

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	50
Attendance AM	100
Attendance PM	60
Wednesday PM	41

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil Tydings; Kim Tydings; Krubo Joploh; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Ron Robbins;
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr. (work); Norris Cole, II; Mozella Tate
Prayers:
Repentance: Rita McGahee
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Birthdays: November— 14 Ruby; 16 Tally Poole
Anniversaries: November— None
Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class December 7 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 1—"Sisters, I Need You"
Potter Children's Home: Coming Soon—Christmas Gift Shop

November 12	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
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	Norris Cole, II
Scripture Reader	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D Melson	Richard D Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D Melson	Richard D Melson
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
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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A WARNING FROM THE PAST

Alan E. Highers

[Many years ago Alan Highers, then minister for the Getwell church in Memphis, TN, recorded the following story. Brother Highers was selected to succeed Guy N. Woods as director of the Open Forum at the Annual Lectureship of then Freed-Hardeman College (now Freed-Hardeman University), he continues to serve as Editor of the Spiritual Sword magazine. Brother Highers is now a retired Tennessee State Court of Appeals Judge].

The following incident in the life of Brother J.W. McGarvey was told by Brother Jesse P. Sewell. Although it happened more than sixty years ago; these words of warning from that grand old man are still very timely:

In January, 1902 or 1903, I was preaching for the Pearl and Bryan Streets Church in Dallas. Brother McGarvey, an old man at the time, was invited to speak at the Central Christian Church in Dallas. We had three men in the Pearl and Bryan Streets Church who had graduated from the College of the Bible in Lexington, under Brother McGarvey, and they were great admirers of him. They suggested that we invite Brother McGarvey to preach at Pearl and Bryan that night. We did so. I was just a boy of twenty-four or twenty-five then. I was sitting by the side of this great old man on the front seat, waiting for the service to begin. As we sat there talking, Brother McGarvey said to me: "Brother Sewell, I want to say something to you, if you'll accept it in the spirit in which I mean it." I told him I'd appreciate anything he had to say to me. He said about these words, "You are on the right road, and whatever you do, don't let anybody persuade you that you can successfully combat error by fellowshipping it and going along with it. I have tried. I believed at the start that was the only way to do it. I've never held membership in a congregation that uses instrumental music. I have, however, accepted invitations to preach without distinction between churches that used it and churches that didn't. I've gone along with their papers and magazines and things of that sort. During all these years I have taught the truth as the New Testament teaches it to every young preacher who has passed through the College of the Bible. Yet, I do not know of more than six of those men who are preaching the truth today." He said, "**It won't work.**"

That experience has been an inspiration to me all the days of my life since. It has helped me, when I was ever tempted to turn aside and go along with error, to remember the warning of this great old man. *AS*

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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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 - Greater Midwest Lectureship
 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

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

Tonight, This Book Saved Me

"May God bless the man who placed this book here. I am a young lady twenty-one years old, fatherless and motherless. Tonight, this book saved me from taking a wrong step. May the next reader find in it the comfort that I did."

These words were found on the flyleaf of a Bible in a motel in Birmingham, Alabama. The Bible is the one book that can save many a heartache. There is no greater accomplishment in life than to be able to rightly divide the word of truth. It is worth all the necessary sacrifice.

One can never be truly great who does not know the Word, love it, live it, delight in it, and teach it without perversion or mis-representation. The one who studies and knows how to handle it is in a position to render the greatest service to the world.

No wonder Paul told Timothy (1) to study, (2) to be a worker, and (3) to seek to be approved to God (2 Timothy 2:15). There is no higher ambition on earth.

The one who seeks to know the Bible will endeavor to study its contents book by book, meet its characters as they unfold through its pages, and study its types, doctrine, topics, paragraphs, sentences, and words. This is a lifetime work.

The Bible is a mirror that enables us to see ourselves. It is food that supplies the strength we need, a lamp to guide our way, a hammer to break and to build, a sword to fight and to defend, the seed to plant and grow, and the goal to own and to become our reward.

- Franklin Camp
- Via House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart

Thank God for Christians who do the right (but hard) thing!

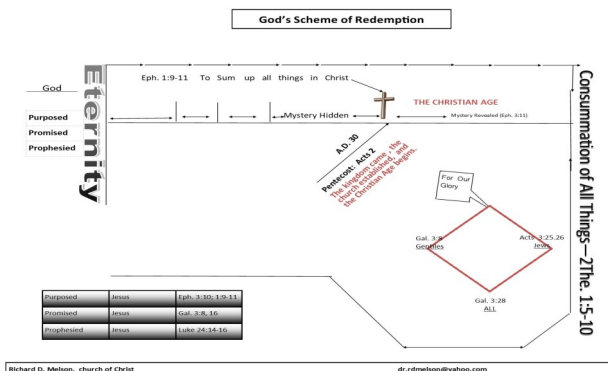


Most decisions as a Christian are not that hard. Some folks might tend to make them hard (like a child who makes a household chore a harder task than it really is), but they are not actually "burdensome" (1 John 5:3). But there are some decisions that are quite hard. Some decisions (to become or to remain faithful as a Christian) require true sacrifice.

Some decisions may involve severing relationships with family (Matt. 10:34-37). Some decisions may involve quitting a job (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 4:28). Some decisions may involve a complete overhaul of life direction (Matt. 16:24-26; Luke 14:33). Some decisions may involve remaining in a tough marriage or remaining single for the rest of life (1 Cor. 7:10-11; Matt. 19:9-12; Rom. 7:2-3). Some decisions can "cost" quite a bit (Luke 14:28).

Thank You, God, for those faithful, determined Christians who have made the decision to do the right thing, even when it is hard! They may "lose" out on something, but they will "receive a hundredfold now in this time...and in the age to come, eternal life" (Mark 10:29-30).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



A Warning From The Past

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[The late Wayne Jackson, a very close friend of Alan Highers wrote the following comments regarding the story just recounted]

Since the days of Barton Stone, Alexander Campbell, etc., I don't suppose there has ever been a more recognized scholar of the Bible than J. W. McGarvey. Guy N. Woods has said that included among the first ten books in any preacher's library should be McGarvey's Original Commentary on Acts and his Lands of the Bible. He lived through the most difficult days of the instrumental music departure that rent asunder the body of Christ. He was already an old man at the time he gave this warning, but surely the words of a man of his knowledge and experience should not be taken lightly by any generation.

Is it strange that God-fearing people tend to emphasize the importance of His word as they approach the end of their earthly pilgrimage? Solomon said that things he formerly thought important were but "vanity of vanities" (Eccl. 12:8). He concluded that only one thing in this life was truly important and that was to "fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Eccl. 12:13-14).

Shortly before his own death, Paul was characteristically thinking of others and so he wrote another letter to Timothy. How strong was the bond of love between these two! Paul called him his "own son in the faith" (I Tim. 1:2), and later his "dearly beloved son" (II Tim. 1:2). He remembered Timothy night and day in prayers (II Tim.

1:3), but toward the end his thoughts were focused on the Word. "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord..." (II Tim. 1:8). "Hold fast the form of sound words..."(II Tim. 1:13). "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2). " ... Preach the word..." (II Tim. 3:14;4:5).

May we always be a Bible-studying people, and may God give us the wisdom to discern error and the strength to oppose it whenever it may be found. But may we also have the disposition to "be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient; In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves: if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth..." (II Tim. 2:24-25).

-Wayne Jackson

- ☞ **Pantry Items:** Boxed Meal (e.g. Hamburger Helper); Canned Meals (Ravioli etc.); Pop Tarts
- ☞ **Potter Children's Home:** Christmas Gift Shop—see list for items.
- ☞ **Senior Lunch**—at Bob Evans 7400 Miller Lane 11:00 AM



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