

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	62
Attendance AM	100
Attendance PM	35
Wednesday PM	36

**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; Dana Grigsby;

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

**Prayers:** Judy Arnette

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Ruby Cole and family

**Birthdays: February** — 4 Betty Blakely; 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 18	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord’s Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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# THE EDIFIER

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## WHAT KIND OF MAN ARE YOU?

Robert Lupo

A Washington Post article from February 9, 2016 reads, “Assault with a deadly weapon: Florida man charged with throwing alligator into Wendy’s.” If you are not yet familiar, let me introduce you to Florida Man. No, I’m not talking about myself. I’m referring to the phrase that seems to continuously pop up in news articles every other week. Each time you hear the phrase, “Florida man,” you know you are in for a story that is crazier than the last. No one has a reputation quite like Florida Man.

A reputation is a very important thing, especially to a Christian. A good reputation can equip us to reach a great number of souls and a poor reputation can drive them away. Our reputation tells others what kind of men we are. What does your reputation say about you?

When David handed the throne over the Solomon, he told him that he needed to prove himself to be a man (1 Kgs. 2:2). He said, “Keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn.”

If Solomon wants to be a good man, then there are some things he needs to do. He needs to understand God’s purpose for him, behave according to God’s will, and remain obedient to God’s law. Solomon would stay faithful to his father’s words for a while, but eventually, he lost his way.

As early as 1 Kings 3:1, Solomon broke the law (Deut. 7:3) by marrying the Pharaoh’s daughter. His desire for foreign women grew even stronger by 1 Kings 11:1-2. By verse 4, it revealed that his hundreds of pagan wives turned his heart from God and toward idols. Because of his betrayal, God took the northern kingdom from his son (1 Kgs. 11:31-33). What kind of man did Solomon prove himself to be? He was certainly not the man his father David expected him to be. Instead of seeking to please God, he filled his own desires. Despite all the wisdom God bestowed upon him, he did not behave as God expected him to. Instead of heeding God’s commands, he turned from the Lord and worshipped false idols.

What kind of man are you? If you say you are a Christian, does your reputation reflect Christ? Are you walking the walk or just talking the talk? If our lives have not been transformed into the image of Christ, we do not have the right to call ourselves Christians. It’s time to prove ourselves. “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong” (1 Cor. 16:13, ESV). *✍️*

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

**SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10**

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

## Making Plans



Croesus, who lived in the sixth century before Christ, was fabled for his wealth. He is the historical source for the legend of Midas, whose touch turned everything to gold. As the king of ancient Lydia, he planned a war against the Persians. When he consulted the oracle at Delphi, he was told that if he went to war, he would destroy a great empire. He took this as a green light to fight the Persians, and went to battle. After being decisively defeated, he sent messengers to question the oracle. The answer: "The oracle was right. You did indeed destroy a great empire—your own."

Croesus, as a pagan, consulted an oracle, which gave him ambiguous advice. His story might have been very different had he consulted the God of heaven.

James warns about making plans without considering God. "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:13-17).

I have always been impressed when people come by to visit and say something like, "I am considering taking a new job, and I want to make sure that I will have a faithful congregation to place membership with, before I accept the new job." Too often Christians don't even think about what the church will be like where they are moving.

Whatever plans for the future you are making, make sure that you are including God!

- Bob Prichard

## Did you do it with "joy and gladness"?

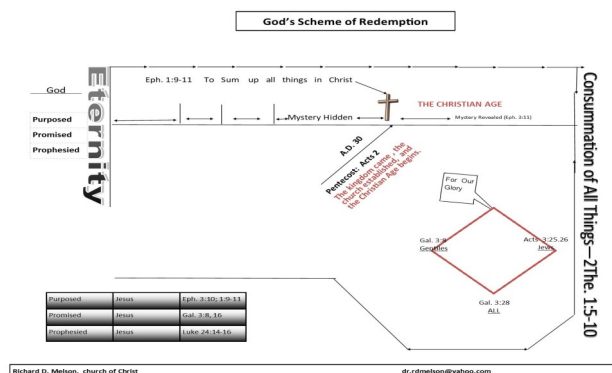


Only two chapters in the Bible have more verses than the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy (i.e., Numbers 7 and Psalm 119; 1 Kings 8 has more words but fewer verses). The length of the chapter should tell us something. Moses is about ready to die and he is laying out the "Blessings of Obedience" (in 14 verses) and the "Curses on Disobedience" (in 54 verses). The warnings are real and vivid! He tells the children of Israel what "the Lord will" do to punish them. But why would the Lord punish His own people?

We know that they would be "destroyed because [they] did not obey the voice of the Lord" (28:45). But notice what added detail of their disobedience that Moses inserts into verse 47, "Because [they] did not serve the Lord [their] God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything." Wow! God is not simply looking for us to obey Him. He is looking for us to obey Him "with joy and gladness of heart"!

So, do you? "The abundance of everything" that He does for us provides easy motivation!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



### The Essential Ingredient

A fellow stopped at a rural gas station and, after filling his tank, he paid the bill and bought a soft drink. As he stood by his car, drinking his Pepsi, he noticed a couple of men working along the roadside. One man would dig a two to three foot hole and then move on. The other man came along behind and filled in the hole. While one was digging a new hole, the other was about 25 feet behind filling in the hole.

The men worked right past the fellow with the Pepsi and went on down the road. "I can't stand this," said the man, heading down the road toward the men. "Hold it, hold it," he said to the men. "Can you tell me what's going on here with this digging?"

"Well, we work for the county," one of the men said. "But one of you is digging a hole and the other fills it up. You're not accomplishing anything. Aren't you wasting the county's money?"

"You don't understand, mister," one of the men said, leaning on his shovel and wiping his brow. "Normally there's three of us -- me, Rodney and Mike. I dig the hole, Rodney sticks in the tree and Mike here puts the dirt back. Now just because Rodney's sick, that don't mean that Mike and me can't work."

All too often our work for the Lord falls into that category. We have good intentions and think we are doing something important for the advancement of the cause of Christ. In reality, we just do busywork because an essential ingredient is missing from the grand scheme of things. In the story, Rodney the tree-planter was

absolutely necessary for the work of the hole digger and the hole filler-upper to have any significance. Without the tree planting, they were working for no purpose.

In the Lord's work, evangelism (sowing the seed) is the essential ingredient. Without work being directed toward winning souls, we're just staying busy for no purpose. Whenever we lose sight of that all-important objective, (sowing and watering the seed) the life of a Christian is purposeless.

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Mark 19:10).

- John Gaines

- ☞ **Pantry Items:** Tuna Fish; Corn Flakes; Saltine Crackers; Apple Sauce; Peanut Butter; Jelly
- ☞ Gladys Chittick funeral service will be 2/21 at Newcomer Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 12:00—1:00. Service to start at 1:00 PM. Interment at Forest Hills Memorial Gardens with repass in the Fellowship Hall.
- ☞ **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](http://www.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