

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	38
Attendance AM	96
Attendance PM	35
Wednesday PM	36

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; Jonathan Jenkins

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Norris Cole, II; Vance families; Michael Blanks, Jr.

Prayers: David Lawrence

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 20 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 8-9

Potter Children's Home:

July 16	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Chris Poole	Norris Cole
Server 2	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
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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WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER IN HEAVEN?

Bob Prichard

Anyone who has lost a loved one is interested in knowing the answer to this question. Every person will one day face death and needs assurance of heaven. All of us hope to be reunited with loved ones who have gone on before, but if we will not know each other in heaven, then the bonds made on earth are forever severed in death.

The idea that we will know each other in heaven is sometimes called the doctrine of "future recognition." It is both reasonable and scriptural. If we know anything in heaven, we will surely know that we are in heaven. We must know ourselves, unless we lose all personal identity and recognition in death. Surely, we will know Christ, and that He has redeemed us from our sins, thus allowing us to enjoy the rewards of heaven. If we will know we are in heaven, know who we are, know Christ, and know that He rewards us for our faithfulness, surely, we will know one another.

Revelation 6:9-10 describes a scene under the altar of God. The souls of the martyrs, "slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held," cried out for vengeance. These martyrs retained their personalities in the death state, were conscious of where they were, and knew why they were there. They knew that they had been murdered and were conscious that their murderers had not been punished. Surely, they knew each other.

David, stricken with grief over the death of his son, said, "Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). It is significant that David said he would "go to" his son. If he would not recognize or know his son, he would feel no comfort.

The story we know as "The Rich Man and Lazarus" is found in Luke 16:19-31. Whether this is a parable or not, it still indicates much about the state of the dead. The characters were all conscious and aware of their surroundings, and all possessed a memory of the world they had left. Abraham told the rich man to "remember." He could remember because he was conscious of who he was, where he was, and who the others were. We also have the example of Moses and Elijah at the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-5). The apostles recognized them, so they had not lost their identity in death.

There will be no giving and taking in marriage in heaven as there is on earth (Luke 20:35-36), and many other things will be changed in heaven. But we will know one another, and heaven will be much better than we can imagine. The key is to be prepared to go to heaven by obeying the will of God because heaven is a prepared place for prepared people (John 14:1-3). *~*

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

Suggestions for Bible Reading

They got the “saving” backwards



To best interpret the Bible, read sections instead of randomly-selected verses. A chapter (26 verses on average) is a good rule of thumb, but remember that chapter and verse divisions are not inspired and therefore are not always reliable boundary guides. For instance, Matthew 24–25 records a single sermon Jesus preached (the Olivet Discourse) and should be read together.

Find the flow of thought. Look for key facts. Who wrote, when, under what conditions, regarding what theme, for what purpose? Use Rudyard Kipling’s six basic questions to analyze a passage. He wrote in *The Elephant’s Child*,

*I keep six honest serving men
(They taught me all I knew);
Their names are What and Why And When
And How and Where and Who.**

Look for key terms. For example, Matthew 6:25–34 repeats the idea of “taking thought” six times (KJV). The section thus relates to worry or anxiety. “Believe” is used 79 times in the 879 verses of the gospel according to John, or about once every eleven verses. If we are going to understand John, we must focus on faith (John 20:31).

Identify the speaker and the audience. The Bible contains many untrue statements—from false prophets, pagan kings, Job’s friends, Roman authorities, Jewish leaders, and even Satan. They are correctly recorded but are not to be followed. If we fail to see who is addressed, we may apply things not intended for us.

Endnote

* http://www.kiplingsociety.co.uk/poems_serving.htm

— Allen Webster

My Stomach Hurts

A little girl went to her mother while holding her stomach saying, “Mommy, my stomach hurts.” Her mother replied, “That is because it is empty. You have to put something into it!” She then prepared a bowl of soup.

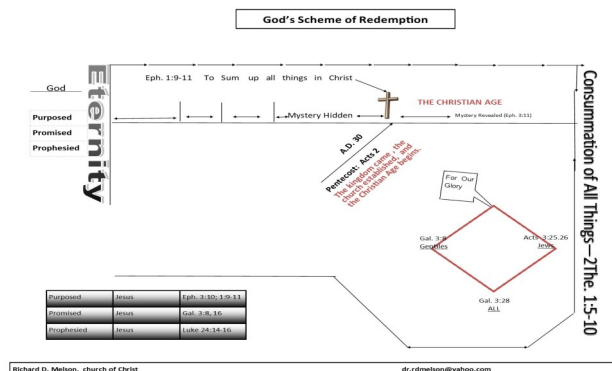
Later that day the preacher and his wife came for dinner. The preacher began to feel bad. Holding his head he said, “I have a terrible headache!” The little girl looked, gave him a sweet smile, and said, “That is because it is empty. You have to put something in it!”

—Clean Laugh List

The word “impudent” means “marked by contemptuous or cocky boldness or disregard of others; rude and not showing respect, especially toward someone who is in a more important position.” Is there a more apt word to describe the behavior of those surrounding Jesus’ cross?

Look at the impudence in Luke 23:35-39. The rulers “sneered, saying, ‘He saved others; let Him SAVE HIMSELF.’” The “soldiers also mocked Him...saying, ‘If You are the King of the Jews, SAVE YOURSELF.’” “One of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, ‘If You are the Christ, SAVE YOURSELF and us.’” Look at their words. They contemptuously heckled Jesus to SAVE HIMSELF, when what Jesus was doing on the cross was trying to SAVE THEM! They (and we) were the ones who needed SAVING! Thank God that Jesus “endured the cross” (Heb. 12:2) and the impudent jeering (1 Pet. 2:23), in order that He might SAVE ME!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



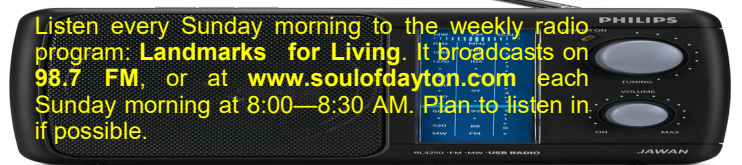
Answers to Reading Questions

Matthew 4

1. Was Jesus tempted after he was baptized? **Yes (3:16-4:1)**
2. How long did Jesus fast? **40 days and 40 nights (2)**
3. In what three ways was Jesus tempted? **(3-11); the temptations might be summarized as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16)**
4. What three words did Jesus say each time he was tempted? **"It is written" (4, 7, 10)**
5. What did Jesus say a man must have to live? **Every word that comes from the mouth of God (4)**
6. Who is the only person who should be worshiped? **The Lord your God (10)**
7. What lessons can we learn about temptation from chapter 4? **These might include the facts that temptations will come and that knowing Scripture can help in resisting temptation (1-11)**
8. Where did Jesus live when he left Nazareth? **In Capernaum (13)**
9. What did Jesus say about the kingdom? **It is near (17)**
10. What kind of fishers did Jesus promise to make Peter and Andrew? **Fishers of men (19)**

- ☞ **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**—We are engaged in a congregational reading of the New Testament in 180 days. If you have received your associated questions see Dollie.
- ☞ **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 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		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



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NEWS AND NOTES

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- 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