

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	47
Attendance AM	91
Attendance PM	49
Wednesday PM	46

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil & Kim Tydings; Anthony Taylor; Diane Cole (Norris); Richard Melson, Jr.; Krubo Joploh; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mozella Tate (shoulder); Kristina Burns

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr. ; Norris Cole, II;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: May— 2 - April Gilbert; 4 - Patrick Thomas; 19 - James Grigsby; 27 - Michelle Saunders; 30 - Ron Robbins

Anniversaries: May — None

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class May 16 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 7 —“Sisters, I Need You”

May 12	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord’s Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Server 2	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Patrick Thomas
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
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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- Christian Courier
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 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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EVANGELISM: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Josh Blackmer

Evangelism is more than a summertime trip, more than door knocking, more than special mail outs, more than an international move, more than an invite to a friend, more than any act. Evangelism is part of something eternal and powerful.

Evangelism is how the church spreads the divine message. “To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places” (Eph. 3:8-10). We get to share with Paul in the work that has been handed down since the day of Pentecost. The message that was once hidden and waiting for the fullness of time in order to be revealed is now in our hands. It is both humbling and empowering at the same time. God has left the most important task of mankind to the church. That is better than flying into space and destroying an asteroid and better than defeating a rouge band of invading extra-terrestrials on July 4th weekend.

Evangelism is how the church fulfills the divine purpose. “This was in accordance with the eternal purpose” (Eph. 3:11a). “He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him” (Eph. 1:4a). The letter to the Ephesians reassures the reader that what they are a part of is what God had intended since the beginning. We were always going to be a body of believers on Earth with the charge of carrying the message—the most powerful message ever written (Rom. 1:16), and the easiest to tell: He lived, He died and He rose again (Acts 10:34-43). We are not selling used cars, pawning used goods or selling knives on late night TV. We have the message that everyone needs to hear (2 Pet. 3:9). We are not charged with saving the whole world. We are just commanded to give everyone the opportunity.

Evangelism is how the church embodies divine love. “In love he predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight” (Eph. 1:4b-8). The church gets to embody and show what divine love looks like to the world. It looks like adoption, it looks like redemption, it looks like grace, and it feels like love. Please do not lose sight of what you have been given and the responsibility. ✍️

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

Making Plans ?



Croesus, who lived in the sixth century before Christ, was fabled for his wealth. He is the historical source for the legend of Midas, whose touch turned everything to gold. As the king of ancient Lydia, he planned a war against the Persians. When he consulted the oracle at Delphi, he was told that if he went to war, he would destroy a great empire. He took this as a green light to fight the Persians, and went to battle. After being decisively defeated, he sent messengers to question the oracle. The answer: "The oracle was right. You did indeed destroy a great empire—your own."

Croesus, as a pagan, consulted an oracle, which gave him ambiguous advice. His story might have been very different had he consulted the God of heaven.

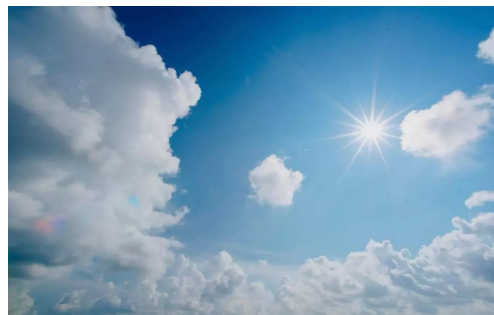
James warns about making plans without considering God. "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:13-17).

I have always been impressed when people come by to visit and say something like, "I am considering taking a new job, and I want to make sure that I will have a faithful congregation to place membership with, before I accept the new job." Too often Christians don't even think about what the church will be like where they are moving.

Whatever plans for the future you are making, make sure that you are including God!

—Bob Prichard

"America the Beautiful" or "Heaven the Beautiful"

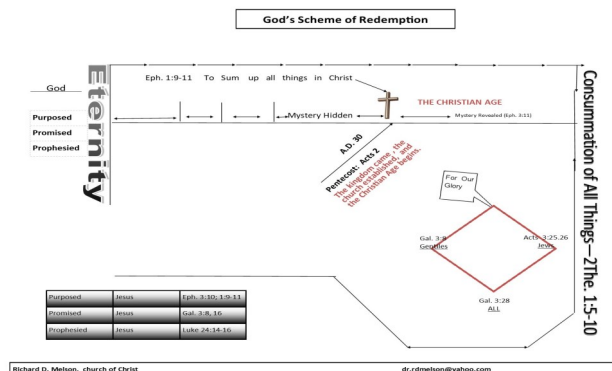


If you believe in the sovereignty of God, you know that "the Most High rules in the kingdom of men" (Dan. 4:17, 25, 32; 5:21). If you believe in the sovereignty of God, you know that God not only "raises up kings," but He also "removes kings" (Dan. 2:21). If you believe in the sovereignty of God, you know how often nations fell throughout the Old Testament because their iniquity rose to a level punishable by God, even when it was His own people.

When we look around today, some question "how long America can stand" when it is turning so decisively away from righteousness and into the depths of dark immorality and sin. No doubt, this nation will one day fall. But, our hope and our focus do not need to be in "our nation."

There is a citizenship in heaven much more important than this earth (Phil. 3:20). There is a purpose for which we have been created—to glorify God and help to save lost souls (Isa. 43:7; John 15:1-16). Let's make sure that our "faith and hope are in God" and not something earthbound (1 Pet. 1:21).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Richard D. Melson, Church of Christ

Melson's Musings ...



7 Things You Can Do to help the Church Grow!

1. Make sure YOU put the Kingdom First! You don't want to fall into the trap where everything becomes an empty habit - you show up to AMPM worship, Wednesday night, all of the events and activities (all are needed) but stop to ask WHY? Habit? Duty? Sense of accomplishment? No one else will do it? Or because you love the Lord and His kingdom?
2. Have a sense of Identity! We are Christians (Acts 11:26) – those who belong to and follow Christ, and everything that entails. We must know who we are so that we can proclaim it to the world.
3. Treat visitors well! Some studies suggest that a person forms their opinion about a "church" within the first few minutes. Greet with a smile and a handshake. Point them toward Bible class. Help give them a positive impression of God's people.
4. Open up your homes. The early Christians utilized their homes on a daily basis (Acts 2:46). Hospitality is a vital, though often overlooked, component of Christianity (Rom. 12:13). Inviting people into your home gives an opportunity to build relationships and is a particularly good way to get to know new Christians and help engrain them into the local congregation.
5. Be caring. The Church does not look for the favor of the world, but will show the love of Christ to all who are need as she is able (Gal. 6:10) [rdm].
6. Love soul-winning. Solomon said "...he who wins souls is wise" (Pro. 11:30). Do you love that which makes one wise? The church grows when souls are saved but how many souls are saved by Christians who do not love and prioritize soul-winning?

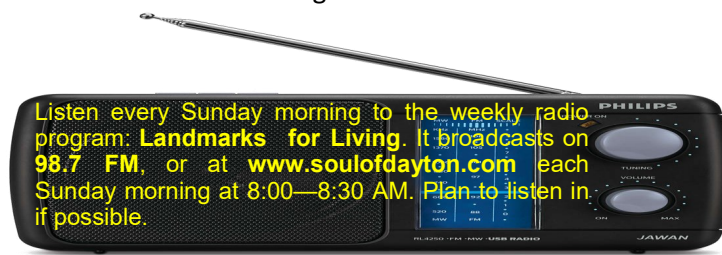
7. Remember it takes everyone! Understand that this is an everyone work. There are more visits, calls, cards, and bible studies than just a few people can handle. There will always be work to do, and there's always work for everyone to do. Remember 1 Corinthians 12!

- Cody Westbrook



If you have not started making preparation start now by marking the dates and times in your calendar. Rob Whitacre will be with us to lead this training along with Marlon Retana for our Spanish speaking brethren.

- 👉 **Graduates:** Congratulations to **Tony Moore**: received his MBA from the University of Mary; **Denzil Turner, III** graduated from the University of Dayton with his BS in Finance. We will honor these brethren on May 19th after morning worship.
- 👉 **Happy Mother's Day**
- 👉 **Potter Children's Home:** There was \$1,000 in total value sent on May 6 (cash and food).
- 👉 **Retirement:** Lyle Cole is retiring from teaching at Dayton Public Schools
- 👉 **Senior Lunch**— May 21, 11:00 AM @ Frazoli on Miller Lane
- 👉 **2024 Theme:** Seeking The Lost



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