

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	48
Attendance AM	84
Attendance PM	26
Wednesday PM	33

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil & Kim Tydings; Krubo Joploh; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mauricio Garrido; Mozella Tate (shoulder);
Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.;
Prayers: Michael Dudley
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy: The Mamula family (Lenora Vance);
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 17	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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HEAVEN HOLDS ALL TO ME

Cody Westbrook

"Heaven holds all to me, brighter its glory will be; joy without measure will be my treasure, Heaven holds all to me."

The words of the soul-stirring hymn written by the late brother Tillit S. Teddlie have thrilled the hearts of God's people for decades. We often sing "Heaven holds all to me" but does it really? And, why? Do we want to go to Heaven more than anything else? Do we ever contemplate what that place will be like and why we want to be there? Heaven holds all to me because...

It is not Hell

Paul wrote, "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" (2 Cor. 5:11). Our God is a God of goodness and severity (Rom. 11:22). When He "judge(s) the world in righteousness" (Acts 17:31) those who do not know Him and those who have not obeyed the gospel will be "punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Hell is a real place—just as real as Heaven. The Bible describes it as "everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). Hell is "the blackness of darkness forever (Jude 13), "outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 22:13), and a place of "everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46). Contemplating the reality of eternity in Hell sends chills down the spine and is more than enough to motivate us to do whatever is necessary in order to avoid it (cf. Matt. 5:29-30, etc.). Heaven holds all to me because I do not want to be in Hell.

My God is there

Solomon declared, "...for God is in Heaven and you are on earth, therefore let your words be few" (Ecc. 5:2). Heaven is God's "holy habitation" (Deu. 26:15). His throne is in Heaven (Ps. 11:4), He looks down from Heaven (Ps. 53:2), He speaks from Heaven (Deu. 4:36), and He rules from Heaven (Ps. 103:19). Jesus referred to Heaven as "My Father's house" (John 14:1). To be in Heaven is to be in the dwelling place of our Creator; the One who loves us, provides for us, sustains us, and satisfies us. Heaven holds all to me because it is the dwelling place of my God and spending eternity there means spending eternity in His presence.

My Savior is there

Luke wrote, "Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven" (Luke 24:51). Just as He had promised, when His work on earth was done, Jesus returned to His Father in Heaven. He said to Mary, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God'" (John 20:17). He said to His disciples, "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father" (John 16:28). Jesus now sits on His throne at

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SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

Where is your "green" today?



Today marks another March 17th where the students at the Catholic University of Dayton (as well as others) who will celebrate a so-called Catholic religious holiday with lewd, rowdy and drunken behavior.

First we should understand that there is not a biblical holiday known as St. Patrick's Day. As a matter of fact there are no authorized religious holidays in the New Testament. The man for whom this day is named after is not a real saint. A saint is a person who has obeyed the gospel, for that fact every New Testament Christian is a saint (1 Cor. 1:2). A person does not have to be physically dead for hundreds of years and then for the Catholic church to vote if you are a saint or not.

One writer said about this in defense of St. Patrick's Day: "For many, March 17th is an open call to drink all of the green beer. For some, it's a day to gorge on corned beef and cabbage. For others, it's a day to don green apparel and go around pinching those who aren't wearing the color. But not one of these activities has much to do with the actual, real traditional celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the feast day of Ireland's patron saint."

Wayne Jackson is correct when he writes: Are we free to invent religious doctrines or practices? Is the Bible the only and final authority in faith and religion?

The Roman Catholic Church is founded on the belief that the New Testament is not the complete and final authority for Christian doctrine and practice.

"Only the Scriptures" is a message that many family members and friends need to hear (cf. Col. 2:6-7; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Jn. 4:1-6; Rev. 22:18-19).

Visit this link for a great study: <https://christiancourier.com/articles/what-is-sola-scriptura>

Drive-by "shoot outs" are killing faith!

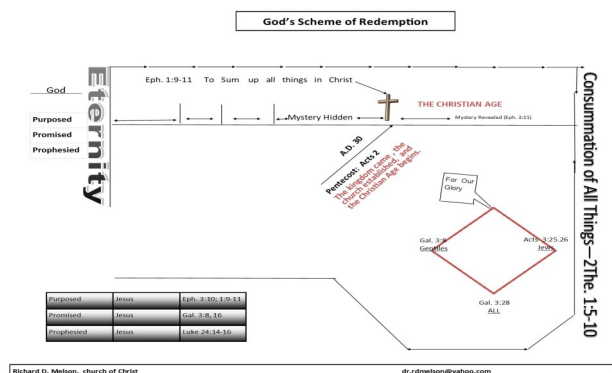


The Lord wasn't kidding when He said, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21). It truly is "full of deadly poison" (Jas. 3:8), so much so that it is killing people's faith! It is infuriating how reckless (and intentionally reckless) unbelievers can be with their tongue, by spouting off lies and unfounded accusations against God, Christ, the Bible and New Testament Christianity. And, it is equally maddening how quickly and easily their words are believed!

May I suggest a very simple principle to live by? Whatever you choose to believe (or not believe), make sure that you investigate the evidence for yourself! Don't believe (or not believe) something just because someone shoots out the lip. That's the expression the Bible uses for the scoffers who stood around Jesus' cross (Psa. 22:7). They were "shooting out the lip" words that may have sounded right to them (at the moment) but would ultimately condemn them.

There is overwhelming evidence (REAL evidence!) for God, Christ, the Bible, New Testament Christianity, etc.! Don't get caught in a shoot out! Search it out! Find real truth!
(Originally penned in December 2013)

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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the right hand of God, in the heavenlies (Eph. 1:20) and He is in "Heaven itself" to appear in the presence of God on our behalf (Heb. 9:24). The Lamb of God who is the King of Kings and the Lion of the Tribe of Judah occupies His rightful place in Heaven. Heaven holds all to me because I want to see Him, and worship Him, and be with Him forever.

The Redeemed of all Ages will be there

Shortly before His death, Jesus comforted the apostles by revealing to them that they would be able to be with Him forever in the Father's house.

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3).

In Revelation 14:1 the apostle John, who heard the words of Jesus in John 14:1-3, saw "a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty four thousand." The number is representative of the redeemed of all ages. When the Lord returns to "receive" (John 14:3) His servants and the gates of Heaven are opened, all of God's faithful from every age will be present and accounted for. Heaven holds all to me because I know that it will be a place of great reunion with those who have gone on before. What a glorious day that will be!

It is good for us to reflect on Heaven. It comforts us through this life and motivates us to live in a way that is pleasing to our God. As we sing, "Heaven holds all to me" we ought to reflect on why that place is so precious to us.

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"I'm sorry, but I already made a commitment!"

Person 1: "I missed you at services Sunday night."
Person 2: "I'm sorry, but I already made a commitment."

Christian 1: "I missed you at Bible class on Wednesday night."
Christian 2: "I'm sorry, but I already made a commitment."

Youth 1: "I missed you at the devo the other night."
Youth 2: "I'm sorry, but I already made a commitment."

Member 1: "Will you be at the church activity next weekend?"
Member 2: "I'm sorry, but I already made a commitment."

If you are someone who "always has commitments" that keep you from Bible study, worship and church activities, can I ask you a question? Didn't you already make a commitment when you were baptized? Tell the world, "I'm sorry, but I already made a commitment."

- ☞ **Pantry Items:** Tuna Fish; Corn Flakes; Saltine Crackers; Apple Sauce; Peanut Butter; Jelly
- ☞ **Gospel Meeting:** Central Ave; Fairborn March 17– 20
- ☞ **Senior Lunch**— Will resume in April, 2024
- ☞ **2024 Theme:** Seeking The Lost
- ☞ **Learning to Live with Loss**—with Dean Miller April 5-7 plan to attend and invite everyone you know.



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