

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	45
Attendance AM	96
Attendance PM	30
Wednesday PM	35

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil Tydings; Kim Tydings; Krubo Joploh; Michael Gorsky; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Jerry Thomas; Ron Robiins; Janis Bland; Carolyn Johnson

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr. (work); Norris Cole, II;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: October— 2 Virginia Robbins; 5 Rhea Wallace; 6 Kevin Gilbert; 9 Victoria Dudley; 12 Philip Tydings; 13 Norris Cole, II; 14 Patrick Cook; 16 Judy Arnett; 17 Dollie Jones, Mozella Tate, Nancy Weimer; 26 Cadence Vance

Anniversaries: October— 1 Mary and Tom Vance

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Oct. 26 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 12

Potter Children's Home: Coin cans will be collected October 19 at 10:00 AM

October 15	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	Ryan McGahee	Norris Cole
Server 2	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard D Melson	Richard D Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
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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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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- Christian Courier
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 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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FULFILLED IN THEIR OWN TIME

Dan Jenkins

Zacharias did not believe the words of Gabriel about the fact that he and Elizabeth were to be the parents of the forerunner of the Messiah. Instead of accepting the message from heaven, he thought what God had said just could not happen. How could two old people become parents? The answer from Gabriel gives us insight into the nature of prophecy. The angel said, "Behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time" (Luke 1:20). Look at those closing words—my words will be fulfilled in their own time! This is the nature of prophecy.

Many prophecies specify a time for their fulfillment. Jesus was to be raised on the third day and the words of this prophecy had to come about on that day. Otherwise, Jesus was not God. If what He said did not happen, it was proof that He was a fraud (Deut. 18:21-22).

The Old Testament prophesied about the coming of the Messiah and the fact He would come and be a king. The book of Daniel has prophecies about the time this would happen. However, most of Christendom read these prophecies from Daniel and Ezekiel and using human wisdom declare that the kingdom will come at Jesus' second coming. The coming of the Old Testament specified the time it would come. Remember that the words of prophecy "...will be fulfilled in their own time." What is that time? Listen to Jesus. "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). Those who teach that the kingdom is future believe they can decide the time of the fulfillment of the words of God. The Messiah looked at those prophecies and said the time for their fulfillment was in the first century.

The time of the Exodus was prophesied over two hundred years before the Jews went into Egypt. This was over 600 years before the Exodus. At age forty, Moses had used human wisdom and decided that the time was fulfilled, and he was to be the one to bring about the exodus. At his birth, "the time of the promise drew near" (Acts 7:17, 20). "Now when he was forty years old...he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand" (Acts 7:23, 25). He understood much of the prophecy and his place in the exodus. What he failed to understand was that the determination of the time of fulfillment is not found in human wisdom. He missed it by 40 years.

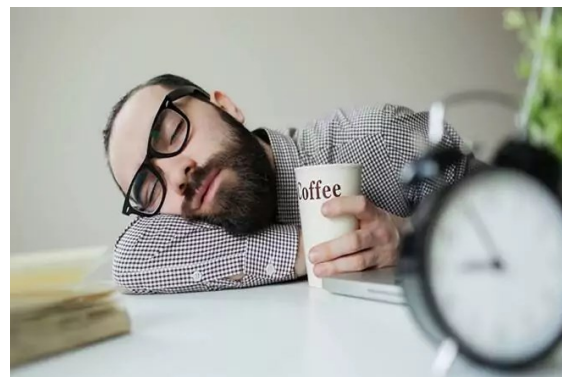
There is far more to be said about this concept, but when you read His promises, never forget that the fulfillment of prophecy will happen "...in their own time." God does not need our help in deciding when that time is!

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

Help a brother out!



There's not a friend like ...



Do you have some good friends? Do you have the kind of friend that you can call or text any time and you know you'll get a quick response? Someone you pretty much can reach out to any time of the day or night? But, even that friend has other things to do—right? There are times that he/she needs to focus on “his/her own things”—right? And, you need to be respectful of that. Plus, at some point he/she has got to sleep—right?

Think carefully about the words of Psalm 121. “From whence comes my help?” Answer that question. Where do you turn when you need help? The answer of the psalmist: “My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth,” for “He will not allow your foot to be moved.” Do we have that kind of confidence in our God?

But then there's this! Before you read it, ask yourself, “Is God my friend?” The next words of the psalm say, “He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He...shall neither slumber nor sleep.” Your heavenly Friend is ALWAYS open to you! He never gets drowsy! Is He your friend?

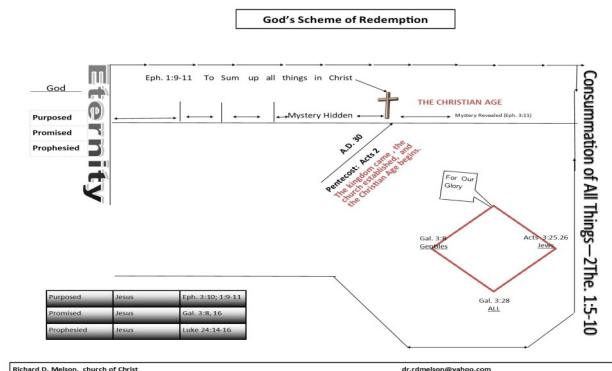
By both His words and His actions, Jesus emphasized the need to help out a brother who is in need. Jesus noted that since anyone would help their donkey or ox out of a pit that he should be willing to do what he can when he can to help out a brother even more (Luke 14:1-5).

Of course, Jesus did not limit that help to meeting physical needs. Most importantly, we are to help a brother with his spiritual needs. When we find a brother who has allowed something to obstruct his view from rightly serving the Lord (even something as small as a “speck” in the eye), we are to “first” consider ourselves and our own shortcomings and work to correct those (Matt. 7:5; Jas. 1:23-24; Gal. 6:1), and “then” we are to go to our brother and seek to assist him (using the “measure” of God's righteous judgment, Matt. 7:2; John 7:24) “to remove the speck” from his eye.

Jesus said, “If your eye is bad, your whole body is full of darkness” (6:23). We need to help each other out, to make sure that we are all seeing and going in the right direction (cf. Jas. 5:19-20).

- David Sproule

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



If Diotrephes Were Here Today

Though he is only mentioned in two passages of scripture, much can be learned from the bad example of Diotrephes. John describes him as one “who loves to have the preeminence” (3 John 9). He spoke wickedly and maliciously, he would not receive faithful brethren, nor would he allow others to do so (3 John 10). He was, by all accounts and purposes, a church tyrant. He was arrogant, abusive, and wicked. His example should cause us to think twice about our own motives and actions. Though he died long ago, his disposition can still live in the church today. If Diotrephes were here today how could he be identified?

If he were a preacher he would talk about himself often. He would emphasize his favorite works and accomplishments exclusively. He would seek out his favorite elders and members and try to get them on his side. He would never be wrong. His image would be the most important thing to him and he would do anything to protect it. He would lobby to get his way, and he would not hesitate to gossip and slander anyone whom he perceived as a threat.

If he were an elder he would view himself as the “chief shepherd” instead of Christ. He would never listen to the members of the congregation or even his fellow elders. If something needed to be done, then it would have to be done his way. His opinion would always be right, and if you crossed him, he would be quick to tell you about it. He would have no desire to actually fulfill the office of an

elder. His only desire would be the recognition that comes with the title.

If he were a deacon he would have his sights set on being an elder. He would never do the work assigned to him without making a show of it. He would want everyone to know just how “hard” he works, and without him the congregation could not possibly function.

If he were any member of the Lord's church he would not really care about the church at all. He would only care about himself and what he wants. He would divide the congregation and create a clique of only his biggest fans. He would brag about how much money he puts in the plate and how much he has done for the congregation. As far as he is concerned, nobody is more important than him.

Sadly, scripture does not provide us with information about Diotrephes' repentance. But, perhaps his spiritual offspring can write a better ending to their own story. “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up” (Jas. 4:10).

- Cody Westbrook



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