

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	55
Attendance AM	110
Attendance PM	27
Wednesday PM	33

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: April — 8 Beulah Farmer; 11 Mary Sanders; 12— Diane Cole (Lyle); Jacob Hoover; 23 - Norris Cole; 25— Carolyn Johnson

Anniversaries: April— 1 – Otis & Glenna Adair; 16 – Michael & Rachel Blanks, Jr.

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class April 18 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 6 —“Sisters, I Need You”

April 07	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord’s Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	Norris Cole, II	Norris Cole, II
Server 2	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Sermon	Dean Miller	Dean Miller
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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YOUR FINAL ACT BEFORE THE FINAL

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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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- Christian Courier
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When Jesus foretold the time when not a single stone of that majestic temple in Jerusalem would rest upon another, the disciples asked for signs which would precede the destruction of that temple and the end of Judaism (Mark 13:4; Luke 21:7). The Lord gave at least eight distinct signs which would come before that event. He then foretold of another event which would happen for which there was one single sign to announce its coming. Jesus spoke of a day when, not the temple, but heaven and earth would pass away. He gave no sign for that day, for it will come as an unannounced thief (Mark 13:31-32).

It will happen when men are doing things which happen all the time—eating, drinking, marrying and weddings. It will be unannounced and will come when no one is expecting it to happen (Matt. 24:44). What is happening on that day will be the same things which happen every other day. What kinds of events will be happening when Jesus returns?

When Jesus returns, some will be sitting in worship. Every day there are gatherings of Christians in various time zones around the world like Bible classes, devotions, gospel meetings, lectureships and special church events. This was brought home to me when I preached in Columbus, Ohio, several years ago. A brother prayed, “Lord, if you are assembling your angels right now to come to judge the world, we beg you to wait long enough for brother Dan to finish his sermon and let us sing one more song.” It could happen. It is truly possible that He will come before the end of an evangelistic sermon.

When Jesus comes, some will be attending a funeral. For all the reasons given above, just imagine what it would be like to be at a funeral or at a graveside when that shout comes from heaven. All of the grieving which accompanies these events will be meaningless. Such thoughts should help us deal with the loss of our loved ones. It is truly possible that He will come before a funeral filled with grief ends.

When Jesus comes, some will be involved in sinful actions. Imagine those who are cursing and blaspheming God and His holy name just as the last trumpet sounds. Imagine those who are involved in sexual immorality as the shout from heaven comes. It is possible that just as words profaning His name leave someone’s lips the heavens will be rolled up as a scroll.

When He comes, many will be involved in “washing the feet” of those around them. What a joy to think that when He comes we will be doing right. Think about this. Live every minute of every day knowing that that minute is when He might come! ~

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

No Alternative Thought



The May 14, 2007 issue of National Review has several memorial tributes to the late Patricia Taylor Buckley, wife of NR founder and retired Editor at Large William F. Buckley, Jr. In his tribute to his wife, Buckley includes a portion of a letter from a friend that praised her elegant greatness. "I am a confirmed nonbeliever, but for once I would like to be mistaken, and hope that, for you, this is not goodbye, but hasta luego ["See you later"—BP]." Buckley concludes, "No alternative thought would make continuing in life, for me, tolerable." Is not he correct? What is the alternative to knowing that there is something beyond this life, that we will see one another again?

Pity the poor nonbeliever who does not believe in the life to come. Has he considered the fact that if we believers are wrong, and there is nothing beyond this life, then we still will have had full lives of hope, and the blessing of associating with other believers? And if he is wrong, then he will not only have lived a life of hopelessness, having missed the greatest blessings in this life, but will also have forfeited the blessings God has prepared for His children. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

The resurrection of Christ was not only the heart of apostolic preaching, but it was and is the motivation for us to trust and look to the future. "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:51-54).

—Bob Prichard

Your pet issue

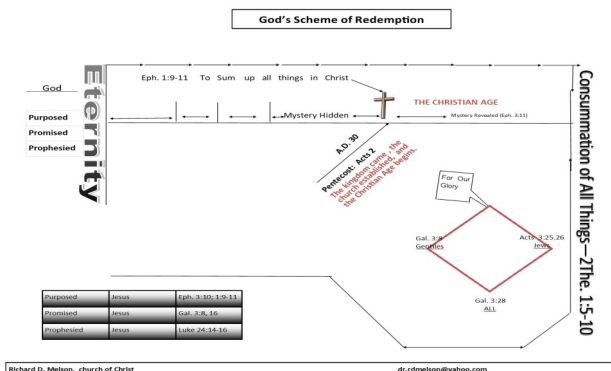


Do you have a "pet issue"? Probably most folks do. It's that thing that you feel particularly strong about and will mention in conversations with certain folks quite often.

For example, if you talk to some church members about the worship service, it probably won't be long before they talk about their "pet issue"—the choice of songs, the choice of men to lead in worship, the attire of those men, the length of the sermon, the thermostat, the time taken for the Lord's Supper (too long or too short), the service times, etc. The same kind of thing happens when church members start talking about the church in general or the decisions of the elders.

I'd like to encourage some of us to go to the pet shop and get a new "pet issue." Let's focus more on seeing lost souls, on helping church members in need, on craving opportunities to worship God, rather than, well, focusing on personal preferences (Phil. 2:3). When I get focused on me "doing" (Gal. 6:10; Luke 6:31; 10:37; Matt. 7:21), I have less time to focus on what others are "doing" or "not doing."

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Living With Loss Workshop

We welcome Dean Miller to Needmore Road and back to Ohio.

Dean Miller is a graduate of Freed Hardeman University (1976). He has preached for over 40 years, 33 of which were with the Hartville church of Christ in Hartville, OH. He is now working full-time with the Widowhood Workshop Ministry and lives in Villa Rica, GA.

Dean himself is a widower. He and Ruth Ann met when they were 15 years old, wed at 19, and enjoyed 41 years of marriage before she passed away in 2013. They were blessed with three daughters (Michelle, Melissa, & Deanna) and five grandchildren (Riley, Evan, Emma, Brooklyn, & Abby).

While working full-time, Dean served as caregiver for his wife who was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2005. On Christmas morning of 2013, Ruth Ann passed away at the age of 61 with her husband and firstborn child at her bedside.

During months of grieving, Dean began to realize the need for more attention and discussion about widowhood, and loss, what it is like, how to cope with it, and how to serve those experiencing it. This is what led to the development of the Widowhood Workshop ministry.

We welcome brother Miller and know that all who attend the sessions will grow and profit. There are many in our congregation who are like Dean.

Bible Class Lesson: Praise the Lord!, No Matter What (A study of Acts 16:19-25)
AM: What We Ought to Do When We are Overwhelmed (A study of Psalm 31)
PM: Assigning Purpose to Our Problems (A study of John 9:1-7).

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/>; 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