

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	56
Attendance AM	83
Attendance PM	36
Wednesday PM	46

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil & Kim Tydings; Krubo Joploh; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mozella Tate (shoulder);

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Norris Cole family;

Prayers: Michael Dudley

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: The Diane and Lyle Cole family (death of Diane's sister Johnnie Maddox) ;

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 April 4 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 5 — "Sisters, I Need You"

March 24	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Greeter		
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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THERE IS NOTHING IN A NAME

Tom Wacaster (10/2019)

It is quite interesting to listen to the feeble attempts of men to justify those things for which they have no authority. After more than 45 years of preaching I have learned that once a person has decided to embark upon a certain course of action that is so blatantly opposed to the word of God, reason is thrown out the proverbial window.

Some years ago Johnnie Ann and I were making multiple trips to Ukraine to help establish and strengthen the Lord's church in Poltava. We were only allowed to remain in the country for 90 days, so we would do what we could during that time, return home, and reapply for a visa and get back to Poltava as quickly as possible. That was a period of great interest regarding matters pertaining to religion in that country, and it provided a unique opportunity to preach and teach the truth with the full expectation that our labor would yield visible fruit for the Lord. But you don't have to go to Ukraine to hear this oft-stated and ill-advised excuse for failing to abide by God's divine authority when it comes to the name we are to wear as God's children, or the terms that we are to use to refer to the church. It just so happens that an incident on one of our mission trips provided an opportunity to demonstrate the foolishness of those who might attempt to claim, "There is nothing in a name." It was a great occasion to "answer a fool according to his folly" (Proverbs 26:5).

His name was Sergei. He had been converted to the Lord prior to our having met him on our first trip to Poltava. He served as our contact/sponsor/interpreter on each of those mission trips. On occasion he would meet us at the airport in Kiev and escort us to Poltava. He was diligent, good at what he did, and he was wise beyond his years. I cannot remember the details as to how the meeting came about, but Sergei introduced us to two missionaries from Australia who were members of the Church of The Brethren. They showed some interest in our work and wanted to discuss some matters in private. I agreed to meet with them. "George" and "John" were their names. Both spoke good English with the typical Australian accent, which made for pleasant conversation. It also eliminated the need for Sergei to interpret, breaking him lose to work on the Ukrainian preacher that had come with these men. Upon our meeting, "John" suggested that we combine our efforts in order to make a greater impact for the cause of Christ. I simply told him that we could not extend fellowship to those who demonstrated a disrespect for the authority of Christ. I told him there were too many doctrinal issues that separated us and any attempt at cooperation between the two of us could only produce difficulty, not to mention that fellowship with error would render us partaker in their false doctrines (2 John 10-11). "Such as?" came his reply. I immediately focused on the names they wore. "How can we even begin to discuss unity when we can't even agree on the names and terms that we use? Where, for example is the term 'Church of the Brethren' mentioned in the Bible?" His response was so typical of those who cannot see beyond their proverbial noses when it

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SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

What Does The Bible Say About Easter?

The word Easter appears but once in the King James Version of the New Testament regarding the arrest of Peter by King Herod (Acts 12:4). The venerable Methodist scholar Adam Clarke made this comment, "Perhaps there never was a more unhappy, not to say, absurd, translation." (Clarke's Commentary, Vol. V. p. 774). The Greek word *pascha* is rightly translated "Passover" in all revisions of the KJV (ASV, NKJV, etc.) in all 29 places where is found, including Acts 12:4.

Bible scholars agree that the word "Easter" is not of the New Testament origin. Many say the derivation of the word is from the name of a Teutonic goddess of spring, Eastre, and was adapted to its present usage about the 8th century after Christ. (See Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia, Vol. I., p. 486).

From the text of Acts 12:4, it is clear that King Herod planned to kill the apostle Peter after the Jewish Passover feast. This reference could in no way authorize the observance of a special religious "holy day" called Easter.

The observance of religious "holy days" such as Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Ash Wednesday and Easter cannot be found in the Word of God. These are all innovations adapted from various pagan cultures and woven into the fabric of so-called "Christianity" by converts from heathen religions.

Those who desire to follow the New Testament as their only authority do not observe such so-called "holy days." Following the New Testament pattern, Christians meet on the first day of the week to eat the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-34). Sunday, the first day of the week is the day of worship and has significance for the Christian because on the first day of the week:

- 1) Jesus was resurrected - Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:1.
- 2) Jesus appeared to his disciples - John 20:19, 26.
- 3) The church was established - Acts 2:1ff; Cf. Lev. 23:15.
- 4) Christians held their common assembly - 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Acts 20:7.

Today, Christians worship on the first day of the week (Sunday) because this is authorized in Scripture. Paul said, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name (authority, DF) of the Lord Jesus.." (Col. 3:17). Men have no scriptural authority to add unauthorized "holy days" (1 Cor. 4:6). May we therefore "hold the pattern of sound words" and "learn not to go beyond the things which are written" (2 Tim. 1:13; 1 Cor. 4:6).

- Dan Flournoy

Is your love there or here ?

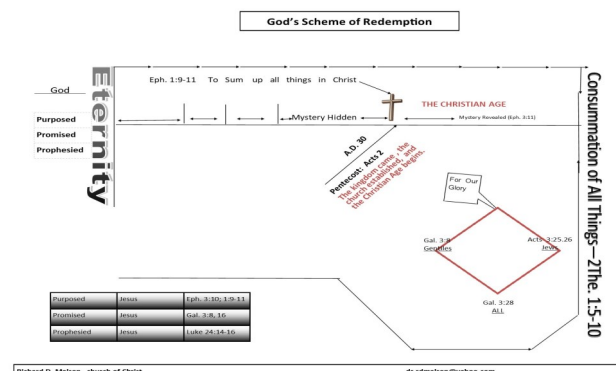


There is very little known about Demas in the New Testament. We know that he was a Christian, who spent time with Paul in Rome, while Paul was imprisoned there for the first time (Col. 4:14; Phile. 24). But by the time Paul was imprisoned in Rome the second time (about 5-8 years later), something had changed in Demas' life. He had lost his first love.

Inspiration makes only one definitive statement regarding this man—he forsook Paul, "having loved this present world" (2 Tim. 4:10). He could have done a lot of good in his life for the Lord. We don't know. The picture we do have is one who did exactly the opposite of what First John 2:15 says, "Do not love the world or the things in the world."

Demas had taken his eyes (i.e., love) off of the goal. Draw a line from verse 10 back to verse 8. Demas "loved this present world." But a "crown of righteousness" awaits "all who have loved His appearing." Which do you love? Where are your eyes? On the appearing of Jesus? Or on this present world?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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comes to such matters: "There is nothing in a name!" This is where the conversation became somewhat humorous. I responded to John, "George, there IS something in a name!" He quickly responded, "I'm John; he's George." I continued, "Ok George, whatever; let's continue." Again, he responded, "No, I'm John, he's George!" I continued, "George, turn with me to Colossians 3:17." I was abruptly interrupted, "Look, I'm John, NOT George!" I could hear the frustration in his voice; he must of thought by now he was talking to some dunce, unable to remember even the simplest of matters such as the name of person. I then made my point: "John, I thought you said there was nothing in a name! If you are so intent on my calling you by your proper name, how do you think Christ feels about you calling the church by the wrong name?" The point was made, the conversation concluded, the study ended, and we went our separate way. I don't think he ever got the point I was trying to make.

Names ARE important, and there IS something in a name. If you doubt that for a minute, why not try cashing a check made out to someone other than yourself. How much success do you suppose you would have borrowing money from a bank if you refused to sign with your legal name? Why, then, do we assume that when it comes to religion, we can attach any name we select to identify the church? It is His church (Matthew 16:16-18), He paid the price (Acts 20:28), and it is His followers, and only His followers, that will be saved (Eph. 5:23). We are told that there is "none other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The Holy Spirit guided the apostles into all truth (John 16:13), and the only terms used to designate the church all

include a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ in one fashion or the other. "The church of God" (1 Cor. 1:2), "the church of the firstborn" (Heb. 12:23), "the churches of Christ" (Rom. 16:16); these are terms the Holy Spirit used to designate the church for which Jesus shed His blood. Where in God's word do we read of the "Church of the Brethren," the "Baptist Church," "Pentecostal Church," "Seventh Day Adventist Church," "Harvest Tabernacle Church," or "Cowboy Church," to name just a few.

The God given name for His people, as well as that soul saving institution, the church, is extremely important. The Bible tells us that the disciples were called "Christians" first in Antioch (Acts 11:26). Why can we not be satisfied with the name provided by the Holy Spirit, and glorify God in THAT name (1 Pet. 4:16)? Would to God that names devised by human beings forever cease, and His name be glorified.

Let us wear the name of Christ only. If you have heard that there is nothing in a name, don't you believe it for a second. Hold fast to God's word, and make sure you have divine authority for all that you do in matters pertaining to religion (Col. 3:17). Look again at 1 Peter 4:16 and tell me, "**There's Nothing In A Name!**"! *✍*

- ☞ **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 plan to attend and invite everyone you know.

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- 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