

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	33
Attendance AM	75
Attendance PM	31
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: 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; Tally Poole; Mozella Tate (Michael Blanks mother);

Traveling: Michael Blanks, Jr. 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

Ladies Reading Group: June 23@6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 6

June 19	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Denzil Turner, III	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	James Grigsby	Steven Crane
Scripture Reader	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Ron Robbins	Norris Cole, Sr.
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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 FOUR

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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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Although many regularly mention repentance as part of the plan of salvation, citing verses such as Acts 17:30 and Luke 13:3, and while many refer to Peter's rebuke of Simon, the former sorcerer, to demonstrate that Christians also need to repent (Acts 8:22), few seem to understand that repentance should become part of the basic mindset of every Christian in a very real way. When Jesus said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" in Luke 13:3 and Luke 13:5, He was not in the midst of a discussion of specific steps of salvation but rather emphasizing a character trait that God required of people. Likewise, when Paul told the Athenians, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30), he said this with Judgment Day in mind (Acts 17:31), implying that such an attitude must be maintained up to and including that day. Hopefully, it is unnecessary to demonstrate that Christians can fall back into sin and so need to acknowledge their error and turn away from it (Gal. 5:1-4). However, while public confession of public sin deserves ample attention (Jas. 5:16; 1 Jn. 1:9), I believe this general failing is only symptomatic of a deeper problem.

Repentance is the willingness to change how we think about spiritual matters so that God's point of view becomes our own point of view. But somewhere along the line we have failed to communicate repentance as a basic part of the Christian's mentality and instead have insisted on repentance only in regard to a few issues. A person who has changed his view on the necessity of baptism (Acts 2:38), the unique character of the church (Eph. 4:4-6), and the nature of worship (Jn. 4:24) may not have fully developed a penitent mindset. The Christian who confesses and repents of one sin may, in fact, desperately cling to other forms of immorality. Neither of these, of course, pleases God because even though some behaviors have been modified, the person has yet to submit his will to God's; he is holding out-issue by issue.

Repentance requires a Christian to maintain the willingness to change whenever God's will requires it. Some, in their fastidiousness to avoid the errors of liberalism, show as much resistance to changing some of their own wrong views and practices as they show strength in resisting liberalism. This reflects an attitude of pride based in the assumption, "Everything I am currently doing pleases God," rather than in its studied reality. Sadly, there are many who have a reputation for soundness built upon a stubbornness to change anything rather than on a solid submission to the will of God. Brethren, we had better learn to see the difference-in ourselves and in others.

When a debate produces nothing but further division, it illustrates the lack of true repentance in our collective mindset. When biblical challenges to current traditional conservative thought are ignored, it shows how far we have drifted. When protecting a reputation becomes more important than recovering the soul, it is obvious that

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

BUILD ME A SON



General Douglas MacArthur wrote...

“Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

“Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge. Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

“Build me a son whose heart will be clean, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

“And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

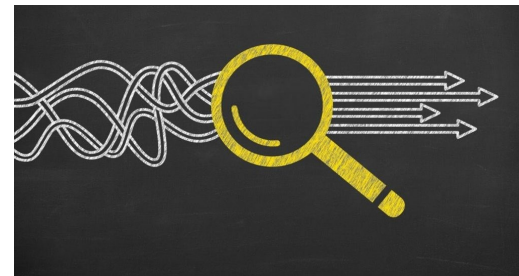
“Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, I have not lived in vain.”

Paul said, “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

Think About It!
Have A Great Day!

- Tom Moore

The days are evil

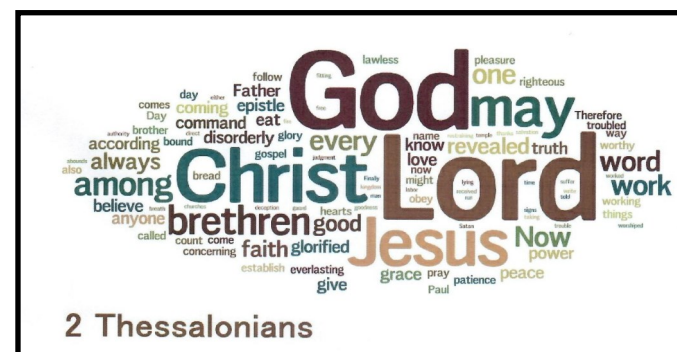


There are many folks who think that life on this earth is the best thing there is, so they want to “stay” here as long as they can and “get” as much as they can. Interestingly, the Lord warns us that “the days are evil” (Eph. 5:16). The wise Solomon admonished, “Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come” (Ecc. 12:1).

Life is full of trouble and temptations that seek to occupy our time and lead us astray from walking with the Lord and doing His will. That is why Paul instructs Christians to (1) “walk circumspectly” (5:15)—looking carefully at how you’re living your life and the dangers lurking to sidetrack you. (2) “Redeem the time” (5:16)—buy up every moment you have and make the most of every minute for what really matters. (3) “Understand what the will of the Lord is” (5:17)—make that your top priority.

How are you using your days, especially Monday through Saturday? Is evil winning? Or is God?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day




Melson’s Musings ...




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repentance does not really mean much to us anymore. Sadly, there are those who will agree with these things, assuming I am talking about their antagonists rather than about them, which only shows how unrepentant our mindset has become.

We need to become a people who are consumed with correcting our own lives through a study of God's will instead of assuming our own righteousness as we call on others around us to change. Should we continue to point out error and sin in others? Absolutely (Rom. 16:17; 1Cor. 5:6-7; Gal. 6:1; 2 Jn. 9-11). But we must first insure that our own lives have the secure foundation of repentance to add substance to our statements (Mt. 7:1-5). So long as there is legitimate doubt in our readiness to change when confronted with scripture (rather than being confronted with malicious and baseless accusations), there is legitimate doubt in our relationship to God.

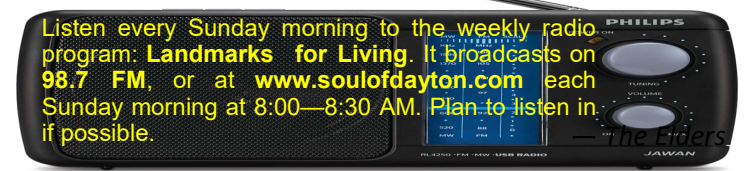
Unfortunately, we have so lost the ability to discern as to when the scriptures are the basis or not, that we float along down the stream of indifference and drift toward apostasy. *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up”* (Jas. 4:7-10). 

We thank God for the blessings He has provided for us in this great land. It would be disingenuous of me to act as if there have not been problems, because there have been

(and will continue to be), today is a new federal holiday called Juneteenth, also called Emancipation Day and Freedom Day; it marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, in 1865 to tell the enslaved people that they had been freed, months after the Civil War ended. 

SHEPHERD’S CORNER

- ☞ **Summer Lecture Series: *God’s Help with Life’s Struggles*** - Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. The June 22 subject will be taught by Kevin Berry from Kibby Street in Lima, Ohio.
- ☞ If you have a question from any of the Summer Series lessons and would like for the speaker to address it, please submit it to the office and it will get forwarded to the speakers.
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ For security reasons doors will be locked about 15 minutes after start of service. There will be someone at the door to let those in who might be late.



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 (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