

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	46
Attendance AM	84
Attendance PM	39
Wednesday PM	38

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil Tydings; Mozilla Tate; C.D. & Judy Arnett; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Lori Phillips; Miranda Cook and new baby Luca; Jonathan Jenkins

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Mamula family; Tate and Blanks families

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 20 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 8-9

Potter Children's Home:

July 09	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Chris Poole	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	James Grigsby	Frank Brock
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
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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- Supporting**
- Christian Courier
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 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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AN ANCIENT BOOK WITH A RELEVANT MESSAGE

Dan Jenkins

Far too many people have the attitude that asks, "How can a book more than 1,900 years old have any relevance in my life?" It is true that parts of the Bible are more than 3,000 years old, but it is equally true that the nature of man has not changed. Our God is eternal, and the truth that His holiness is the standard for our holiness is found in both the Old and New Testaments (Lev. 11:44; 1 Pet. 1:16).

Jesus certainly did not see the message of the Old Testament as having nothing to do with the people of the first century. They could so easily have asked, "How could words spoken to men who lived 1,500 years ago have anything to do with our lives?" In Matthew chapter twenty-two, Jesus talked about the events at the burning bush. Read His words carefully. "Have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?'"

Jesus looked at these words spoken at the burning bush and said that people who lived 1,500 years later and read these words would hear God speaking to them! It is foolish to think that because the words of the Bible are thousands of years old, they have nothing to do with us. The truth is that when we read these words spoken 3,500 years ago, God is still speaking to us!

This same truth is seen in Paul's sermon at Antioch. Paul described how the Jews had heard Jesus speak to them, but they "did not know Him." He then added, "...nor the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath" (Acts 13:27). When they read the ancient words of those prophets in the synagogues, they were reading words just as relevant as the words they actually heard when Jesus spoke them. All those things written have relevance today (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11).

The writer of Hebrews shows this same truth and affirms this in an amazing way. He quotes the words of Jeremiah about the new covenant God was planning to make with the Jews. It was not to be the same ten commandment covenant He made with the Jews when they departed from Egypt (Deut. 4:13; Jer. 31:31-34). Those words from Jeremiah had been written at least 600 years prior to the writing of Hebrews. Look carefully at how God speaks of the relevancy of ancient words. "The Holy Spirit witnesses to us" (Heb. 10:15). One might think that reading Jeremiah was to hear what an ancient prophet spoke to others. Such could not be further from truth. To read the words of Jeremiah was to listen to the Holy Spirit of God speaking to us! They were written to the Jews, but they speak to us!

So, when you read the Bible, remember that God designed the book so that it speaks to all men—it speaks to us! Read it; listen to it; obey it! Eternity demands we do this. ✍️

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

“Take Time to Be Holy”

One of the most meaningful and soul-stirring songs that we sing in worship is William Longstaff’s “Take Time to Be Holy” from 1874. The lyrics of that song are founded upon Scriptural principles that cultivate holiness in the life of the Christian. God, who called us, is holy, and He beckons us, “You also be holy in all your conduct” (1 Pet. 1:15-16). Consider carefully the words from this song that correlate so beautifully with the New Testament. “Take time to be holy...Speak oft with thy Lord.” Holiness comes by spending time with the Lord in prayer (1 Thess. 5:17; Phil. 4:6-7; Col. 4:2).

“Take time to be holy...Abide in Him always, and feed on His word.” Holiness comes about when I study and abide in God’s Word and allow it to abide in me (John 15:1-7). “Take time to be holy...Make friends of God’s children.” It is so much easier (and enjoyable) to be holy when we do it together as brethren in Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-27; 15:33). “Take time to be holy...Help those who are weak.” True holiness requires that I look beyond myself and do good unto others (Matt. 7:12; Gal. 6:10; Rom. 15:1; 1 Thess. 5:14).

“Take time to be holy...Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone...Like Him thou shalt be.” To be conformed to His image, I must spend time letting Him transform me through the mirror of His Word (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18). “Take time to be holy...Let Him be thy Guide; and run not before Him.” God’s Word must truly be “a lamp to my feet and a light to my path,” so that I will not turn from the Lord in any direction (Psa. 119:105; Prov. 30:6; Deut. 4:2).

“Take time to be holy...In joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord.” Holiness looks beyond the circumstances of life and is devoted fully to the way of the Lord (Phil. 4:4-7; 1:20-21; Matt. 6:25-34).

“Take time to be holy...Be calm in thy soul.” Instead of trying to keep up, as “the world rushes on,” we need to learn to “be still” and trust the Lord (Psa. 46:10; Prov. 3:5-6; Phil. 4:6-7; Col. 3:15).

“Take time to be holy...Each thought and each motive beneath His control.” It is so critical, in our endeavor to live holy lives, to keep our thoughts and desires holy (2 Cor. 10:5; Phil. 4:8), for “as he thinks in his heart, so is he” (Prov. 23:7).

“Be holy, for I am holy” (1 Pet. 1:16). We must “not be conformed to this world” (Rom. 12:2), but we must “sanctify Christ as Lord” in our hearts, in everything that we say, want, think and do (1 Pet. 3:15; Col. 3:17).

Brothers and sisters, let’s take time to be holy!

— David Sproule

Wisdom teaches to listen more than speaking

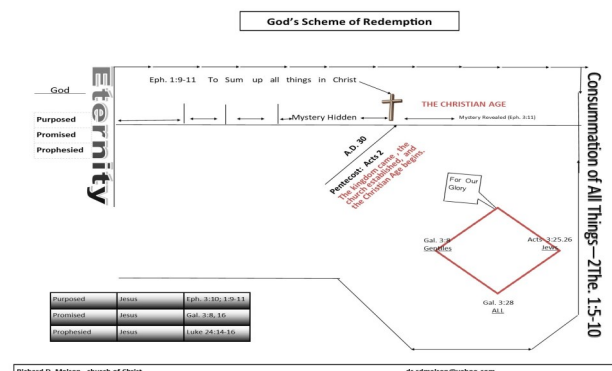


A modern proverb suggests, “Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and to remove all doubt.” Many people think that’s in the Bible, but those words actually are not. Also, “We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.” That’s a great saying, but those exact words are not in Scripture. Yet, both concepts are Biblical.

The wise man, inspired by the All-Wise God, said, “In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise” (Prov. 10:19). “Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him” (29:20). “A fool’s voice is known by his many words” (Ecc. 5:3). Of course, James said, “Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak” (1:19).

There is much to be said about speaking the right words at the right time (Prov. 15:23; 25:11). But there is also much to be said about not saying anything at all. Listening brings wisdom (Prov. 19:20), which helps, when we do speak, that we speak words of wisdom (Prov. 18:4).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Answers to Questions

Matthew 3

1. Where was Judea? **Between the Mediterranean Sea and Jordan River, south of Samaria (v1).**
2. What did John the Baptist say about the kingdom of heaven? **It was near (vv 1-2)**
3. What does “repent” mean? **Change of mind, evidenced by a change in action (v2 cf. 8); it is something that could be done many times in a day (Luke 17:4)**
4. What did John the Baptist wear and eat? **He wore clothes made of camel's hair, and a leather belt; he ate locusts and wild honey (4)**
5. What does "baptize" mean? **Immerse (6); Christian baptism involves a burial in water (Romans 6:4)**
6. What did the people who were baptized by John confess? **Their sins (6)**
7. Who were the Pharisees and Sadducees? **Sects of the Jews (7)**
8. In what did John baptize, and in what would Jesus baptize? **John baptized in water; Jesus would baptize in the Holy Spirit and fire (11)**
9. Why was Jesus baptized? **To fulfill all righteousness (15)**
10. Whose voice was heard coming out of the heavens when Jesus was baptized? **The heavenly Father's voice (17)**

- ☞ **New Bible Study Class:** Wednesday 11:00—12:00 PM
- ☞ **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 Scriptures
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