

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	56
Attendance AM	104
Attendance PM	42
Wednesday PM	38

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Phil & Kim Tydings; Krubo Joploh; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mauricio Garrido; Paige Cook (expected to deliver any day); Mozella Tate (shoulder); April Gilbert

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

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Birthdays: February** — 4 Betty Blakley; 13 Tena Eslick 16— Frank Brock; 21 Jerry Thomas; 22— Brenda Wiley, 28 Deborah Crane

**Anniversaries: February**— 25 Ron & Virginia Robbins

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class February 22 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 4 — "Sisters, I Need You"

February 11	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grgigsby
Server 1	Chris Poole	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Frank Brock
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
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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## TEN INCENTIVES FOR EVANGELISM

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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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A weary man trudged through the snow and ice to ring a doorbell. The man answering it responded with, "Why in the world are you out in this terrible weather trying to sell brushes?" The salesman replied, "Sir, my family must eat!" A person will do almost anything if he is motivated. Whether it's selling brushes in the snow; climbing a mountain; lifting a car off a loved one; or obeying the commands of God, motivation is a prime mover. A person will not be moved to do very much until there is a strong stimulus.

God has given the Church many great works to do. Nothing must interfere with us as we seek to do the Master's will in every area. The number one priority given to the Church by Christ is making disciples of all people. Many members of the Body of Christ, however, aren't involved in this priority work. Why? There are probably several answers to this question. One I am certain of is a **lack of motivation**. This is why we must raise and answer this important question: Why teach or evangelize the lost? If we can find the proper answers to this question, and these answers are founded on God's word, we will have proper motivation for going and teaching the lost.

**First**, we are commanded to evangelize. This removes it from the realm of optional works. It is a must. Jesus said, "Go make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). Many try to play down doing anything for the Lord because of commandment. This is not biblical! Jesus said, "If you love me you will keep my commandment" (John 14:15). His command, is go and teach.

**Second**, Christians must share the sense of debt that the apostle Paul felt. He said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also" (Rom. 1:14, 15). Gratitude for one's salvation is a strong incentive to share the gospel with the lost.

**Third**, the needs of sinners should motivate us to teach the lost. Paul said, "For all have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Jesus said, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:35; cf. Mark 15:15, 16). A sinner needs salvation more than the air he is breathing. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8 :36). The old saying of "Find a need and meet it" has no greater application than to evangelizing the lost.

**Fourth**, love for Christ is another prime incentive for teaching the lost. Paul wrote, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all

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## SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

## “Science, Faith and Politics”

To the Editor, Anniston Star,

James Evans’ February 9, 2007 article on “Science, Faith and Politics” criticized Bishop Boniface Adoyo of Kenya for “flexing political muscle” by calling on evangelicals in Kenya to boycott the national museum’s display of “Turkana Boy,” and for demanding a warning sign that “Evolution is not a fact.”

Is Evans among those who say people of faith should just accept what any scientist says, no questions asked? That view was not in vogue in the time of Charles Darwin, whose only earned degree was in theology.

Evans makes the logical mistake of dicto simpliciter, or hasty generalization, in saying “For more than 500 years people of faith have been at war with people of science. In nearly every one of these contests—from whether the sun revolves around the earth or whether illness is caused by demons—the faith position has proven to be incorrect.”

He overlooks the scientific ash heap of failed theories and hoaxes: spontaneous generation, Ernst Haeckel’s biogenetic law of embryonic recapitulation, Piltdown man—based on an altered orangutan’s jaw, Nebraska man—based on one giant pig’s tooth, etc.

There is no conflict between true science and biblical faith. Much of the scientific world has, however, abandoned true scientific objectivity so that it becomes a religious faith system itself. The evolutionary faith system demands we believe that life came from non-life (spontaneous generation). If, as evolution asserts, all life has evolved from species to species, there should be an unbroken continuum among species, but neither the fossil record nor observation shows that to be true.

Evans’ suggests the question of where Cain got his wife is a serious difficulty for those who take the Bible literally. Since Eve “was the mother of all living,” (Genesis 3:20), Cain married another descendant of Eve. Truth is consistent with truth. Jesus prayed, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17).

- Bob Prichard

## Church for Sale



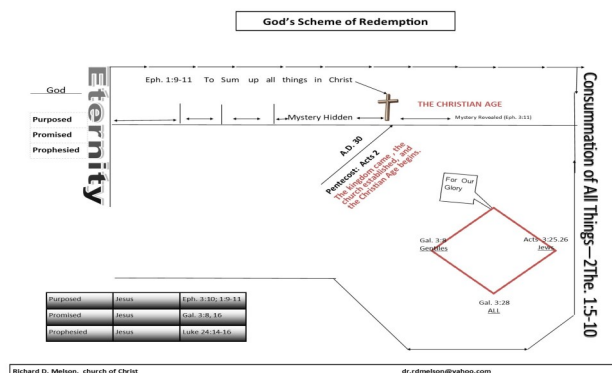
It’s strange to drive down a road and see an old church building with a sign that says, “Church for Sale.” For whatever reason, the building at that location is now vacant and no longer being used. So, what is actually for sale is a “Church Building,” not the “Church.”

The “church” was already bought! Paul told a group of elders that “the church of God [was] purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). There was NO price that any man could pay in order to “buy” the church! Christ did that!

Unfortunately, there have been some, in the last two millennia, who have put the church “up for sale,” as it were. They’ve “sold it out” for their own personal agenda, for some manmade doctrine, for some desire to “fit in” with other manmade religions, for no good reason at all. In some locations, the church that Jesus paid for is no longer the church that Jesus paid for.

Let us love Jesus’ church as Jesus did and does (Eph. 5:25), and let us never give it up!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson’s Musings ...



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dead” (II Cor. 5:14). A man works for his family because he loves it. Likewise, a person works for Christ because he loves him. We are able to love him because he first loved us. Love is a flame that should set our feet marching toward the lost with good news.

**Fifth**, love for others should move us to evangelism. Andrew wasted no time in bringing his brother, Simon (Peter), to Jesus (cf. John 1:41). Jesus died for the salvation of all men (cf. Romans 5:5-10); his death was a reality because God loves the sinner and was willing to give (cf. John 3:16). What are we willing to give the sinner? If we love him we will give him the gospel of Christ.

**Sixth**, the example set by the early disciples should encourage us to go and tell others about the salvation in Christ ( cf. Eph. 1:3, 7). In a hostile world they preached Christ (cf. Acts 4:11-13); nothing could stop them as they taught daily in the temple, and in every house ( cf. Acts 5:42). They preached Christ crucified, it was a stumbling block to the Jews, and unto the Greeks it was foolishness (cf. I Cor. 1:23). These are good examples for us to follow.

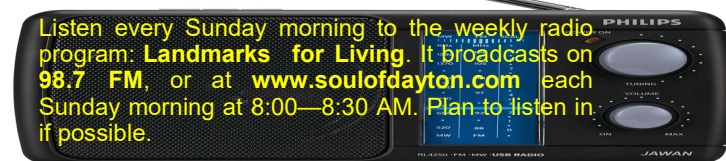
**Seventh**, gospel stewardship is another motive to evangelize. Paul said, “Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be faithful” (I Cor. 4:1, 2). This “mystery” is the fulfillment of Christ’s redemptive work as stated in the Prophets, and revealed through the proclamation of the gospel (cf. Eph. 1:8-10; 1 Peter 1:10-12). Faithfulness demands that we share the gospel of Christ.

**Eighth**, teaching the lost and baptizing them into Christ helps a Christian bear fruit (cf. John 15:1-8). Bearing fruit brings glory to God. “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:10).

**Ninth**, a lack of workers is an incentive to teach the lost. Jesus said, and it’s still true today, “ ... the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth laborers into the harvest” (Matt. 9:37,38). If you don’t teach the lost, who will? The Lord of harvest wants **YOU** to go!

**Tenth**, the promised reward should move us to take the gospel to the lost. One day we will stand before Christ to give account of ourselves (cf. II Cor. 5:10). Thus, “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. “ (II Cor. 5:11). “Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire: and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is” (I Cor. 3:13). This is why, therefore, we must be loyal to our Lord and his commission to make disciples of all nations. Only those who do his commandments will enter the gates into the city (Rev. 22 :14). Reward is a strong incentive to teach the lost. ☞

- ☞ **Pantry Items:** Tuna Fish; Corn Flakes; Saltine Crackers; Apple Sauce; Peanut Butter; Jelly
- ☞ **Senior Lunch**— Will resume in April, 2024
- ☞ **2024 Theme:** Seeking The Lost
- ☞ **Learning to Live with Loss**—with Dean Miller April 5-7



## NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: [www.wvbs.org](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://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