

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	44
Attendance AM	83
Attendance PM	36
Wednesday PM	40

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.

Prayers: Michael Dudley

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

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— 28 —Kevin and April Gilbert; 30—William & Priscilla Bogan

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class April 4 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 5 —“Sisters, I Need You”

March 31	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord’s Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Tony Moore	Norris Cole
Server 2	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
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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ON WHAT DAY DOES THE BIBLE SAY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS TO BE REMEMBERED?

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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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There is no scripture which authorizes a commemoration of the resurrection of Christ. Therefore, there is no “special day of the week” or “time of year” that it can be observed with a “thus saith the Lord.” In spite of this, most (if not all) denominations celebrate the Lord’s resurrection in an annual observance called Easter. National news casts of both radio and television publicize this event as the most important day in the “Christian calendar.”

If Easter is the most important event of the year among Christians, you would think we could turn to passages in the Bible and read about it. Therefore, where’s the passage that tells of its beginning? Where’s the passage that records its observance? Or, better still, where’s the passage that authorizes its observance? Read as long and as much as you can, and you will not find it! The observance of Easter finds its origin with man, not with God. I’m sure that is shocking to some, but it is the truth. The observance of Easter, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, is not found in the Bible. It is not authorized from heaven.

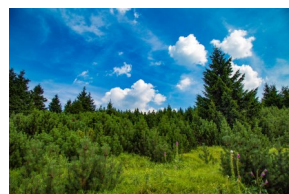
In the New Testament, the Lord’s resurrection is spoken of in connection with water baptism. Romans 6:3-6 describes baptism as the act in which one becomes a Christian and shows the relationship of one’s death to sin, burial in water and resurrection from the water with the Lord’s death, burial and resurrection from the grave. “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” Water baptism is a likeness of the Lord’s death, burial and resurrection.

Our appeal is to the Bible and the Bible alone. It was written for our instruction (2 Tim. 3:16-17). It provides us with “all things that pertain unto life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3). What we do religiously must be authorized by God (Col. 3:17). Easter is not.

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

What Were They Thinking?



According to the National Forest Service, the following are some actual suggestions and comments given by visitors at some of our national parks:

“Escalators would help on steep uphill areas of hiking trails.”

“Many trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building ones that go uphill.”

“I like all the trees but you need to plant some flowers. Flower gardens would be so pretty in the forest.”

“The giant trees are spectacular but there are too many of the same kind; you should plant different types, for variety.”

“I was stung by a bee; you should have warning signs.”

“The places where trails do not exist are not well marked.”

“A deer came into my camp and stole my bag of chips. Is there any way I can get reimbursed? Please call”

“A McDonalds would be a nice sight at the trailhead” (*Preaching Now, Vol. 6, No. 8, 2007*).

As silly as these thoughts are, they are nothing compared to some excuses of those disobeying God:

“The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat” (Genesis 3:12) [Adam].

“I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf” (Exodus 32:24) [Aaron].

“I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering” (1 Samuel 13:12) [Saul].

“And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee” (Acts 24:25) [Felix].

What’s your excuse?

—Bob Prichard

G-I-V-E are the last four letters

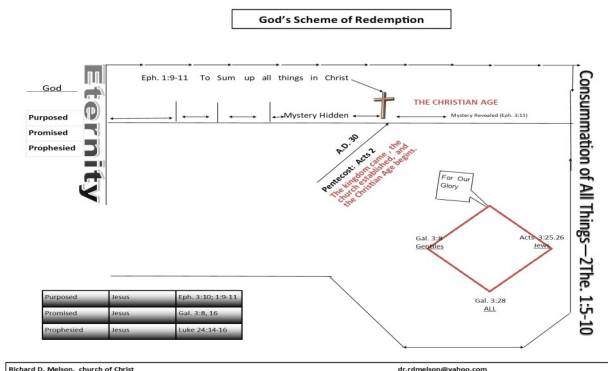


A favorite verse when it comes to the subject of “giving” is Luke 6:38, where Jesus makes a promise to those who “give.” “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.” But look at the context. What kind of giving is under discussion?

Verses 29-30 had also talked about “giving,” but verses 33-35 talked about “doing good” and “lending,” as one who is “merciful” (v. 36). Beginning in verse 37, Jesus emphasized being careful in improperly condemning someone else and continues that through verse 42.

In the immediate context of having a “merciful” and “forgiving” heart, Jesus said to “give.” Could His emphasis there be on more than money but on GIVING the benefit of the doubt or GIVING forgiveness that is not deserved? Could His emphasis be on forGIVING bountifully and not grudgingly? Do we want God to forGIVE us with “good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over”? Then we need to forGIVE others by that same measure!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Living With Loss Workshop

Who should attend a Living With Loss or Grief Workshop? Widows and widowers, right? Of course, but who else? How about married people? If a person chooses to marry they are at risk of becoming widowed. No married person lives forever in this world. When a married person dies, somebody is left behind. Then there are those who will be getting married. If those people follow through with their marriage plans they automatically expose themselves to the possibility of becoming a widow. If we see the value to preparing before marriage, don't you think we should understand the value of preparing for widowhood.

Then there are those who desire to exercise pure and undefiled religion (Jas. 1:27) by striving to be effective servants of those who have lost their marital mates; or a parent, a child or a sibling. Maybe a better question is "Who should not attend a living with loss workshop?"

Loss/Grief is not a popular topic for understandable reasons. It is not wise, though, to ignore or deny the need to address this life circumstance. Everyday there are people who lose their spouse and are faced with the challenge of being single, again. There are those who loss a child at a young age and they face a future of no grandchildren or they are faced with raising small grandchildren.

Is there life after loss? Frankly, it doesn't feel like it some days. Can we avoid becoming a causality of our tragic circumstances when we suffer a loss of a loved one? Is there anything we can do to help people we know who

are living this challenge? It is about time we address the issues, don't you think?

The Living With Loss Workshop with Dean Miller is designed to promote thought and discussion about one of the more difficult life circumstances a person can face. There will be a determined effort to emphasize the Divine perspective about this experience. Hopefully, it will help prepare future widows and widowers as well as those who wish to serve them.



- ☞ **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.



Listen every Sunday morning to the weekly radio program: **Landmarks for Living**. It broadcasts on **98.7 FM**, or at **www.soulofdayton.com** each Sunday morning at 8:00—8:30 AM. Plan to listen in if possible.

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](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