

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	46
Attendance AM	87
Attendance PM	40
Wednesday PM	38

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil Tydings; Janis Bland; Mozilla Tate; C.D. Arnett; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Lori Phillips; Jerry Reynolds

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Norris Cole, II; Norris & Diane Cole

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 Aug 3 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 9

Potter Children's Home:

July 30	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Chris Poole	Lyle Cole
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Norris Cole
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Announcements	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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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DANGER LOOMS !

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Meeting Location:
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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I looked at my newsfeed and saw a shocking headline. "Asteroid danger looms! 170-foot space rock heading for Earth today." Immediately I wondered, "Why I am just now hearing about this? Shouldn't we have a little bit more of a heads-up before we are obliterated by space debris? Something isn't adding up."

Upon opening the article, I breathe a sigh of relief. The title is another example of "clickbait." As opposed to what I was led to believe, the asteroid in question was not on a collision course with earth, it was just passing by very closely.

So, how close does an asteroid have to get to garner such a dramatic warning? The article states, "The Asteroid 2022 VP1 is expected to make its closest approach to the planet at a distance of 6.6 million kilometers..." That's 4.1 million miles! To put that into perspective, the moon is only 238,900 miles away from the earth and we aren't worried about it careening into our backyard anytime soon. But, an asteroid that is seventeen times farther away makes headlines.

Isn't it interesting, how much power the threat of death holds over us? The tiniest possibility of physical harm is enough to drive us into a panic. This asteroid was discovered using NASA's asteroid tracking telescope, NEOWISE, which is used to warn of potentially dangerous asteroids. We have spent millions of dollars to prevent an astronomically small chance of danger.

Why then do we not have the same amount of urgency when it comes to our eternal soul? Danger certainly looms for us all. Hebrews 9:27 tells us, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment..." This isn't "clickbait." Death is not floating out in the ether, millions of miles away. Death is guaranteed, and when we die, we will have to answer for our sins. "For the wages of sin is death..." (Rom. 6:23).

We don't know when death will come for us nor when Jesus will return (2 Pet. 3:10). Yet, many live their lives like hell is millions of miles away. Death and judgment are coming, and the only path to safety is through faith and obedience to Jesus Christ. Jesus said in Mark 16:16, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." And in Revelation 2:10, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

While we're busy watching the skies for asteroids, are we missing the warnings God gave to save us from eternal destruction? There is no satellite to tell us when the Lord will come. If we are not living right, we need to repent today. *GL*

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



How's Your Hearing?

Has your targeting system been ripped out?



“Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have” (Luke 8:18). Here are the possibilities of how we might hear Jesus: Some Hear Jesus Gladly. Mark wrote, “And the common people heard him gladly” (Mark 12:37). Those who hear Him gladly, respond immediately, “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41).

Some Hear Jesus Continually. “And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter” (Acts 17:32). There are today those who hear Jesus, but instead of obeying Him, they simply want to hear Him over and over again. They are never fully convinced or they simply allow other things to distract them.

Some Hear Jesus Argumentatively. The scribes and the Pharisees listened to Jesus because they were “seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him” (Luke 11:54). Some hear Jesus with preconceptions and misconceptions. They argue, refuse to accept, and hold to traditions.

How do we hear Jesus? Do we argue with Scripture when it is preached? Let's be people who hear Jesus gladly!

—Chance Hicks, Jacksonville, Alabama

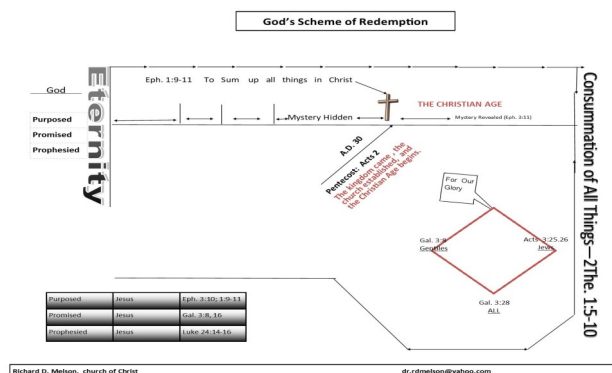
In a battle between Iron Man (Tony Stark) and Iron Monger (Obadiah Stane) near the end of the 2008 Iron Man movie, Tony “ripped out” the “targeting system” from Obadiah’s suit. As a result, Obadiah could not shoot straight and kept missing his target.

Could it be that some Christians have had their “targeting systems” ripped out – either by choice, by negligence or by deception? Have some of us allowed the devil to get on our backs and distract us and, therefore, disrupt our targeted purpose in this life?

The wise man would have us to remember, “The way of life winds upward for the wise, that he may turn away from hell below” (Prov. 15:24). Is the path of your life going “upward” toward heaven, or has it been diverted toward the realm of death below? Paul pleads with us, “Seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-2).

Friends, if you miss your target of heaven, nothing else matters! !

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Answers to Reading Questions

Matthew 7

- 1) Is all judging wrong? No (1-2) (see John 7:24; Matthew 7:15-16)
- 2) What must we do before we try to correct another person? Correct ourselves (5)
- 3) What is there about earthly fathers that helps us know the heavenly Father will help us when we ask? Even earthly fathers give good gifts to their children (11)
- 4) What sums up the law and the prophets? In everything, do to others what you would have them to do you (12)
- 5) Did Jesus teach that most people will be saved, or lost? Lost (13-14)
- 6) How can you know if a man is a false prophet? By his fruit (15-20)
- 7) Who shall enter into the kingdom of heaven? Only he who does the will of the Father in heaven (21)
- 8) Will men who regard themselves as prophets, exorcists, and miracle workers necessarily enter heaven? No (21-23)
- 9) Who is the wise, and who is the foolish man? The wise are those who hear and do what Jesus said (24); the foolish are those who hear but don't do what Jesus said (26)
- 10) Why were the multitudes astonished at the teaching of Jesus? Because he taught as one who has authority, and not as their teachers of the law (28-29)

Matthew 8

- 1) Was Jesus a popular person after he gave his "Sermon on the Mount"? Yes (1)
- 2) Why did Jesus tell the leper to do what Moses commanded? (see Galatians 4:4) Because they lived under the law of Moses (4)
- 3) What was a centurion? A Roman officer in command of 100 men (5)
- 4) Was Jesus interested only in the people of Israel? No (10-13)
- 5) What punishment did Jesus say awaited those who did not enter the kingdom of heaven? Being thrown into darkness (12)
- 6) Was Peter married? Yes (14)
- 7) Read Isaiah 53. To whom did Matthew say this referred? To Jesus (14-17)

- 8) Was some of Isaiah 53 fulfilled before Jesus died on the cross? Yes (16-17)
- 9) Did Jesus teach that it requires great sacrifice to follow him? Yes (20-22)
- 10) What miracles of Jesus are recorded in chapter 8? Healing a leper, a centurion's paralyzed servant, and Peter's mother-in-law, casting out many demons and healing all the sick, calming a storm, and healing two demon-possessed men.

☞ **New Bible Study Class:** Wednesday 11:00—12:00 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	Kevin Berry	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