

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	54
Attendance AM	104
Attendance PM	57
Wednesday PM	43

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. ; Dollie Jones

Prayers: Michael Dudley

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: April — 8 Beulah Farmer; 11 Mary Sanders; 12— Diane Cole (Lyle); Jacob Hoover; 18—Mary Rutland; 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 14	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 Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Announcements	Richard Melson	Frank Brock
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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THE PSALM OF THE SOUL WINNER

Dan Jenkins

The book of Psalms expresses the deep emotions that servants of God have. There is something about poetry and singing which touch the souls of His people. Each of the psalms is different and has a special place in the various stages of our lives as we serve our Creator. Psalm 126 gives us great insight into the emotions each of us has as we seek to lead others to the Lord. It is truly the Psalm of the Soul Winner.

Being a soul winner begins with an abiding sense of how lost we were before we became a child of God. The imagery of this psalm is of the return of the Jews from captivity. Every soul winner, while not in physical captivity, was held captive to Satan. The psalmist said, "When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream" (verse 1). It was as though the Jews had been in the wilderness south of Canaan which often flourished when there were streams of water (v. 4). Every child of God was once a child of Satan, but He is brought back from captivity.

Being a soul winner results in a change of attitude toward worshiping God. The psalm continues with these words, "Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with singing" (v. 2). We have been freed from the bondage of sin and our tears have been turned into laughter and our grief into singing. Great soul winners never forget what God has done for them and for those they have taught.

Being a soul winner is known by those people who are around them. The glorious return of the Jews from captivity resulted in the nations around them saying, "The Lord has done great things for them" (v. 2). The light of the redeemed shines brightly in the darkness of the world around them. God has changed their lives and the redeemed also say, "The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad" (v. 3).

Being a soul winner creates an optimistic expectation that others will be won. "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy" (v. 5). As you read this verse take special note of the tears shed by those who are sowing the seed of the kingdom. Most people we teach will not turn to the Lord and we are more concerned about their salvation than they are. Yet the promise of God is that we will be filled with joy. There is no joy greater than that of leading another to the Lord.

Read the last verse slowly and hear God's message to you. "He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (v. 6). We sow. We sow continually. We sow with tears. Yet we sow knowing that without doubt there will be the joy of the harvest as sheaves are brought in. Want to be a better soul winner? Read and meditate on this psalm!

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

Soon On Sale Near You!



You may not want to rush out to the store right away, but there may just be a new ice cream treat on the horizon. There is a new ice cream sensation created by fishermen in the Bizen, Okayama Prefecture in Japan. For just over \$2.00, local residents can buy a regular vanilla soft-serve cone topped with two fried oysters dipped in soy sauce. The local fishermen's co-op reports making up to 100 sales every day on holidays (World, January 13, 2007).

I glean from this that not everybody likes the same thing, or dislikes the same thing, and that is fine. I like what little Japanese food I have eaten, but I think I will probably pass on the oyster sundaes.

Noting the differences we have concerning our taste buds makes me think of the question, "What if everybody in the world liked/dislike the same things as I do?" Or in other words, "What if everybody was just like me?" Besides making the world somewhat dull, it would probably make for some very strange situations: crowds in all of my favorite places, and no waiting in the others.

But what if everyone was like me in other ways? What if everyone had the same spirituality as I do? What if everyone had the same concern for others? What if everyone had the exact same desire to serve God?

While we know that not every one is just like us, doesn't it behoove us to live and act in such a way that everyone will want to have the same spirituality, the same concern for others, the same desire to serve God?

Paul said, "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example" (Philippians 3:17). He commands Timothy: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). Peter directs the elders, "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:3). Whether we realize it or not, others are looking to us for an example. What do they see in you?

—Bob Prichard

Walking in sunlight

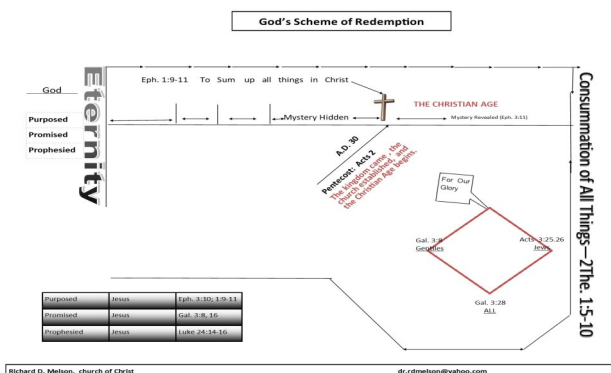


Winter days up north can be kind of dreary, when you don't see the sun for days and days. In many parts of the country, some storm clouds can be so dark that it can make the middle of the day feel like it's nighttime. Where's the SUN?

We face similar affects in our hearts and our own personal lives. Some days can be rather dreary. Some storms that we face can bring a thick darkness over us. We may wonder, where's the SON?

125 years ago, Henry J. Zelley penned some words that still intrigue and enliven the soul today. "Walking in sunlight all of my journey." Are you walking in sunlight all of the time? Of course, Zelley was writing about "heavenly sunlight." Some days can be dreary or hard or dark. But in the midst of all of that, we can be "walking in sunlight"! How? By remembering, "Jesus has said, 'I'll never forsake thee,' which is a "promise divine that never can fail"! At that thought, may our hearts burst forth, "Hallelujah! I am rejoicing, singing His praises, Jesus is mine."

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Living With Loss Workshop

What a powerful, powerful Friday evening, Saturday morning and Lord's day was for us! I am thankful to God for allowing us to first meet brother Miller several years ago and then to be able to bring him here. I want to thank everyone in the congregation for greeting and receiving brother Miller so warmly and being attentive to his teaching. If, for whatever reason you were not able to be present, the sessions have been preserved and you may view them from our YouTube channel.

The things we heard from Dean were hard to hear, but necessary. They may even take a while to implement in our lives, but we must not allow ourselves to miss out of these great blessings.

The subjects of loss or death are not popular topics, but the Bible is not designed to be a popular Book. It is God's truth to man to know the Father's will so that we might be able to go from earth to glory (2 Tim 3:15-17).

We might pretend that "I will never have a situation as Dean's", or "grief will never hit me"; if you say these things then you are lying to yourself. The only real hope for in these circumstances is in the Lord (Psalm 31).

In addition to helping ourselves we made ourselves aware how to become a better comforter. God's people are to be God's stewards to those who need to be comforted and receive His consolation (2 Cor. 1:2-7; Jas. 1:27).

Monday, April 8th was another testimony of the greatness of our Creator of the universe. Just as the scientist had predicted, that neither the sun, moon or earth

disappointed and there was no delay! Because Dayton, Ohio was in the path of totality it was a great time in our life to observe what we only read about in the textbooks, a total solar eclipse. No matter how much money man spends on a project, there is always the possibility of delay, but not with God's design. As one person put it, "I hope everyone enjoyed their four minutes and 28 seconds of amazement". Dollie and I stood and viewed from the parking lot the wonder of God's creation. The following picture is from the Dayton Daily News.

THE VIEW FROM DOWN HERE



- ☞ **Pantry Items:** Potter Children's Home Pantry Items: Fruit Loops Cereal; French Onions; Marshmallows; Brown Sugar; Tea Bags
- ☞ **Senior Lunch**— April 23, 2024— Cracker Barrel on Miller Lane
- ☞ **2024 Theme:** Seeking The Lost



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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