

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	44
Attendance AM	95
Attendance PM	40
Wednesday PM	44

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil Tydings; Janis Bland; Mozilla Tate; C.D. Arnett; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); De'Ante & DeAndre Horton; Jennifer Arnette

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

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Family of Dollie Jones and Florine Thomas

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 13	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	Kevin Berry	Kevin Berry
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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I WOULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN

Wade Webster



Winston Churchill's wife was named Clementine. He affectionately called her Clemmie.

Churchill wasn't generally considered handsome. He wasn't athletic. He wasn't rich. He wasn't the young man that most moms were dreaming of for their daughters. Clementine's mother, Lady Blanche Hozier, wasn't overjoyed at the thought of her daughter marrying Winston. But, despite Winston's many shortcomings, he possessed the one essential ingredient needed to make marriage work - love. He loved Clementine.

At a banquet late in life, Churchill was once asked, "If you could come back as anyone after you die, who would it be?" He thought for a moment, stood, turned to his wife, and said, "Mrs. Churchill's second husband."

I'm sure that Winston got some major brownie points for that. History records that those weren't just empty words. He deeply loved Clementine. They were happily married for 57 years.

I hope that all of us might say the same thing about our mates, not just physically, but spiritually. If we could come back and do life again, I am sure that we would make many changes. However, there is one thing that we would not change - being married to Christ. Marrying Christ is the best decision that we ever made.

Paul wrote, "Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God" (Rom. 7:4).

Jesus couldn't have loved us more than He did. Again, Paul wrote, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish (Eph. 5:25-27).

We enjoy such a good life with Jesus now and the future promises even greater blessings (Matt. 19:27- 29). If we could do life over again, marrying Christ is one thing that we wouldn't change. If you are not a Christian, then I highly recommend becoming one. You will never regret marrying Christ. Every imaginable blessing is found in Him (Eph. 1:3). *W*

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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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 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

Funk's Words



Dr. Willard Funk, the well-known dictionary publisher, was asked to select the ten most expressive words in the English language. The following is his list:

- ☞ The bitterest word: alone
- ☞ The most tragic word: death
- ☞ The most revered word: mother
- ☞ The most beautiful word: love
- ☞ The cruelest word: revenge
- ☞ The most peaceful word: tranquil
- ☞ The saddest word: forgotten
- ☞ The warmest word: friendship
- ☞ The coldest word: no
- ☞ The most comforting word: faith

Words can build up or tear down. They can comfort or hurt; they can encourage or humiliate. They can be sweet or bitter.

A Christian, who seeks to imitate the gentle nature of Christ, should be careful with words. "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6).

— Glenn Hitchcock

I want my friends to ...

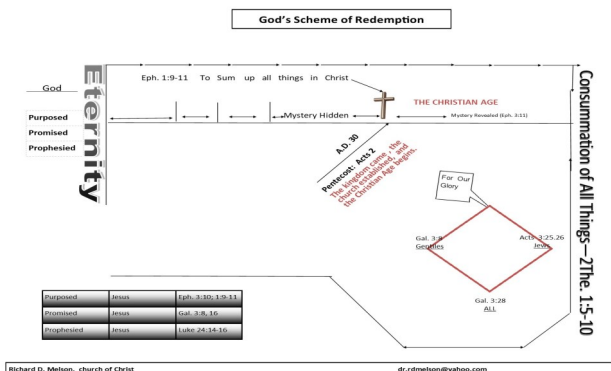


As you think about your friends, what would you really like for them to do? Some might say: "I want my friends to like me...to accept me...to want to be around me...to think that I am fun...to think that I am cool...to invite me to their fun activities...to not judge me for being a Christian...to not think I am weird for my beliefs...to think that I am like them...to think that I am ok with and understanding of immoral behaviors, etc." Truth be told, do some Christians "de-Christianize" themselves periodically around their friends, so that they will be accepted?

May I ask you a question? The people that you call your "friends," are they really your friends? If you truly care about them, should you not finish the sentence above in this way? "I want my friends to...BE SAVED and GO TO HEAVEN!" If your friends are lost in sin and go to hell, are you ok with that? Will they be ok with that?

What your friends need the most is for you to be a faithful Christian and tell them what you know about Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15; Matt. 5:16)!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



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Melson's Musings ...



Answers to Reading Questions

Matthew 11

- 1) Why did John the Baptist question whether Jesus was the Christ? Because John was in prison (2-3)
- 2) What did Jesus say was evidence that he was the Christ? The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor (4-5)
- 3) Who did Jesus say was as great as any man who ever lived? John the Baptist (11)
- 4) Who did Jesus say was even greater? Whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven (11)
- 5) Who did Jesus say was Elijah? What did he mean? John the Baptist (12-14); he came in the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke 1:17)
- 6) What lesson was Jesus teaching in verses 16-19? You can't please everybody (16-19)
- 7) Was Jesus ever accused of being a sinner? Yes (19)
- 8) Why did Jesus rebuke the cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum? Because they did not repent (20-23)
- 9) To whom does the "wise and learned" (or "prudent") in verse 25 refer? Those wise and learned in their own eyes (25)
- 10) Does one who comes to Jesus receive a burden, rest, or both? Both (28-30)

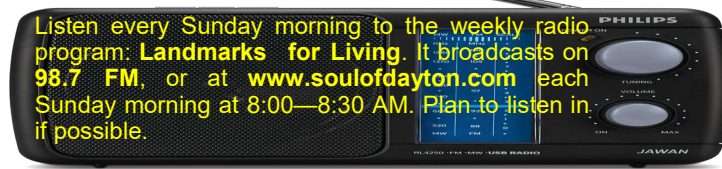
Matthew 12

- 1) Who is lord of the Sabbath? What does that mean? The Son of Man (8); he has authority to regulate or eliminate the Sabbath
- 2) Who is Beelzebub? The prince of demons (24)
- 3) What argument did Jesus use to convince the Jews that he did not cast out demons by the power of Satan? That would be Satan driving out Satan (26), which doesn't make sense
- 4) Who did Jesus say is against him? Whoever is not with him (30)
- 5) What sin is unforgivable? Blasphemy against the Spirit (31); speaking against the Holy Spirit (32)
- 6) What did Jesus teach about our speech? You will be acquitted or condemned by your words (37)
- 7) Did Jesus approve of people who sought a sign? No (39)
- 8) Did Jesus say that Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of a sea creature? Yes (40)

- 9) What prophecy did Jesus make concerning himself that would be the one great sign? He would spend three days and three nights in the heart of the earth (40)
- 10) What lesson did Jesus teach in verses 43-45? Bad must be replaced by good or things will get worse (43-45)

- ☞ Richard is preaching a gospel meeting in Vermillion, OH through 8/16.
- ☞ **Senior Luncheon**—Aug 29, 11 AM at Panera Bread
- ☞ **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



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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 (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