

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	38
Attendance AM	85
Attendance PM	27
Wednesday PM	37

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Phil & Kim Tydings; Anthony Taylor; Diane Cole (Norris) at home; Krubo Joploh; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mary Vance; Rhonda Fox (at home)

**Traveling:** 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 30 @ 6:00 PM  
Lesson 7 — "Sisters, I Need You"

May 19	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	James Grigsby	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Lyle Cole
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Closing Prayer	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Greeter	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.
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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**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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**A KING BECOMES LIKE A BEAST AND THEN LEARNS THE TRUTH**

Dan Jenkins

King Nebuchadnezzar was filled with pride because of the massive image he had made of gold. That image stood nine stories high and was nine feet wide at its base. Imagine how much gold it would have taken to make this image. His arrogance caused him to demand the gathering of all the government officials, even from the most distant reaches of the Babylonian kingdom. They were ordered to be present at the dedication of the image.

At that dedication, the king's herald read the king's message that when the signal was given every Babylonian who heard it was to immediately fall down and worship that golden image. Any person who did not bow before the image was to immediately be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. Most people know how three Jewish young men refused to bow and, though cast into the furnace, were delivered by God.

The end of the story finds the pagan king affirming that there is only one God, asking who can deliver men from the fiery furnace. However, the king's pride again surfaced in the very next chapter (Dan. 4). We know about this because of the account when Daniel was called for a second time to interpret the meaning of the king's dream about a massive tree. It was cut down and became like a beast which grazes in the field. Later, another great tree grew from the original stump. Daniel explained the dream to the king.

The tree figuratively depicted the proud king, Nebuchadnezzar. The fact that he ruled the earth filled his heart with pride, and he thought his great abilities were the reason for his position. Daniel said, "The tree which you saw...it is you...who have grown and become strong; for your greatness ...reaches to the heavens" (4:20-22). In the dream the king had seen a being from heaven coming down saying, "Chop down the tree and destroy it...let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field" (4:23).

Daniel then told the king's destiny. "They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field...till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses" (4:25).

Read this entire chapter. It literally happened to the king and humbled him. His pride was gone, for he saw how small and insignificant he was. He became a worshiper of God.

What a lesson for men filled with pride. They had nothing to do with whatever makes them think they are better than others. What a comforting lesson for us in a world filled with evil rulers. **Our God, the Almighty Holy One, rules this world. There is no place for pride in those who know this!**

**SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10**

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

## Time To Grow



Here's some good spring gardening advice from brother Palace Roberts. Palace told me that we need to be careful that we don't plant our onions too close to our potatoes. Why shouldn't you plant your onions close to your potatoes? Because if you plant the onions too close to the potatoes, they will get in the potatoes' eyes, and they won't be able to see how to grow!

What about your personal garden? Have you let the world get onions in your eyes, so that you can't see how to grow? Growth, you know, isn't just for the young folks. Each of us, whether we're nine or ninety needs to be growing.

Peter warned that those who are unlearned and unstable will wrest the scriptures, "unto their own destruction." Despite that, he says, "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:16b-18). Notice especially the first two words of verse 18: "But grow." No matter what anyone else is doing wrong, you can still grow. And not only can you grow, but you must grow!

I say you must grow, because there is only one alternative to growth, and that is death. If you are not growing spiritually, not growing in God's word, not growing in your love for the Lord and His church, then you are dying. Don't let it happen to you prematurely! It is a shame to die before your time. But Grow !

—Bob Prichard

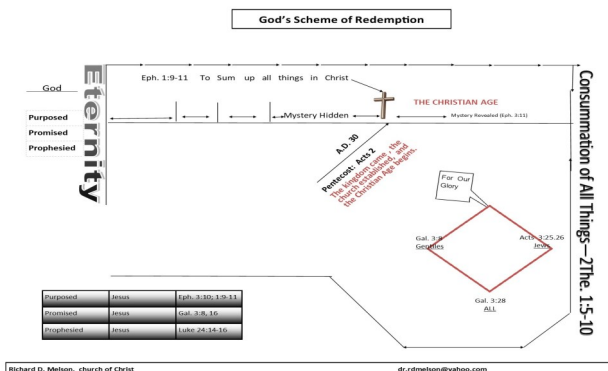
## Confused followers



It's interesting how current events can be a reminder of a similar event in the Bible. While Paul was in Ephesus in Acts 19, "there arose a great commotion about the Way" (19:23), and unbelievers targeted Paul for his preaching and miracles (19:27). Read the reactions of the people carefully: "They were full of wrath and cried out...So the whole city was filled with confusion...Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together...all with one voice cried out for about two hours" (19:18, 29, 32, 34). The city clerk finally spoke up and urged for matters to be "determined in the lawful assembly," instead of "this disorderly gathering" (19:39-40).

God calls upon us to "reason" through things (Isa. 1:18). He tells us to "not follow a crowd to do evil" (Ex. 23:2). He warns us that evil influences can lead us astray (1 Cor. 15:33). Let us ever be mindful to consider those with whom we associate and, rather than following blindly, let us set a godly example by choosing to follow Christ first (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:9-12).

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



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## Melson's Musings ...



### Trust in God

God's instruction regarding faith can hardly be overly emphasized (Hebrews 11:1ff). Faith is not a step into the darkness. Rather, it is built upon substance of hope and evidence of the unseen. Wonderful is the design of God in creation: "For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:4). Yes, every house is built by mankind, but God is the builder of the man as well as the materials used in the building of a house. Does not design call upon us to be more trusting in God?

The guidance of God by His Word (John 17:17) is into a set-apart (sanctified) life. The lifestyle is different than the world. Old friends will think 'strange' of us when they see us living the sanctified way (1 Peter 4:4). It's the 'strait gate and narrow way' (Matthew 7:13,14) that Jesus taught which will help us into life eternal.

The way of the Lord is different in outcome than the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21). Does telling the truth, being merciful, helping others in need, and extending the Gospel which saves (Romans 1:16) seem to bring the outcomes that cause us to be even more trusting in God and His way of life?

Why not trust in God for our pardon from sin? The initial pardon of an obedient faith (John 8:24,31,32) is brought about by continuing in His Word. As we see more and more responsibilities, we repent, confess Christ, and are baptized into Him (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:10; Galatians 3:26,27).

While living within this fellowship of the Father and the Son (1 John 1:2-4), we confess rather than deny sin (v. 9), and God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us. Are we as trusting in this part of God's pardon? We certainly

should be. Thank God for His continued fellowship with us. Let's do our part (v. 9) and enjoy the benefits of trust.

- Robert D. Rawson



If you have not started making preparation start now by marking the dates and times in your calendar. Saturday 6-8 PM. 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 today after morning worship in the fellowship hall.
- 👉 **Summer Series 2024:** Principles of Victorious Christian Living, each Wednesday June 5—August 28
- 👉 **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](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org) ; <http://gbntv.org/>; [www.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