

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	31
Attendance AM	71
Attendance PM	30
Wednesday PM	21

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Donnie Hoover (husband of Stephanie); Ruby Cole; Virginia Robbins; Victoria Dudley (foot); Katherine Willis; Jerry and Linda Thomas; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack and Carlene Harley; Geraldine Allen (LA); Anthony Cravin (LA) stroke; Rhonda Fox; Tally Poole

Traveling: Michael Blanks, Jr. Vance family; Norris Cole, II;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: June — 1 Stephanie Hoover; 2 Alyse Poole ; 4 Janis Bland; 6 Carlene Harley; 8 Randy Farmer; 10 Berdie Oakes; 13 Chris Poole; 17 Deonna Cole; 19 Linda Thomas; 25 Charles Chittick; Richard Thomas; 26 Ricardo Cabrea 29 Anthony Grigsby, James Vance;

Anniversaries: June — 20— Phil and Kimberly Tydings; 23—Jack and Carlene Harley

June 12	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Phil Tydings	Phil Tydings
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Chad Arnett	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Lyle Cole
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	C.D. Arnett	C.D. Arnett
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

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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REPENTANCE—PART THREE

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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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As we have observed previously, repentance is an intellectual enterprise--not the emotional godly sorrow that provokes it or the corrective actions that follow it. However, the nature of these required intellectual changes often elude us. Paul described this process in great detail, as we observed in the last issue. So, for further elaboration, we return to Paul's description of repentance in the second Corinthian epistle. "For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter" (2 Cor. 7:11).

Repentance implies placing a priority on restoring your relationship with God. The word translated "vehement desire" is a compound word derived from the verb potheo and the preposition epi. Potheo means "to long for" something that is missing or to seek to fill whatever is lacking. The preposition epi used in composition places emphasis on the basis for or object of the longing. Since the context is repentance, "vehement desire" expresses the recognition that one lacks the proper relationship with God and the decision that restoring that relationship is the one thing that matters most. True repentance therefore does not put off making changes; true repentance longs to know more of God's Word in order to know what to correct.

Repentance implies an internal passion for righteousness. The word "zeal" is a transliteration from the Greek zelos that refers to having a fire burning within. New Testament authors use it in both positive and negative applications, indicating that it is the object on which it is placed that determines righteousness. When used in a negative context, it is often translated "jealousy", but translators had difficulty finding an English equivalent when used in the positive sense. You might think of it as "intense enthusiasm." In sports, commentators refer to the athlete who "wants it more" or to the person who goes "all out." This is a rough approximation of the internal passion expected of a person who truly repents because such zeal refuses to stop and refuses to give up until the goal is achieved. In this case, the goal is spiritual--the correction in one's moral standing before God. Many people will "take a stab" at correcting their lives; the penitent person makes it his passion.

Repentance implies righting what is wrong. The specific instance under discussion in this passage is the Corinthians' compliance with Paul's call for them to exercise congregational discipline by withdrawing from the man who had taken his father's wife (1 Cor. 5:1-7). The translation "revenge" might thus lead one to conclude that "punishment" is in mind. However, two matters deserve notice. First, the word ekdikesis refers to seeking justice, which does not necessarily imply punishment but possibly correction. Second, Paul

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

“What Does It Cost?”

A cartoon shows the owner of a bookshop saying to a customer "No, I'm afraid we don't have a book on Christianity made easy." If there were such a book, it would be a best seller. There is no "easy course" available on being a Christian.

God taught His Old Testament people the meaning of sacrifice. When Abel brought his offering, God accepted it because it was offered by faith (Hebrews 11:4). By implication, a part of what it means to offer by faith is suggested when Moses recorded that he brought "the firstlings of his flock and the fat thereof" (Genesis 4:4). He gave his best!

Abraham in offering his son Isaac demonstrated his willingness to give God his best (Genesis 22). God knew he had Abraham's total devotion.

David learned well the spirit of sacrifice. When he had sinned in arbitrarily numbering Israel, God chastised him. David was given the choice of three plagues. A plague of pestilence was sent upon the people. Ornan offered David his threshing floor, his oxen, the wood and the wheat for a burnt offering. A free sacrifice! But, that is a contradiction! How can a sacrifice be free and easy? David said, "I will pay the full price. I will not take what is yours to offer the Lord without cost" (1 Chronicles 21:24). So he paid Ornan 600 shekels of gold.

Are we giving God leftovers? The scraps? Is our giving just tokens? The spirit of sacrifice is continued in the New Testament. God gave his best-His son (John 3:16). Jesus gave his best - His life (Ephesians 5:23- 25). Jesus taught His disciples "to deny self" and take up the cross and follow him (Matthew 16:24).

Paul urged the Roman Christians to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). In these days of "accommodative, easy and convenient religion," the spirit of sacrifice seems out of the question. It is still, however, the very heart of serving Christ. Think about it!

- Clarence DeLoach, Jr.
January 1994 Christian Bible Teacher

No “watch and wait” in the Golden Rule

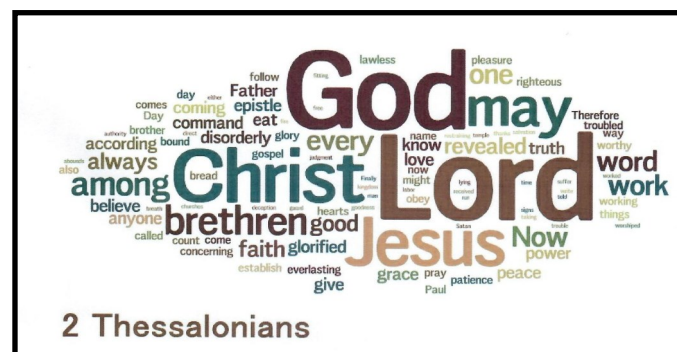


Jesus said, “As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them” (Luke 6:31). Do you wish that others would chew you out and curse at you? No? Then don't do that to them! Do you wish that others would make fun of you and laugh at you? No? Then don't do that to them! Do you wish that others would talk about you behind your back? No? Then don't do that to them!

That's the “don't” side of the Golden Rule. What about the “do” side? Do you wish that others would treat you with respect? Yes? Then do that to them! Do you wish that others would say nice things TO you and ABOUT you? Yes? Then do that to and for them! Do you wish that others would take time to do a small act of kindness for you? Yes? Then do that for them! Do you wish that others would go out of their way for you? Yes? Then do that for them!

Too often we sit back and wait to see how others are going to treat us, so that we can decide how to treat them. Jesus didn't say to wait. Jesus said to get up and “do”...even before they do! .

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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directed his attention in this passage not to the action of the Corinthians but to the attitude which led to the proper action-obedience. In either case, the point remains that the Corinthians determined to make right what was previously wrong. Repentance does not turn a sinful situation into a righteous situation or a sinful action into a righteous action. Repentance produces a change in mindset that leads a person to do whatever is required to eliminate from his life anything sinful. Eliminating sinfulness may mean the restitution of ill-gotten gains (Lk. 19:8) or even the dissolution of an adulterous marriage (Mt. 19:9). Repentance means that the individual makes his life right where it was previously wrong; it does not mean that God will treat as right what He previously treated as wrong.

Repentance implies the goal of purity-not acceptability. Paul's closing comment in this verse demonstrates the extent of conviction involved in repentance. The term "clear" implies the commitment to moral purity that must follow the innocence made possible by correction and God's forgiveness. Once “cleared” by forgiveness of the guilt of sin, the new mindset commits not to allow such impurities to stain the soul again. This does not mean that the person will never stumble again-even in this particular sin-but that the complete elimination of that sin is a very real goal in that person's life.

Repentance is the most significant change in thinking you will ever make in your life. It rejects all excuses and all former justifications for sin and instead accepts God's view as stated in God's will. It is sad that so many people spend their energies trying to change God's mind about

what is right and wrong instead of accepting God's Word so that they can be right with Him instead of being in the wrong. 📖

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

- ☞ **Summer Lecture Series: *God's Help with Life's Struggles*** - Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Due to the severe weather conditions on June 8, we rescheduled this lesson to September 7. The June 15 subject will be taught by Jeff Battles from Montgomery Ave, Springfield, Ohio.
- ☞ Join the Elders every third Sunday of each month for a Fellowship Continental Breakfast **starting at 8:30 am until 9:15 am** in the Fellowship Hall, consisting of pastry, fruit cups, coffee, and orange or apple juice. (*We ask do not take the drinks or food into the auditorium*).
- ☞ We encourage everyone to continue to practice good hygiene. Do not let your guard down. Wash your hands regularly. If you need wear a mask, wear a mask. If you are sick stay home.
- ☞ The fencing on the southwest side of the property has been installed. Also there is new lighting on the front.
- ☞ We are testing a new attendance and alerting application.



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); <https://fun1071.fm>; [soulofdayton.com](http://www.soulofdayton.com) (8:00 AM)
- View: In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish- 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