

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

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| Bible Class | 47 |
| Attendance AM | 70 |
| Attendance PM | 43 |
| Wednesday PM | 43 |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Otis Adair; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; Naree Poole; Reagan Blanks (back); Dana Grigsby; Richard D. Melson

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Ashley Thomas

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: June — 1— Stephanie Hoover; 2—Alyse Poole; 4— Janis Bland; 5—James Vance, III; 6— Carlene Harley; 8—Randy Farmer; 13—Chris Poole; 17— Deonna Cole; 25—Richard Thomas; 29—Anthony Grigsby, Jamie Vance

Anniversaries: June — 28—Jerry and Linda Thomas

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class June 11 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 7 in "The Begging Place"

| June 07 | BRETHREN TO SERVE AM | BRETHREN TO SERVE PM |
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| Opening Prayer | Norris Cole | Norris Cole |
| Song Leader | Patrick Cook | Chris Poole |
| Lead Lord's Supper | Frank Brock | Frank Brock |
| Server 1 | Anthony Grigsby | Anthony Grigsby |
| Server 2 | Steve Washington | Steve Washington |
| Scripture Reader | James Grigsby | James Grigsby |
| Sermon | Richard D. Melson | Richard D. Melson |
| Prayer for Responses | Richard D. Melson | Richard D. Melson |
| Closing Prayer | Tony Moore | Tony Moore |
| Announcements | Richard D. Melson | Richard D. Melson |
| 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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SOUND THE ALARM!

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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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"Judge not..." is one of the most misused quotes of all Scripture. This passage is seen as a trump card to end any and all moral warnings from Christians. Even some self-proclaimed Christians utter the phrase "Only God can judge me" when confronted with their sins. Of course, if they actually read Matthew 7:1-5, they would know that Christ's argument is not a ban on all judgment, but on hypocritical judgment. In fact, verse 5 is a direct command to judge. Jesus says, "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."¹⁰

This kind of opposition can cause honest Christians to fear the work of evangelism among their family, friends, and colleagues. You know that they aren't living right, but if you say something, they will likely retaliate under the cover of a verse like Matthew 7 taken out of context. But, we cannot allow the fear of confrontation to keep us from warning others about the truth of God's judgment.

In Ezekiel 33, the prophet was commanded by the Lord to deliver a message to the children of Israel. This message was both a warning to Ezekiel as much as it was a warning to Israel. God calls Ezekiel His watchman and explains his purpose and responsibility. In verses 2-5, the Lord explains that if a watchman warns his people of an attack and they choose to ignore it, their fate is in their own hands. The watchman has done his job. "But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand" (Ezek. 33:6). If a watchman doesn't do his job, there will be consequences.

God makes it clear in the next few verses that Ezekiel, as a man of God, has a responsibility to warn Israel of their sins. God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked but wants them to turn and live (v. 11). So, if Ezekiel fails to confront his brethren, then he will be responsible for their condemnation.

The Christians' responsibility to sound the alarm about the condemnation of sin cannot be taken lightly. We have been compelled by the Lord to be Christ's watchmen. It is not optional. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:16, "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel." And woe to us if we withhold the gospel from those who are lost in sin. "Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul" (Ezek. 33:9). *RL*

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

A Useful Vessel



It's not what we keep but what we share.
Not what we have but what we spare.
Not what we clasp but what we lose.
Not what we hide but what we use.

A vessel He will make of you.
If small or great, 'twill surely do -
Great joy and peace will always fill
The one who's yielded to His will.



Why Don't We Tell the Children?

Toward the end of Dostoyevsky's novel, The Idiot, Prince Myshkin has an epileptic seizure which leaves him bursting with new insight, a revelation about life's meaning and hope. Suddenly he feels compelled to share it with the young. Therefore, with moving emotion, he says boldly, "O God, why don't we tell the children?" As Christians who are concerned about teaching truth in a world of untruths, teaching Christ like love where hatred too often erupts in our midst, teaching justice and fair play where many take advantage of the innocent, the ignorant, and the naive... why don't we tell the children?

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"I'm going to be baptized soon"

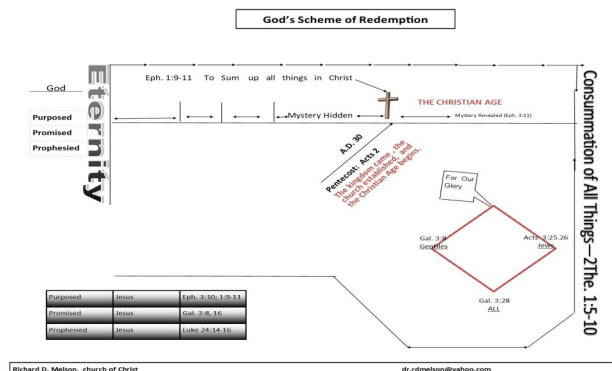


Do you remember that Bible character who heard the gospel proclaimed, learned of God's simple plan of salvation, recognized the requisite place of baptism to obtain forgiveness, and then said, "I know I need to be baptized. I plan to do it really soon, within the next week or two"? Oh? You don't recall that in reading the New Testament? Well, that's because nothing like that is found in Scripture.

When seeking, sincere individuals, who were unaffected by doctrines or whims of man, realized that their personal sins were a barrier between them and God (Isa. 59:1-2) and that Bible baptism would wash those sins away (Acts 22:16), there was no delay, or putting it off, or scheduling it for a later time. They got baptized "immediately" (Acts 2:41; 8:36; 9:18; 16:33; 22:16).

Have you followed God's plan? Have you been baptized for the express purpose of being saved from your sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)? If not, "why are you waiting" (Acts 22:16)? Why go another moment with your sins separating you from God?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



The Foundation of His Church

When Jesus arrived in Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples two questions. The first was, "Who do men say that I am?" The second one was, "Who do you say that I am?" Their answers to the first question attest to the amazing life Jesus had lived before the Jewish nation. They saw Him as being equal to Jeremiah, Elijah, other prophets or John the Baptist. The esteem they held for such messengers of God was given to Jesus.

The answer to the second question was, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:18). He was more than a man! He was more than the greatest prophets God had already sent. Napoleon once said of Jesus, "I know men, and Jesus Christ is more than a man." The disciples knew this truth. They had read of the prophets, heard John preached and they had been with Jesus for years. The only possible explanation to what they had seen and heard was what Jesus found in Peter's answer. Jesus was truly the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

The church is built upon Jesus. While Peter's other name was Cephas (this Aramaic word means the same as the Greek word, petros—a stone—see John 1:42), the church was not built on Peter. When Jesus said "Upon this rock I will build my church," He does not use the Greek word for Peter, but another Greek word indicating a massive rock. The church was not built on Peter, but upon the massive truth that Peter affirmed when he said Jesus was the Son of the living God. Paul's words showed this truth beyond doubt when he said, "No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11).

This truth is the foundation of the church, for if He is not the Christ, Christianity is a hoax!

The church is built on His deity. Peter affirmed this when he described Jesus as the Son of God. The Jews understood this phrase to mean that He was equal with God (John 5:18). The Jehovah Witness see Jesus as being "a god", but the Jews knew that the phrase meant deity—equality with God.

The church is built on His origin. He existed before the creation of all things and became mortal by His virgin birth. It is remarkable how anyone can claim to believe in Him, yet deny His unique entry into the world. The virgin birth was a sign to all mankind of the coming of Immanuel (Isa. 7:14).

The church is of divine origin. Read the words of Jesus in Caesarea Philippi. The church is built upon the foundation that He is the son of God. Since he left the earth thousands of churches have begun, but their origin is traceable to humans. Jesus built His church. It is still on this earth. Let us labor to find it and become members of this church! — Dan Jenkins

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

