

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	50
Attendance AM	97
Attendance PM	39
Wednesday PM	38

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Phil & Kim Tydings; Mary Rutland; C.D. Arnett; Alyse Poole; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Jennifer Arnette; Savannah Cook; Ron and Virginia Robbins

**Traveling:** Richard Melson, Jr. (work); Norris Cole, II; Eslick family; Richard & Valerie Melson; Ashley & Alexandria Thomas

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Wallace family; Cole family

**Birthdays: September**— 3 Ruby Holt; 5 Michael Blanks, Jr. 27 Christina Barnes; 29 Florine Thomas

**Anniversaries: September** — 1— Chris and Tally Poole; 27—Dollie and Samuel Jones

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class Sept 14 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 10

**Potter Children's Home:**

September 10	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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## HIS LESSONS ABOUT EAGLES

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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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The imagery God uses to describe His nature and the way He works on this earth is so remarkable. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used the imagery of God's careful attention to the lily of the field. His clothing of a lily whose "lifespan" is so brief is God's assurance He will cloth us. In that sermon, He talked of God's care for birds who make no provision like sowing and reaping, yet God is still so involved in their lives. God has placed in His creations imagery that helps us understand Him.

Take as example of this truth His creation of the eagles. Solomon, the wisest man of the Old Testament, mentions four things which far surpass his ability to comprehend. Heading that list is "...the way of an eagle in the air" (Prov. 30:19). For thousands of years, men have watched birds soaring in the air. Yet, it was only about a hundred years ago that mankind began to fly. The majesty of the eagle is so remarkable.

When God brought the Jews from Egyptian bondage He manifested His power. His ten plagues of judgment on the Egyptians brought more devastation on Egypt than we can begin to imagine. The mightiest power of that time was driven to its knees as the holocaust from heaven destroyed their lives. They even lost their precious jewels and gold, yet not a single battle was fought. When they arrived at Mt. Sinai, God said to them, "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself" (Ex. 19:4). The imagery is not of them being plucked by an eagle with its talons and snatching them from bondage but of them soaring out of that land on the wings of a majestic eagle.

In the last month of Moses' life, he taught Israel to sing the song of Moses. In the early verses of that song, they sang of God's concern for His people as shown in their deliverance from the bondage of Egypt. The song describes how the eagles of that land taught the young eagles to fly. The older eagles fluttered over the nest and urged the eaglets to leave the safety of that nest. If and when they wearied in flight, they could find rest on the wings of their parents (Deut. 32:11). This is how those young eagles learn to soar. This is also how He deals with us.

The application of this imagery is so vivid in our lives. His eyes are over us, and His ears are open to our prayers. He knows our needs before we ask, and He promises to answer our fervent prayers. As the eagle takes its young and places them on its back, so He takes us. He promises that "...those who wait on the Lord shall...mount up with wings like eagles" (Isa. 40:31).

Thank God for the imagery He uses to teach us! ✍️

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

## Does Anyone Care?

## Going the right direction



Most of us have experienced giving time, effort or money to people and felt that it was not appreciated. Sometimes we wonder if anyone even notices what we are doing.

If this has been happening to you I hope you will consider Hebrews 6:10. "For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do." (ESV)

We need to be reminded that God is aware of all our efforts on his behalf. The truth that God is sensitive to all we do for Christ and His church is revealed consistently throughout the Bible.

One of the finest examples in the New Testament is Revelation 2:2-3. "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear evil men but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not and found them to be false; I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and have not grown weary."

The prophets of the Old Testament used this truth of divine awareness to past deeds to try to draw Israel back to God. "I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown." (Jeremiah 2:2).

"Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you." (Isaiah 49: 15).

The next time you wonder if anyone really notices the things you are trying to do remember God knows. He doesn't miss a thing. He sees every bit of effort and good will you put forth.

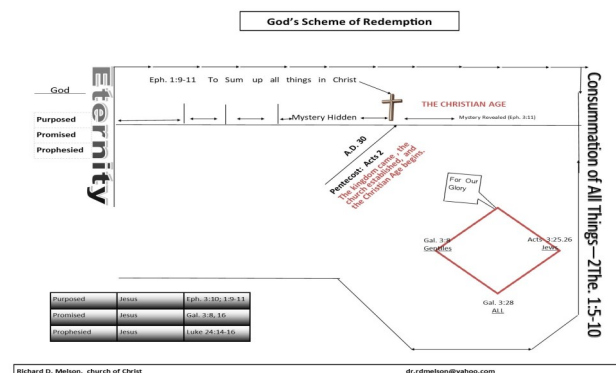
- Tommy Kelton

When learning how to drive, one of the tough things is driving on narrow, two-lane streets when cars are coming at you in the opposite direction. This is especially true if it is at night and those opposing headlights are shining directly in your eyes.

This is very similar to living the Christian life. As you are trying to please God and make decisions that will honor Him, there are thousands of people traveling in the opposite direction. Sometimes they don't always stay in their lane. Sometimes they have their high beams on, so that it is hard for you to see where you're headed.

I was trained not to look at those opposing headlights, but to focus on the white line on the edge of the road, for it was steadily and trustworthily going in the right direction. The world will try to intimidate you as they fly by in the opposite direction, but look steadily and trustworthily upon Jesus (Heb. 12:2). He is "the way" (John 14:6) and will help you navigate "the narrow way" to heaven (Matt. 7:13-14).

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



## Answers to Reading Questions

### Luke 23

- 1) What accusations concerning Jesus were brought to Pilate? Jesus was subverting the nation, opposing paying taxes to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king (2)
- 2) Did Pilate find any evidence to support their accusations? No (4)
- 3) Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod? Because Pilate learned Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction (7)
- 4) Why was Herod happy to see Jesus? Because Herod was hoping to see a miracle (8)
- 5) What did Jesus say to Herod? Nothing (9)
- 6) What two enemies did Jesus bring together? Herod and Pilate (12)
- 7) Did Herod find any basis for condemning Jesus to death? No (13-15)
- 8) For whom did Jesus say the women of Jerusalem should weep? For themselves and their children (28)
- 9) Why did Jesus ask the Father to forgive those who crucified him? Because they didn't know what they were doing (34)
- 10) What promise did Jesus make to the thief on the cross? "Today you will be with me in paradise" (43)

### Luke 24

- 1) On what day of the week did the women come to the tomb? On the first day (1)
- 2) On what day did Jesus say he would rise again? On the third day (7)
- 3) Did the apostles believe the report of the women? No (11)

- 4) On what day of the week were Cleopas and his companion going from Jerusalem to Emmaus? On the first day (1, 13)
- 5) What was the emotional condition of the two disciples going to Emmaus? They were sad (downcast) (17)
- 6) Did Jesus meet these disciples on the third day since his crucifixion? Yes (21)
- 7) How did Jesus prove he was not just a spirit? By showing the disciples his hands and feet, inviting them to touch them, and pointing out that a spirit does not have flesh and bones (39)
- 8) Jesus divided the scriptures (OT) into what three sections? The Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms (44)
- 9) What did Jesus say was to be preached in all nations, beginning from Jerusalem? Repentance and forgiveness of sins (47)
- 10) With what were the apostles to be clothed in Jerusalem? With power from on high (49)

☞ **Senior Luncheon**— Sept 19, 11 AM at George's Family Restaurant 5216 North Dixie

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

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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