

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	59
Attendance AM	92
Attendance PM	43
Wednesday PM	41

**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; Richard Melson, Jr. (back)

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

**Prayers:** Michael Dudley

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Mary Vance family; Cole family

**Birthdays: March** — 6 Melody Angus; 9— Rita McGahee; 10 Samuel Jones, Jr.; 11— Mary Vance; 17— Pat Norris; 18—Layne Vance; 27 - Lyle Cole; 28— Cynthia Lease; 30— Timothy Angus, William Bogan

**Anniversaries: March**— None

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class March 21 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 5 —"Sisters, I Need You"

March 10	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Tony Moore	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Frank Brock	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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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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**PARENTS, AFFIRM THE MASCULINITY AND FEMININITY OF YOUR KIDS!**

David Sproule

The devil is trying to deceive you! And he is using the world—with its lusts, its pride, its alures, its lies, its shiny things, its "highly educated professionals," its pressures, its "know better" celebrities, its "medical experts," etc.—to convince you that right is wrong, that wrong is right, that up is down, that down is up, that feelings are safe, that absolute truth is non-existent, and that you are a fool to go against the tide of society.

Just as true today are Isaiah's words from 2,700 years ago, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!" (Isa. 5:20-21).

Parents, you are being sold a bill of goods regarding your children and their "gender identity." Gender is NOT difficult (or fluid). There are boys, and there are girls. That is it. That is what God made, and that has not changed since the beginning (Gen. 1:26-28; Matt. 19:4). A boy is a boy. A girl is a girl. Why is this all of sudden difficult to understand? We grew up with stories about "Jack and Jill," and understood them as clearly as the true story about "Adam and Eve."

In an article on The Free Press (thefp.com) on October 30, 2023, the chief psychiatrist in the department of adolescent psychiatry at Finland's Tampere University Hospital, who oversaw "the establishment of a gender identity service for minors" starting in 2011, came out and said what every rational person knows to be true—"There is no solid evidence supporting the medical transitioning of young people."

In this article, in which she lays out her extensive experience and observations of the "gender transitioning" trend of the last decade, Dr. Riittakerttu Kaltiala referenced the "findings and recommendations regarding youth gender transition" that Finland's national medical body released in June 2020. "The report warned that young people, whose brains were still maturing, lacked the ability to properly 'assess the consequences' of making decisions they would have to live with for the 'rest of their lives.'" Imagine that!

But, there are "older" and "wiser" (NOT!) persons who are "helping" young people down this destructive path, erroneously thinking that they can change something that is embedded (and unchangeable) in their DNA.

Parents, wake up! Stand up! Speak up! Affirm the wonderful masculinity of your sons (created by God). Affirm the wonderful femininity of your daughters (created by God). Help them to know who they are in God's eyes and to long to be exactly who God designed them to be — HIS boys and girls!!

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

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

## Where Will We Be in 2040?



[This was written in February, 2006 but it remains true]

Peter Singer is a professor of ethics at Princeton University. He is well known for supporting euthanasia and infanticide and many other controversial practices. He made a prediction about the future of public opinion in the September-October, 05 issue of Foreign Policy. He forecast that by 2040, "only a rump of hard-core, know-nothing religious fundamentalists will defend the view that every human life, from conception to death, is sacrosanct."

Marvin Olasky, editor in chief of World magazine challenged Dr. Singer, as to whether his support for killing the very young (not just abortion, but killing unwanted young children) or the terminally ill, was not like the Nazi programs. Singer, who had three grandparents killed by the Nazis, said in Writings on an Ethical Life that the Nazi program was racially biased and designed to eliminate "social ballast" and "useless mouths," while the euthanasia he advocates is a free choice of ill adults who want to die, or by parents who believe that their disabled children are better off dead.

Olasky points out that "The two positions are different, but they have a common denominator: It's OK to kill socially inconvenient people. Hitler said the government should decide who's convenient (sic) and Mr. Singer wants individuals to decide, but the slope is slippery. Already we're seeing government hospitals ceasing to treat the elderly or ill unless someone objects loudly. When health care is government-paid, demands for 'cost containment' by euthanasia will grow" (World, October 29, 2005).

What about Singer's projection? What will people think in 2040? Will we let the truth ring out? Will we be the only ones left in 2040 who will stand up for the value of all life? "Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked" (Exodus 23:7). We as Christians need to be vocal in supporting life.

- Bob Prichard

## Silly excuses aren't so silly!

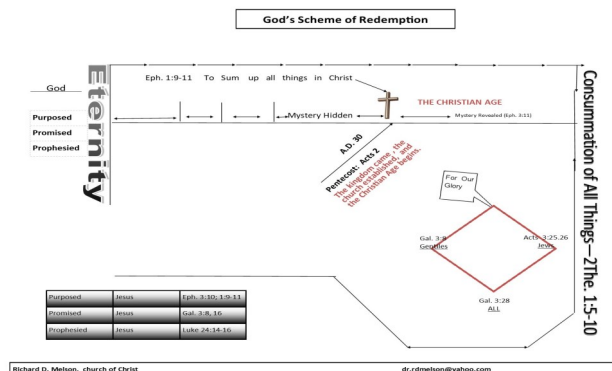


Kids! They know how to make excuses, don't they! Whew! When they don't want to do something, they can come up with "the best reasons" to explain their inactivity. "My foot hurts." "I need to go to the bathroom." "I'm tired." As adults, we can see right through their excuses to just how pitiful their efforts to avoid action really are.

It makes me wonder. If we can see right through excuses that kids make, how effective do you think that our excuses are in the eyes of our Father in heaven? Are they just as pitiful? When God calls us to action (speaking to lost souls, encouraging brethren, worshiping with the church, etc.), do you think that He is really persuaded by our "But I'm so busy," "Someone else will handle it," "I'm basically being a good person already," "I'll make it up to Him in some other way"?

In the Parable of the Great Supper in Luke 14:15-24, the master became angry at his servants' excuses, and he just went and found others who would follow him. Will He also give up on us because of our excuses?!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



### Why Be A Christian

In Isaiah 62:1-2, Jehovah God promised to give His people a new name. We see this promise fulfilled in the book of Acts when those who obeyed the gospel were called Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28). Sadly, this divinely bestowed title has been traded in for sectarian designations given by men, many of which are not found in Scripture and serve only to divide. Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). The Lord has invited each of us to come to Him and yoke ourselves to His teaching (Matthew 11:28- 30). Why should you be a Christian?

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). This dark world needs the light of Jesus Christ reflected by His followers (Philippians 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:12). Everyone who wears the name of Christ should strive to be kind, compassionate, selfless, benevolent, holy, loving, peaceable, hardworking, honest, pure and gentle. You should become a Christian so you can have the greatest impact on the world around you.

Next, the Holy Spirit compares Christianity to an athletic event. In sports, most athletes will step up to a challenge and give their very best when they are competing for a prize or a title. Did you know that it's no different in the spiritual realm? In speaking of the Christian race Paul said, "know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain" (1 Corinthians 9:24). Christianity takes even more determination and discipline than Olympic athletes display! You should become a Christian in order to rise to the highest challenge.

Lastly, the best reason to become a Christian is seen in 1 John 3:1, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." As God's children we can approach His throne of grace for help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). We can draw near to Him in every

circumstance and know that He will draw near to us (James 4:8). Our Father has invited us to cast our cares upon Him and assured us that He cares (1 Peter 5:7). You should become a Christian so you can enjoy an intimate relationship with your Creator.

If you have not been born again, you are not yet part of the family of God, but you can become a follower of Jesus Christ by obeying His gospel (John 3:5; Galatians 3:27; Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:3). Would you like to wear the most powerful name, influence your family, community and world for good and aim for the highest of all goals? Come be a Christian.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name (Isaiah 62:1-2).

- Clay Bond

- ☞ **Pantry Items:** Tuna Fish; Corn Flakes; Saltine Crackers; Apple Sauce; Peanut Butter; Jelly
- ☞ **Gospel Meeting** with Don Blackwell—Tipp City March 10-13
- ☞ **Senior Game Day**—March 12, Noon 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