

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	39
Attendance AM	63
Attendance PM	37
Wednesday PM	39

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Rhonda Fox (back surgery); Carlene Harley; Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Glenna Adair; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; Naree Poole; Desiree Butler (Plainfield, NJ); Kerry Ivy (Rehab); Dana Grigsby
Traveling: Michael Blanks, Jr.; Richard Melson, Jr. Norris Cole; Eslick family;
Prayers: Al Washington and family; Central Carolina School of Preaching students; Linda Thomas' sisters and brother-in-law in Colorado Springs (especially Karen)
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Member Birthdays: May — 2—April Gilbert; 4—Patrick Thomas; 19—James Grigsby
Anniversaries: May — None
Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class May 28 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 7 in "The Begging Place"

May 17	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Ryan McGahee
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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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THE ORIGIN OF THINGS

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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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- Midwestern School of Preaching
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There are those who would array science against the Bible in advocating the theories of evolution, but a correct statement of the issue would be: The Bible and science versus the theories of evolution.

The theories of evolution are not science. A definition of science has been stated in these words: "A correlated body of absolute knowledge." This knowledge is gained by observation; proved by demonstration; refined by experience in dealing with such facts; and is then specialized under a certain title in the field of research.

The question of the origin of things, which we are dealing with in this article, is not scientific; it is a philosophical question. In other words, with regard to the origin of things, one must decide whether to believe the hypotheses and theories of pseudo-scientists, or what the Bible teaches on the subject. The Bible account [of creation] is recorded in Genesis 1. In directly contradicting God's Word certain ones have stated various things with regard to the origin of things.

THE ORIGIN OF THE EARTH NMR THEME FOR 2026

One of the most popular theories as to the origin of the earth is called the tidal theory. This theory avers that a commotion was caused on the sun by a star which resulted in the throwing off of the planets from the sun, but no explanation is ever offered, in connection with this theory, for the sun or the star that presumably caused the reaction on the sun. This assumption starts with something already in existence. It should explain where the sun came from before using it to prove the origin of the earth. With regard to the possibility of the universe creatin itself, as some have stated, note these words of George Davis, a physicist: "If a universe could create itself, it would embody the powers of a creator, and we should be forced to conclude that the universe itself is a God."

THE ORIGIN OF LIFE

Evolutionists claim that life came from dead matter when acted upon by the blind forces of nature. This explanation is best by grave difficulties, the greatest, perhaps, being, if life came from dead matter, where did the dead matter come from and why will life not come from dead matter today? It is admitted that such is now impossible; if it is impossible now, how do we know that it was ever possible?

As Edwin Conklin, a biologist, stated: "The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing shop." If scientists are ever able to create life in a test tube it will simply mean that man has learned another of God's truths.

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STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

“Schoolmaster of the Nation”

The above title was given to William Holmes McGuffey (1800-1873). He was an American educator, was the president of Ohio University, professor at the University of Virginia and the department chairman at the Miami University of Ohio. McGuffey published the first edition of his McGuffey’s Reader in 1836. This was the mainstay in public education in America till 1920. It became one of the most widely used and influential textbooks of all time and millions of American children learned to read and write from that reader.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that a number of these readers have been reprinted and were to be found in one of our local bookstores.

As a sample of the instruction given, one can turn to Lesson 37 of McGuffey’s Eclectic First Reader which is entitled “Evening Prayer.”

At the close of the day, before you go to sleep, you should not fail to pray to God to keep you from sin and harm. You ask your friends for food and drink and books and clothes; and when they give you these things, you thank them and love them for the good they do you. So, you should ask your God for those things which he can give you and which no one else can give you.

You should ask him for life and health and strength, and you should pray to him to keep your feet from the ways of sin and shame. You should thank him for all his good gifts and learn, while young, to put your trust in him; and the kind care of God will be with you, both in your youth and in your old age.

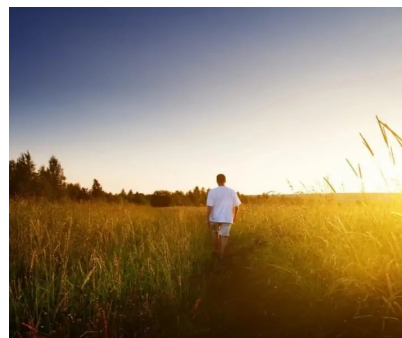
These were the kind of lessons many of our parents and grandparents learned on a daily basis and the results were evident in our society.

I’m thankful for William Homes McGuffey and others like him who seek to guide aright the steps of our children. Incidentally, what are your children being taught? Can you think of a better place for them to be than in Bible Class?

John Gipson
Living: Principles on Living
the Christian Life (p. 325)

—via
warrenapologetics.org/articles-miscellanea/2025/8/8/schoolmaster-of-the-nation

Learning from someone who’s been where you are

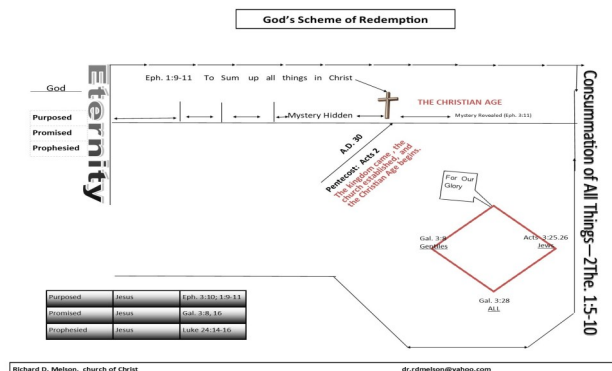


Have you ever felt overwhelmed in your spirit? Like some folks were just out to get you? Like no one was concerned about you and you had nowhere to go? Have you ever felt in desperate need and that you were, figuratively, in prison?

I am not just making up the words in the questions above randomly. They are drawn from the very words that a fellow believer expressed when in a time of great despair. How did he handle it? Read Psalm 142. See David’s heart raw and aching before God.

David cried out to the Lord (v. 1). He poured out his complaint and trouble to God (v. 2). He trusted that when everything else was going wrong around him that God would “know” (v. 3), God would “see” (v. 4), God would listen (v. 6), God would “care” (v. 4), God would take him in (v. 5), God would provide (v. 5), God would help (v. 6), God would work through His saints (v. 7), God would “deal bountifully” with him (v. 7). Even though he could not see all of that in the moment, David said that He would praise the name of the Lord (v. 7)! How about you?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



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THE ORIGIN OF MAN

The evolution theory conjectures that man is a development from a tiny cell through a number of stages—fish, amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal. But where did the tiny cell come from? Do similar cells exist today? If so, why are not higher forms of life now being developed therefrom? If not, what circumstances suddenly caused their extinction?

If the theory of evolution is true, is every fish, bird, animal, etc., a potential man?

CONCLUSION

Now which will you believe about the origin of things—the theories of the evolutionists, or what the Bible teaches?

On the Lighter Side ...

SHOCKED TO DEATH

A man was taken seriously ill of a heart attack and rushed to the hospital. He could receive no visitors and wasn’t to be excited. While in the hospital his rich uncle died and left him a million dollars. His family wondered how to break the news to him with the least excitement; so it was decided to ask the preacher to go and break the news to him quietly.

The preacher gradually led up to the matter with a question. He asked the patient what he would do if he were to inherit a million dollars. The sick patient answered, "I think I would give half of it to the church."

THE PREACHER DROPPED DEAD!

NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org; <http://gbntv.org/>;
- View: In Search of the Lord’s Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM; www.anchorofthesoul.com
- 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



- ☞ We will be honoring our two graduates: **Jace Vance** (Brookville HS) and **Camron Nesbitt** (Central State University) more to come on the date.
- ☞ **Singing School** with Andy Baker: Every member should mark these dates and plan to attend. **May 29-31**. It is not just for the song leaders but for everyone who loves to sing. Friday evening starting at 6:00 PM

