

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	54
Attendance AM	75
Attendance PM	30
Wednesday PM	45

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil & Kim Tydings; Krubo Joploh; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mauricio Garrido; 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 March 7 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 4 & 5 — "Sisters, I Need You"

February 25	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Chis Poole	Chris Poole
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Lyle 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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A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO HEAVEN

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Meeting Location:
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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All Members

- Supporting**
- Christian Courier
 - Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
 - Memphis School of Preaching
 - Greater Midwest Lectureship
 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

Accommodations: Arrangements for accommodations must be made in advance (John 14:2).

Passports: Persons seeking entry will not be permitted entry without having proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling Authority (Revelation 21:27).

Departure Time: The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travelers are advised to be prepared to leave on short notice (Acts 1:7; 1 Corinthians 15:52).

Tickets: Your ticket was purchased by a Friend named Jesus. It should be claimed by learning the gospel, believing in Christ, repenting of sins, confessing Jesus, and having sins washed away in baptism (Romans 10:17; Acts 2:38; Matthew 10:32; Acts 22:16). Keep its promises firmly in hand (John 5:24; Hebrews 5:8, 9).

Luggage: No luggage whatsoever is needed or allowed (1 Timothy 6:7).

Immigration: All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country. There is no maximum quota, so all are invited to come (Hebrews 4:11-16; Revelation 22:17).

Air Passage: Travelers are going directly by air (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Vaccinations: Not needed; as there are no diseases there (Revelation 21:4).

Currency: Deposits may be forwarded to await passenger's arrival. Make deposits as large as possible (Matthew 6:20,21).

Clothing: A complete and appropriate new wardrobe is provided for each traveler (Isaiah 61:10).

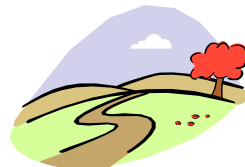
Reservations: Booking is now open. Since departure time is unknown, you should apply at once. If you wait, it may be too late (2 Corinthians 6:2).

To learn more, please consult the Holy Bible. *✍*

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

The Route to Heaven



Philippians is sometimes called the “epistle of joy,” because of Paul’s admonition, “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). Paul joyously looked forward to heaven, longing to see it. “For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you” (1:23-24).

Paul loved his brethren, “my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown ... my dearly beloved” (4:1), so he wanted them also to share in the joy of heaven. The route to heaven that he showed them has a surprising turn, however, as he stressed suffering.

“For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me” (1:29-30).

Paul believed that the things he had suffered were for the glory of God. As he discussed the preaching of the gospel that resulted from his imprisonment, whether by brethren emboldened by his bonds, or others preaching “even of envy and strife,” “supposing to add affliction to” his bonds (1:15-16), he rejoiced, believing Christ would be magnified, “whether it be by life, or by death” (1:20).

Christ is our great example of sacrifice. He “took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (2:7-8). The proper response of the Philippians was to humbly “Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world” (2:14-15). In our dark world, we must follow this example, “For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (3:20) !

- Bob Prichard

No fancy titles

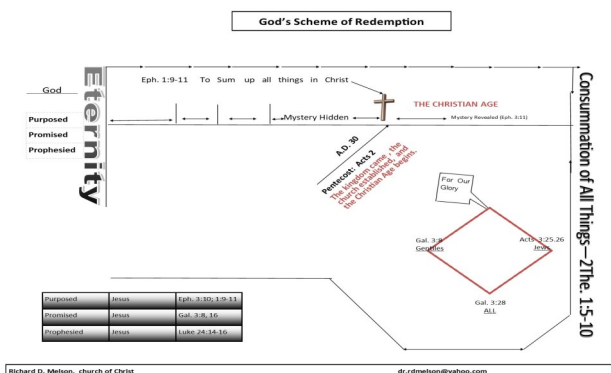


There are some highfalutin names that folks use for men who publicly proclaim the Bible today. Some are called “Father So-And-So” or “Pastor So-And-So” or even “Reverend So-And-So.” When you read through the New Testament, did you ever read anything like that? Can you imagine Paul addressing a letter to “Reverend Timothy”?

Timothy’s name is found about 24 times in the New Testament. This man, who was a “minister” (1 Thess. 3:2) and “evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5), is called a “disciple” (Acts 16:1), “fellow worker” (Rom. 16:21), “beloved and faithful son in the Lord” (1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Tim. 1:2, 18; 2 Tim. 1:2), “our brother” (2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1; Phil. 1; Heb. 13:23), and “bondservant of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:1). But, this public proclaimer was never called by any highfalutin title at all.

In fact, here is my favorite designation for Timothy. Paul said, “he does the work of the Lord” (1 Cor. 16:10). If you’re a preacher, that’s the nicest thing that anyone could ever say about you. In fact, that’s the highest compliment that any Christian could be paid!!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



The Importance of Thinking About Heaven

Every wonderful deed that was ever done was first conceived in the mind. There is a clear and obvious connection between the way we think and the way we act. In Proverbs 23:7 the wise man wrote, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he,” so we might ask, what should we be thinking about? Colossians 3:1-2 admonishes, If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

When Paul says “seek” he is using a term that focuses on the heart. We must have a desire for heaven. The word “affection” has more to do with the mind. We should set our minds on—spend time thinking about—heave If you are a New Testament Christian you should spend time thinking about heaven because you have died with Christ. Paul writes, For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:3-4).

When Christ died and His body was buried in a tomb His life was hidden. Whoever witnessed his corpse on the cross could not see life in Him. When Joseph of Arimathea and the women who followed carried Jesus to the tomb they could not see life in Him. But that life was revived! When we die with Christ in baptism we kill the old man of sin and our life is continually hidden with Christ (Romans 6:6). Because of this we have a hope of eternal life in heaven (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 49).

Thinking about heaven also affects your behavior. Paul commands, “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth...” (Colossians 3:5). This means we must end those parts of ourselves which are earthly, fleshly, and sinful. He provides examples in verses 5-8. Sexual sins and social sins are listed. Thinking about heaven helps me

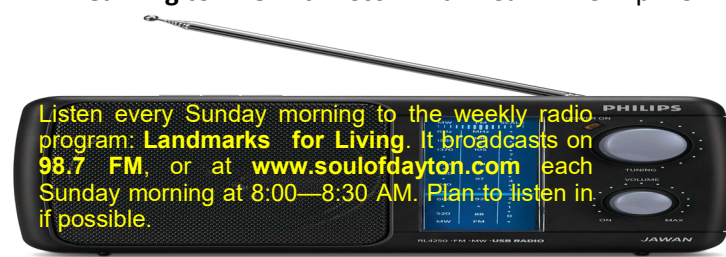
to end my relationship with these transgressions of God’s will.

I am benefitted when I think about heaven because it helps me keep the proper perspective in life. I will be more likely to keep my relationships with fellow Christians honest (Colossians 3:9). When I do stumble I’ll be willing to confess my faults (James 5:16). I’ll want to know more and more about my God, and the wonderful home that has been prepared (Colossians 3:10). My life won’t become unbalanced, full of entertainment and earthly activities while starving for the bread of life. Prejudice will be far from me because these earthly distinctions do not matter in God’s kingdom. The only distinction that will occupy my mind will be those who have put on Christ, and those who still need to do so.

Spend more time thinking about heaven. It will be time well spent and comes with numerous spiritual benefits. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:8)

- Ross Haffner

- ☞ **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 ; 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