

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	47
Attendance AM	95
Attendance PM	26
Wednesday PM	37

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 Robbins; Janis Bland; Richard Melson, Jr.
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr. (work); Patrick and Ashley Thomas;
Prayers:
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy: family of Jeanette Ivory
Birthdays: October— 2 Virginia Robbins; 5 Rhea Wallace; 6 Kevin Gilbert; 9 Victoria Dudley; 12 Philip Tydings; 13 John Bouse, 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 TBD @ 6:00 PM
Potter Children's Home: Coming Soon—Christmas Gift Shop

November 05	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Server 1	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Server 2	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D Melson	Richard D Melson
Prayer for Responses	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Announcements	Richard D Melson	Richard D Melson
Greeter	John Bouse	John Bouse
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Usher	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.

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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How Can We Save America

Johnny Ramsey

The following article was published in 1981, but is remains fresh in 2023.

Since Jehovah rules in the kingdoms of men (Daniel 4:25) and in His sight "the nations are as the drop of a bucket" (Isaiah 40:15), we must face up to our immediate responsibilities if we are to preserve America. In one of the most familiar statements regarding national concern, James Russell Lowell declared,

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide. In the strife of Truth and Falsehood, for the good or evil side."

An impartial appraisal of American degeneracy demands that godly citizens awaken, arise and meet the challenge before us. In 1940, in one of his fireside chats, Franklin Roosevelt made this monumental statement that is so apropos today,

"We build and defend not for our generation alone. We defend the foundations laid by our fathers. We build a way of life for generation- yet unborn. We defend and we build a way of life, not for America alone, but for all mankind,"

Those even remotely conversant with the decline and fall of the Roman Empire and the parallels in world affairs today ought to be convinced that now is the hour to stand up, speak out and help save America.

So many people in the world are looking to us for guidance, maturity and leadership in the crises of life. However, presently, we are a great disappointment to many friends of the past due to the rebellion and immorality of a whole generation of our citizenry. Will it be said of us, as it was of Rome, that "our vicious lives alone have conquered us" and "there is more wickedness being committed than can be counted." Truly, America is on the verge of committing suicide even as we race to the moon!

What can we do to stem the tide of reprehensible conduct that will eventuate in hell? There are several things we must restore if America is ever to be strong again.

- (1) Godliness In Our Homes
- (2) Respect for Authority
- (3) Bible Preaching
- (4) Evangelistic Zeal
- (5) Personal Purity

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

The Five Fingers of Prayer

“Let your fingers do the walking”



The fingers on our hands can help us remember for whom to pray.

1. The thumb is nearest to us. Begin prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. Praying for loved ones is a sweet duty.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, ministers, and church elders. They need wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of secular leaders. Pray for our President and Congress, leaders in business and industry, and school administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is the weakest finger, as any piano teacher will explain. This reminds us to pray for the weak, those in trouble, and in pain. They need prayers day and night.
5. Last comes the little finger, the smallest of all. This is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. The Bible says, "He who is least among you all will be great" (Luke 9:48). Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective, and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

- Glenn Hitchcock

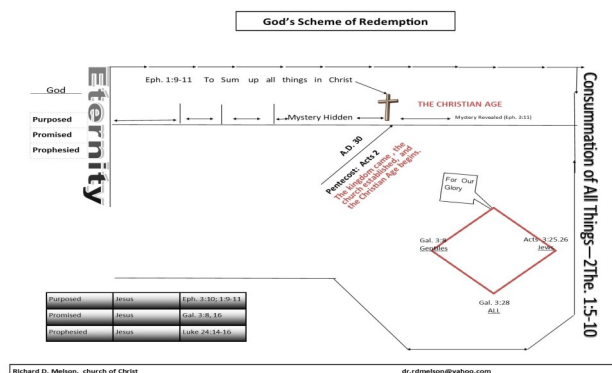
- Via House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart



The old Yellow Pages. Some remember them well. Some have no idea what a “Phone Book” even was. The Yellow Pages were a printed telephone directory of businesses in a local area, which was organized by categories and provided their addresses and phone numbers. The slogan, “Let your fingers do the walking,” was created to encourage residents to flip through the directory (provided free of charge) to find (and contact!) businesses in their area.

Even though the Yellow Pages is a thing of the past, fellow Christian, we still need to let our fingers do the walking. They can walk through the contacts on your phone to find brothers and sisters in Christ who could use a phone call or a text. They can walk across your keyboard to find Bible study materials to share with those who need the gospel. They can walk through the church directory to find opportunities for daily prayers. What can your fingers do to help you serve the Lord and His people this week?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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In the final analysis, the real salvation of any nation is the personal integrity of individual citizens. There is no substitute for purity and virtue and Christ-likeness. It is in this area that America is suffocating. Our morals are at an all-time low ebb. Can God allow our age of nudity, filth, licentiousness and adultery to long endure? When shall we awaken to the satanic influences we have created, allowed and catered to? There must be a major backlash on behalf of decency and common sense or we shall, as a nation, crumble into the dust. Truly, “a monstrous contest of wickedness is going on” and only the pristine beauty of Christianity can overwhelm its odious charms. Unless a deep spiritual surge comes soon, the carnality of America will bring sudden and sure decay. What a tragedy should our epitaph read,

“Here lies America ... a nation that died for the lack of righteousness by its citizenry . . . Where were the Christians?”

But across the centuries and the meandering scenes of time, the voice of the Christ firmly cries, “Follow Me.” Our destiny-now and eternally-will depend upon our response to that plea.

When Coming to the Assembly for Worship

When we come together to worship God, there are some things we should bring along, and there are some things we should leave at home.

We should bring along:

- A cheerful disposition. Worship is about joy and love. A pleasant smile. Others will be encouraged by it.
- An open mind, ready to learn more of God.
- An honest heart, so we can worship with a clean conscience. A humble and contrite spirit, so worship will be acceptable. A rested body, because being so tired that we fall asleep hinders our worship.

We should leave at home:

- Our problems and worries. Our plans for the week.
- All envy, malice, ill will and insincerity.
- Anything that would cause us to focus on something other than God.

(Edited, article by Basil D. Shilling and taken from Handley bulletin in Fort Worth, TX)

- ☞ Pantry Items: Boxed Meal (e.g. Hamburger Helper); Canned Meals (Ravioli etc.); Pop Tarts
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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