

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	56
Attendance AM	89
Attendance PM	42
Wednesday PM	35

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; Valerie Melson, Ashley and Alexandria Thomas; Norris and Diane Cole; Deonna Cole

Prayers: Carolyn Johnson

Repentance: Tena Eslick

Baptism:

Sympathy: Family of Lori Phillips; Mozella Tate & family

Birthdays: August — 10 Diane Cole (Norris); 11 Ashley Thomas; 20 Ryan McGahee, Marie Tolley; 21 Naree Poole; 28 Brenda Mamula;

Anniversaries: August — 7-Dwayne and Tena Eslick; 25 Richard and Valerie Melson; 31 Patrick and Penny Cook; Patrick and Ashley Thomas

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Aug 17 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 9

Potter Children's Home:

August 06	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	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	Jerry Thomas
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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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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THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Dan Jenkins

Sometimes when you meet a person there is just something about them that sets them apart from others. There are those negative people who impact us in such a way that we find it difficult to see their souls and the potential they may have in Christ. On the other hand, there are those to whom we are immediately attracted, and we want to get to know them better.

When God became man, He was like us in so many ways. He took on Himself the frailties of mortals, suffered like we do and was tempted in all ways like we are. However, the first impression He made on others could never be forgotten.

When He was only twelve years of age, He was separated from His parents, and they finally found Him in the holy temple talking to the religious leaders. The Bible says that when they found Him, He was "...sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers" (Luke 2:46-47). The first impression He made greatly impacted all those who heard Him.

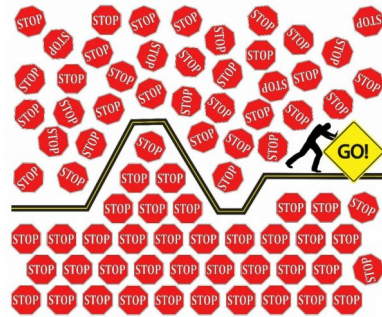
The same is true of the impression He had on the multitude who heard the Sermon on the Mount. "When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His teachings, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt. 7:28-29). In His first discourse in the synagogue in Nazareth, "...all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth" (Luke 4:22). Not all accepted His words in the city where He had grown up, and some of them sought to kill him by throwing Him over a cliff.

He left Nazareth and went and taught in the synagogue in Capernaum for several weeks. What was the impression He made there? "And they were astonished at His teaching for His word was with authority" (Luke 4:32). The story does not end here. Read the gospel account of His life. It happens again and again.

We may not always make the kind of impression Jesus did everywhere He went, but the very fact that we know Him impacts how others see us. Salt that is really salty and light that is not hidden under a bushel impacts all that they touch. The impact that His apostles had on others shows this. Shortly after Pentecost they were arrested and brought before the Jewish counsel. The Bible says, "When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). Think carefully about the first impression you make on others! ~

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

They did not stop teaching

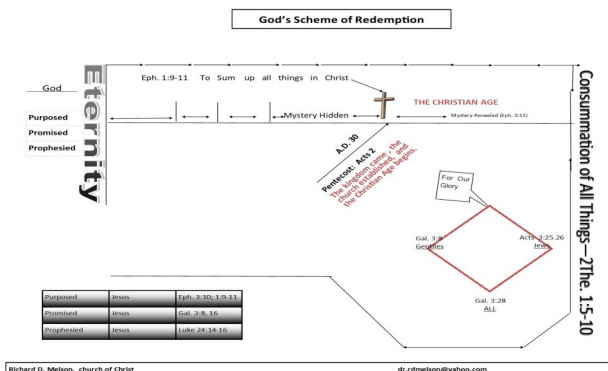


The apostles endured brutal persecution because they were “preaching Jesus as the Christ” (Acts 5:42; 2:30-38; 4:10-12). The Jewish council arrested the apostles (4:1-4; 5:17-18, 26), put them on trial (4:5-22; 5:27-40), “severely threatened...further threatened them” (4:17-21), and “beat” them (5:40). Through all of this, the council “commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus” (4:17-18; 5:28, 40). But the apostles “did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ” (5:42). They did not stop!

Brethren, our society, some of our governing officials and people all around us are trying to get us to stop talking about Jesus, stop living for Jesus, stop quoting the Bible, stop teaching the Bible, stop following the moral and Biblical code of the Bible. Brethren, we cannot stop!

We cannot stop speaking about and living for Jesus! That is our very purpose for living (Acts 4:19-20; 5:29)! That is the very thing the world needs (Rom. 1:15-18)! May God help us to have their “boldness” (Acts 4:13, 29; 5:41-42) and not stop!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Richard D. Melson, church of Christ

The Devil's Bible

Of course the Devil doesn't have a Bible. If he did, the following references would be in it:

Popular 6:9 — “Go ahead, everyone else is doing it.”

Cowardly 1:10 — “The best thing to do when the church and its members are criticizing is to keep silent. The critic might get angry with you if you try to defend it.”

Indifference 1:1 — “I'm just too tired after working all day to attend all the services.”

Excuses 1:1 — “I'm afraid to discuss the Bible with others, lest I offend them. Anyway, they won't listen.”

Foolishness 19:7 — “I'll try anything once.”

Deceit 8:15 — “It makes no difference what one believes as long as he is sincere.”

Pride 4:7 — “If someone offends you and hard feelings result, let him come and ask your forgiveness. After all, it was his fault.”

Apostasy 2:5 — “What difference does it make whether we follow the New Testament or not?” — Copied

Melson's Musings ...



Answers to Reading Questions

Matthew 9

- 1) Whose faith led Jesus to forgive the sick man mentioned in verse 2? The faith of the men who brought him to Jesus (2)
- 2) Why did certain scribes accuse Jesus of blasphemy? Because he claimed to forgive sins that only God could forgive (2-3)
- 3) What did Jesus say his miracle of healing the sick man proved? That he had authority to forgive sins (6)
- 4) What was the reaction of the multitude that saw Jesus' miracle? They were filled with awe and praised God (8)
- 5) What was Matthew's occupation? Tax collector (9)
- 6) Why did Jesus eat with tax collectors and sinners? Because they needed him (12)
- 7) What lesson was Jesus trying to teach in verse 17? Demands of fasting were at this point appropriate to the old system, but not to the new. Later, some fasting was done in the church (Acts 13:2f. ; 14:23 ; 27:9; 2 Cor. 6:5; 11 : 27). (17)
- 8) Who did the Pharisees say was the source of Jesus' power? The prince of demons (34)
- 9) Why was Jesus moved with compassion when he saw the multitudes? Because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (36)
- 10) What miracles of Jesus are recorded in chapter 9? Healing a paralytic, raising from death the daughter of a ruler, healing a woman from 12 years of bleeding, healing 2 blind men, and casting a demon out of a mute man

Matthew 10

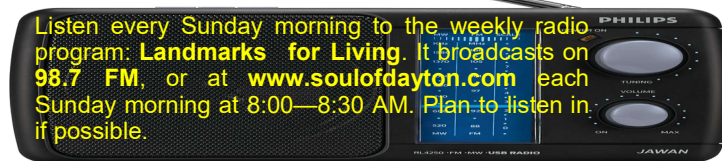
- 1) Did Jesus give the powers described in verse 1 to all his disciples? No (1)
- 2) What were the names of the 12 apostles? Simon (called Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddeus, Simon, and Judas Iscariot (2-4)
- 3) Under the instructions of chapter 10, were the apostles allowed to go to the Gentiles? No (5)
- 4) To whom was Jesus speaking in Matthew 10:5-42? (see Matthew 11:1) To the 12 apostles (5 and 11:1)
- 5) What message were the apostles to preach under these instructions? The kingdom of heaven is near (7)
- 6) What did Jesus say about a town that would not receive the words of his apostles? It would be more bearable for

Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town (15)

- 7) Did Jesus teach that there is a hell? Yes (28)
- 8) Whom will Jesus confess (acknowledge) before God? Whoever confesses (acknowledges) him before men (32)
- 9) Whom did Jesus say should be loved most of all? Himself (Jesus) (37)
- 10) Whom did Jesus say would receive him? Whoever receives his apostles (40)

☞ **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
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