

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	43
Attendance AM	84
Attendance PM	27
Wednesday PM	36

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil Tydings; Mozilla Tate; C.D. Arnett; Reagan Blanks; Ruby Cole; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Lori Phillips; Edith Phillips (Lori's mother); Miranda Cook and new baby Luca

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Deonna Cole; Tena Eslick

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: July — 2 Richard Melson, Jr; 6 Penny Cook; 8 Rachel Blanks; 9 Ruby Nickell; 15 Glenna Adair; 17 C.D. Arnett; 20 Mike Mamula; 22 Otis Adair;

Anniversaries: July — 18-Mike and Brenda Mamula; 23 Chad and Jennifer Arnett; 30 Norris & Diane Cole

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class July 6 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 7-8

Potter Children's Home:

July 02	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Closing Prayer	Patrick Cook	Norris Cole
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Greeter	John Bouse	John Bouse
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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2211 Needmore Rd
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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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- Christian Courier
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 - Potter Children's Home
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 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

"WE ARE STANDING ON HOY GROUND"

Dan Jenkins

Sometimes we begin our worship singing these words, "We are standing on holy ground . . ." Have you ever thought of the seriousness of what our hearts proclaim as we come together? To sing these words and then forget the melody they made in our hearts is to rob us of the greatest joy on earth—standing in the presence of God on His holy ground.

Two people in the Bible were told by God that they were standing on holy ground. The first story we know so well. Moses saw the burning bush and went to it, only to hear the message from heaven, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground" (Ex. 3:5). Forty years later, Joshua stood just outside of Jericho and was in the presence of the heavenly messenger. "And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, 'What does my Lord say to His servant?' . . . 'Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy'" (Josh. 5:14-15). Just imagine how these men felt. Sense their awe. Sense the reverence of the moment. Do not miss His message to us in these verses.

We too stand on holy ground. Do we not sometimes acknowledge this when we sing, "The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him"? Perhaps we think of Him being in heaven at the moment (for He indeed is), but there is another holy temple where He dwells. Peter described it this way, "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God" (1 Pet. 2:5). The next time we assemble for worship, sense that He is here and we as His spiritual house have assembled to offer sacrifices to Him. Paul says it even more specifically, "For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are" (1 Cor. 3:17).

As we come together this Sunday, we should realize just how holy that occasion is. We offer the sacrifices of praise to Him with our lips in our prayers and singing (Heb. 13:15). We come to His table to remember the holiness of His body and blood given for us. To fail to remember Him at such a moment is to eat and drink damnation to our souls (1 Cor. 11:29, KJV). As His word is read and taught to us, the words of Joshua should reflect our hearts, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

Standing on holy ground. That is precisely what we do each week. We have come before the Holy one and we seek His holiness because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Pet. 1:16). How sacred is that time. How reverent we should be. How focused we must be! We are in His presence. Let us remove our "shoes of irreverence" and worship Him! ✨

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

But I Don't Feel Holy

I don't know if it is just me, but I am hearing a lot of emphasis on how we feel. I hear phrases like, "I'm just not feeling it," "I don't feel like it," or my personal favorite, "Do whatever makes you feel happy." While I am the last person to minimize feelings, there comes a point when it is not about what you feel. It is about doing what is right or what needs to be done. Duty and obligation are replaced with feelings and self-entitlement.

Look at 1 Peter 1:14-16. "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, 'YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.'" This passage calls us to be holy, not feel. We are to be holy in our behavior. Holiness is the idea of being set apart. Items that were used in temple worship were holy because they were set apart or consecrated for the service to God. You could not use anything common or that was used in day-to-day life in service to God. So, when Peter writes later in the same letter, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellences of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9), he is stating that we are a people set apart or consecrated for service to God. Holiness should be seen in the light of how we live and in our actions. It is not something that we feel but something that we are. When was the last time you had a birthday and you thought to yourself, "Yeah, I feel ___ years old."? Never, even though you are in fact ___ years old.

If you are doing the things that show your obedience to God and diligently trying to please Him and follow His commands, then you are different. You are not some common person following your own lusts and your own wants. Peter says it like this, "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:13). We should be preparing our minds for action, be obedient children and not conformed to this world. This verse says that our only hope at being holy is through the grace of God. Another way of looking at this is in 1 John 1:7. "But, if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." If we are obedient to the will of God and behave in a "set apart" manner, then, by the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, we are able to be holy.

— Josh Blackmer

This is the way !

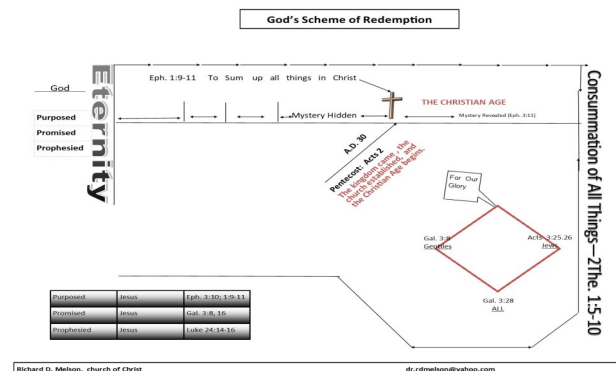


In the television series "The Mandalorian," the Mandalorians live by a code (which basically summarizes their belief system) that is captured in the simple phrase, "This is the way." Of course, as has been the case for hundreds of years, Scripture permeates culture.

To begin with, Jesus Himself stated, "I am the way" (John 14:6). He didn't say that He was "one of the ways" but that He is the one and only way. Jesus had been talking about heaven and Thomas had asked, "How can we know the way?" (14:5). So, in response, Jesus said, "I am the way." Thus, there is no other way "to the Father" in the heaven other than "through" Jesus! "He is the way!" Throughout the book of Acts, the exclusive nature of Christ's church and the Christian faith is described as "the Way" (Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14; 24:22). When Christ put His church on this earth, He did not call it "one of the ways" but "the Way."

Are you a faithful follower of Christ? Are you part of Christ's church? "This is the way!" ?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Concert In A Cave

I have attended concerts at various places, but I have never attended a concert in a cave. David wrote Psalm 57 when he fled from Saul into the cave of Adullam (1 Sam. 22:1). It can be difficult to sing even in the midst of the blessings of life, so how could David possibly turn his situation into a song? How could he turn a cave into a concert hall?

First of all, he had the Almighty's protection. "Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast" (v. 1). This means David trusts in the protective presence of God. Our protection does not come from outward circumstances. It comes from the presence of the Lord as He abides in us through His word.

Secondly, David knew that God would perform all things for him. "I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me" (v. 2). While he was in the cave, David couldn't do very much. But God could - and did - intervene for him.

Thirdly, he was concerned only about God's glory. "Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth." (v. 5). No matter where you are - even in a cave struggle - if you're concerned about the glory of God, that's all that really matters.

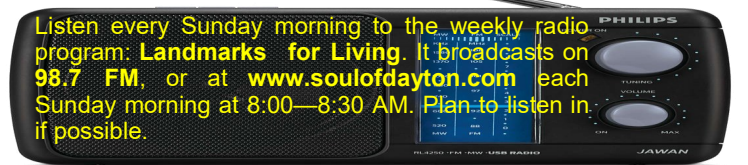
Finally, David had a joyful tongue because he had a fixed heart. "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise" (v. 7). I don't know what kind of cave you might be in today. Perhaps it's one of your own making, or one that you are in through no fault of your own. I can assure you of these two truths: you have God's protection, and He is working for you. So be concerned only about His glory.

Do your present circumstances have you in a cave? Be encouraged that God will protect you and intervene for you. Be concerned about His glory, not your own. Take time to praise Him for His care. Trust in His instructional care given in His holy word.

- Tom Moore

- ☞ **TACO Tuesday with the Thomas'** - July 18, 6-7:30 PM at 810 Otterbein, Dayton, Ohio. See signup sheet.
- ☞ **Read The NT**—Starting July 1—we will have a congregational reading of the New Testament in 180 days. More information coming.
- ☞ **Bible Marking for Ladies:** Whoever wishes to join, every 3rd Sunday at 4 PM.
- ☞ **Summer Series 2023**—Theme "*Called Unto Holiness*", June 7 – August 30, each Wednesday we'll have a different speaker for each subject. The tentative schedule is:

Date	Speaker	Topic
7-Jun	Tim Hatfield	Holiness of God
14-Jun	Raymond Sweet	Holiness of Christ
21-Jun	Kevin Berry	Holiness in Transformation
28-Jun	Bob Vincent	Holiness and Worship
5-Jul	Richard Melson	Holiness and Abstaining from Evil
12-Jul	Patrick Powers	Holiness and Overcoming Temptation
19-Jul	Kevin Berry	Holiness and Being a Proper Example
26-Jul	John McGiffin	Holiness in Recreational Activities
2-Aug	Norris Cole	Holiness and Drug Use & Abuse
9-Aug	Richard Nepal	Holiness and Respect for the
16-Aug	Jeffery Battles	Holiness and Personal Finance
23-Aug	Keith Allen	Holiness and Purity of Speech
30-Aug	Patrick Cook	Holiness and Personal Maturity



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