanted pythons into the Everglade Swamp there have arisen some interesting ecological dilemmas. The most spectacular one I have seen had pictorial documentation to prove itself. There, in the black and white of today's Richmond Times-Dispatch, was a burmese python that had bursted in its attempt to swallow... an alligator!

What about you? Do you have big goals and dreams? Where do you see yourself this time next year? By retirement time? In eternity? What tangible things are you "biting off" to make these goals reality? Do you have soul-winning and other spiritual goals? Would you like to be a "lighthouse Christian" whose example motivates many to be like Jesus? How big are you thinking?

How big can you think? Remember that Paul included Christ in the equation (Phil. 4:13), so he was ready to take on the biggest challenges. He evangelized the then-known world (Col. 1:23). He stood before the leaders of the greatest nation on earth, Festus, Felix, Agrippa, and ultimately Caesar, and preached Jesus to them (Acts 24-28; cf. Phil. 4:22; Lk. 21:12). He traveled perilous seas, enduring multiple, harsh beatings, and credible history says he was beheaded for His Lord (see 2 Cor. 11). Paul, through God's strength, felt that he could change the world with Christ's saving grace. Even though his wonderful ambition left him in the same ultimate state of our dislocated constrictor, what a memorable way to go. Unlike the spiritless snake, Paul's efforts translate into everlasting benefits.

What are you ready to do for Christ? How far are you willing to go? What have you done to get started? Maybe we shouldn't apply the cliché, "Don't bite off more than you can chew," to Christian aspirations. Within the authority of scripture, chomp away! 📖

**GOSPEL MEETING**  
**NEAL POLLARD**  
**MARCH 6-9**

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

244!

Let it be at home in you



Esther Medley, of Centralia, WA loves to bowl. She loves to bowl so much that she will not let anything keep her from bowling. Her score of 244 (300 is a perfect game in bowling) in 2006 is her best game so far. What obstacles does she face? Age, for one thing. She is 94. For another, she is legally blind. She gets a partial glimpse of the floor on her first roll, and then her husband Ralph tells her what is left for her second roll. In her high scoring game, which was the second best score of the year in her senior league, she had eight strikes (World, December 16, 2006).

Esther is an amazing lady. Not many 94 year-old ladies can pick up a bowling ball, much less bowl a 244. Legally blind and elderly, you would think she would give up. Perhaps she has the spirit of Caleb. Caleb and Joshua were the only two spies that had the courage to conquer the Promised Land the first time. After the forty years of wilderness wandering, they were the only two fighting men of that generation left. At 85, Caleb came to Joshua for permission to take the land God had promised.

*“As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said. And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance” (Joshua 14:11-13).*

The key to Caleb’s success is in the following verse: “Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb ... because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel” (Joshua 24:14). What wonderful things God can do with seniors who will face challenges as they wholly follow the Lord!

- Bob Pritchard

There is probably dwelling in your mind right now some really great movie quotes like, “You keep using that word” or “May the force be with you.” There is probably abiding in your mind right now some really great song lyrics like, “When you wish upon a star” or “It’s the eye of the tiger.” Your mind could go on and on in reciting these kinds of things. How is that possible? Because you have spent so much time listening, watching and absorbing. That’s not a bad thing, in this case. It’s just an illustration of how that happens.

God tells us, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom” (Col. 3:16). The word “dwell” indicates to let something make its home within you. How often do you let the word of God richly “make its home” in your heart? Songs and movies get embedded in your heart due to repetition and finding enjoyment therefrom. The same can and should happen with Scripture. The more time you spend IN IT, the deeper and richer it will dwell IN YOU.

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson’s Musings ...



### The Silence Argument

One of the strongest arguments against the use of instrumental music in Christian worship is the “silence” principle. This is the concept that when God is silent about a matter, man is not at liberty to “presume”, and so to act without divine authority. There is no New Testament authority for the use of instrumental music in Christian worship.

Is the “silence” argument valid? Yes it is. On many occasions in the Old Testament period, the Hebrews were prohibited from engaging in various forms of worship which God had “commanded not” (cf. Lev. 10:1; Dt. 17:3; Jer. 7:31).

Additionally, the writer of the book of Hebrews plainly says that Jesus could not function as a priest while on earth (Heb. 8:4), because the Lord was from the tribe of Judah, and the law “spake nothing” (i.e., was silent) regarding priests from Judah (Heb. 7:14).

For many years the Independent Christian Church has ridiculed this argument. These folks allege that silence is not prohibitive. One of the leaders of the movement is Given O. Blakely. In a recent issue of Banner of Truth (July, 1996), Blakely addressed the matter.

God’s silence is not a governing factor in matters pertaining to life and godliness. The whole idea of ‘silence,’ as those of the anti-instrumentalist position have used the term, requires the interpretation of fallible men. If God did not say it, then how can we be sure that men have said what He meant, but did not say? How dare mortal men to take upon themselves to thus unauthorizedly speak for God?

Here is Blakely’s point. We cannot use the “silence” argument, because God is silent about the silence argument. If God is silent about this form of argument, then it is unauthorized, and we dare not use it. That is the epitome of inconsistency.

What shall be our response? In the first place, as indicated above, God has not been silent about the “silence” principle. One must not go beyond that which has been written (1 Cor. 4:6; 2 Jn. 9).

Secondly, what sort of logic is the gentleman using? If one dare not employ the “silence” argument because the Scripture is silent about this sort of reasoning (and thus it is unauthorized) then, by the same token, one dare not use the instrument in Christian worship, because the New Testament is silent concerning the instrument, and thus it is unauthorized. Surely our friend needs to reconsider his position regarding the “silence” principle.

- Wayne Jackson

<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/680-the-silence-argument>

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**Make plans to attend and support our Gospel Meeting with Neal Pollard March 6-9, 2022.**

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- View: In Search of the Lord’s Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
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## 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