

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	47
Attendance AM	72
Attendance PM	47
Wednesday PM	37

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; Naree Poole; Marie Tolley; Richard D. Melson;
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Jamie Vance family; Blanks family
Prayers: Tena Eslick & family
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy: Rhonda Fox
Member Birthdays: June — 1— Stephanie Hoover; 2—Alyse Poole; 4— Janis Bland; 5—James Vance, III; 6— Carlene Harley; 8—Randy Farmer; 10— Berdie Oakes;13— Chris Poole; 17—Deonna Cole; 19—Linda Thomas; 25— Richard Thomas; 29—Anthony Grigsby, Jamie Vance
Anniversaries: June — 28—Jerry and Linda Thomas; 30 Larry & Dana Grigsby
Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class June 25 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 8 in "The Begging Place"

June 21	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Frank Brock
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Steve Washington	Steve Washington
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Thomas
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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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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EVANGELISM: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Josh Blockmer

Evangelism is more than a summer-time trip, more than door knocking, more than special mail outs, more than an international move, more than an invite to a friend, more than any act. Evangelism is part of something eternal and powerful.

Evangelism is how the church spreads the divine message. "To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places" (Eph. 3:8-10). We get to share with Paul in the work that has been handed down since the day of Pentecost. The message that was once hidden and waiting for the fullness of time in order to be revealed is now in our hands. It is both humbling and empowering at the same time. God has left the most important task of mankind to the church. That is better than flying into space and destroying an asteroid and better than defeating a rouge band of invading extra-terrestrials on July 4th weekend. 026

Evangelism is how the church fulfills the divine purpose. "This was in accordance with the eternal purpose" (Eph. 3:11a). "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him" (Eph. 1:4a). The letter to the Ephesians reassures the reader that what they are a part of is what God had intended since the beginning. We were always going to be a body of believers on Earth with the charge of carrying the message—the most powerful message ever written (Rom. 1:16), and the easiest to tell: He lived, He died and He rose again (Acts 10:34-43). We are not selling used cars, pawning used goods or selling knives on late night TV. We have the message that everyone needs to hear (2 Pet. 3:9). We are not charged with saving the whole world. We are just commanded to give everyone the opportunity.

Evangelism is how the church embodies divine love. "In love he predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight" (Eph. 1:4b-8). The church gets to embody and show what divine love looks like to the world. It looks like adoption, it looks like redemption, it looks like grace, and it feels like love. Please do not lose sight of what you have been given and the responsibility. ✍️

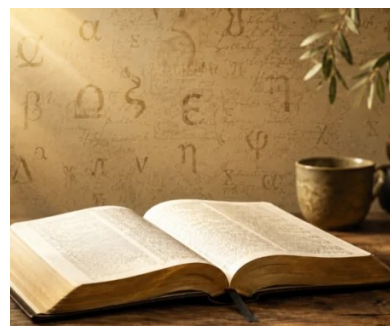
STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

Consensus

“Your word is settled in heaven”

Many folks make decisions based upon “consensus.” We are told things like: 4 out of 5 dentists approve. 4 out of 5 doctors use this product. 9 out of 10 customers agree. “Consensus” means a “general agreement; the judgment arrived at by most of those concerned.” And so many folks will reason, “If it’s good enough for the majority, then it’s good enough for me.”



Unfortunately, too many allow that to be the standard by which they make their religious and spiritual decisions, as well. “That church has lots of adherents, so they must be doing right.” “This preacher has a lot of followers online, so he must be worth listening to.” “I’ve polled several members at our church, and here are some changes we think should be made.”

Consensus? That’s not the way God works! The way that “seems right” often is not (Prov. 14:12). Following the majority will lead to destruction (Matt. 7:13). The one “way” (Matt. 7:14) approved by God is not based upon consensus but upon His one “truth” (John 8:32).

- David Sproule

On The Lighter Side ! ...

NO MORE BANANAS

"Two young boys were riding a train for the first time. They brought along some bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a pitch-black tunnel. 'Have you eaten your banana yet?' asked the first boy. 'No,' replied the second, 'Why?' 'Well, don't touch it! , ' the first exclaimed. 'I took one bite and went blind!' "

David Sproule
Thought for the Day

NEW VISION

A motorist was recounting problems he had driving to and from work lately. "It used to be easy," he said. "No traffic problems, no mad rat-race. But now! Wow! Cars are coming from all directions. And--It's been that way ever since I got my new glasses."

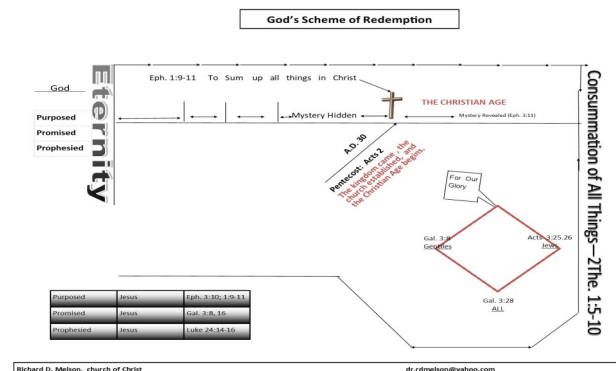
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Laws in our land can be (and are) changed. Rules in school and at work can be (and are) changed. Amendments can be (and are) made to the Constitution. Just when you think something is firmly set as a code of regulation or conduct, someone goes and changes it.

Aren't you glad that the Bible says, “Forever” (not temporary or fluctuating or volatile), “O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven” (Psa. 119:89). What does it mean that God’s Word is settled? The ESV has “firmly fixed.” God’s Word is NOT going to change! Jesus said, “My words will by no means pass away” (Matt. 24:35).

Peter affirms, “... The word of God...lives and abides forever...the word of the Lord endures forever” (1 Pet. 1:23, 25).

When God says something, when God commands something, when God promises something, when God guarantees something, IT IS SETTLED! His Word will not change! He will not change it! You can build upon it and act upon it with absolute assurance!



Melson’s Musings ...



Growing Up Like Father

I would wear his ball cap any time I could find it resting on a table. I wore T-shirts just like his. I would stand cocked at the hip with arms crossed just as I saw him do. I don't know if such imitation was ever an annoyance to him, but if so he never showed it. And I remember feeling absolutely stunned when I realized that some younger athletes could lift more or run faster than my father could. There was little I thought he could not do. My dad was my childhood hero.

When our minds and memories take us back to revisit those early years, we may be amazed how strong an impact our parents, and perhaps other adults as well, had upon us. As I look upon my own children, it is good for me to recall my own childhood and realize just how much influence a parent has upon a child, whether for good or bad. How fortunate for those children who have parents worthy of the role, and how tragic for those who do not.

But I am also reminded that there is another Father Who loves us, Who is attentive to us, and Who wants us to grow up to succeed in His sight. As great as our earthly fathers may be, our heavenly Father is the greatest of role models, and a childlike imitation of Him is a wonderful thing to see. After writing to the Ephesians about the attributes that are to be manifested within the new life as a Christian (4:17-32), the apostle encouraged his readers to look to God and imitate those qualities and characteristics that He displays - "Be ye therefore imitators of God, as dear children - (5:1). Actually, this idea of patterning after God and Christ is consistently held forth to humanity. Paul continued by saying, "And walk in love, as Christ also hath

loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor, " (5:2). The same apostle could urge his brethren in Corinth to imitate him as he imitated Christ (I Cor. 11: 1). Peter wrote that, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps," (I Pet. 2:2 1).

And there is so much to admire and imitate! It is not simply matters of clothing or stance. The Father above demonstrates the far more important elements of character and goodness. God does not lie (Titus 1:2); He is patient and comforting (Rom. 15:5); He desires to show mercy to others (Ps. 145:8); He always seeks the good (Luke 18:18); He is consistent in His ways and dealings (Jam. 1:17). Would we not be impressed by a man or woman who possessed these and similar traits?

These are the types of things which we should imitate, shown to us by our spiritual Father.

Yes, I need to be like a child still yet. Not childish, but childlike, imitating my Father Who is my Hero. I need to learn to think like Him. I ought to behave as He does. It should be obvious to those around me that His influence lives within me. He is my Father, and I am His child.

— Rick Brumback

Happy Father's Day

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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