

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	33
Attendance AM	63
Attendance PM	20
Wednesday PM	27

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 (ribs); Rhonda Fox (at home); Jahmeir Dudley (broken wrist)

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

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Ron Robbins & family

Birthdays: June— 1— Stephanie Hoover; 2— Alyse Poole; 4 - Janis Bland; 5— James Vance, III; 6— Carlene Harley; 8— Randy Farmer; 13— Deonna Cole; 19 - Linda Thomas; 25—Richard Thomas; 29 - Anthony Grigsby, James Vance

Anniversaries: June — 20—Philip and Kim Tydings; 28 — Jerry and Linda Thomas

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class May 30 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 7 —"Sisters, I Need You"

June 02	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Norris Cole
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Closing Prayer	Michael Blanks, Jr.	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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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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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.

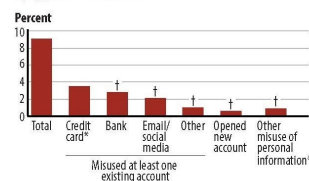
Read the last verse slowly and hear God's message to you. "He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (v. 6). We sow. We sow continually. We sow with tears. Yet we sow knowing that without doubt there will be 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

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

Identity Theft

Persons age 16 or older who experienced at least one identity-theft incident in the past 12 months, by type of theft, 2021



One of those new fears of the day is identity theft. Keeping a close check on your credit report and your credit card charges are certainly prudent. Those who are trying to steal from us are becoming more and more devious. For a while, I was receiving almost daily emails from Ebay saying that unless I updated my account immediately, it would be closed. These emails, were “phishing” emails—I have never had an Ebay account. Someone was just trying to get my credit card information. (Obviously they didn’t know that a preacher’s credit cards are not worth much!)

The Federal Trade Commission estimated that about 10 million people are victimized annually by the identity thieves. In April of 2006 the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that at least one member of 3 percent of all U.S. households was an identity theft victim in the last half of 2004. If you haven’t been hit, you probably know someone who has been hit (although they may not even know it yet).

As Christians, are we in danger of having our identity stolen? Churches of Christ have long been known for our distinctiveness in worship and practice, as we well should be. As “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15), we dare not stray from a “thus saith the Lord.”

It seems to me that if we are not careful, though, some will steal the most distinctive sign the Lord has given us. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:34-35). What is the first thought that comes to mind when people speak of the Oxford church of Christ? Is it, “Those are the people who love each other so much”? Let us work to be sure that no one steals our identity away from us!

—Bob Prichard

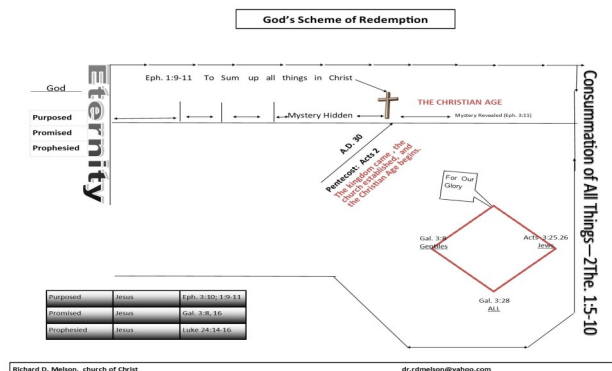
My rights as a citizen



Just because you “have a right” as a citizen of this country does not necessarily mean that you have approval from God for such. Regardless of when one has a right to have an abortion in this country does not change God’s view of the sanctity of life and the sinfulness of murder. Just because you have a right to freedom of speech does not change God’s expectations to control our tongues. Having a right to scream in someone’s face or to block someone’s path does not equal having God’s approval. Being free to malign individuals in law enforcement or individuals of a certain ethnicity or class of people does not mean that God sanctions such.

We get so wrapped up, sometimes, in our “rights” as U.S. citizens that we may lose sight of our “responsibilities” as God’s children. My first responsibility is to demonstrate my deepest love to God through obedience to Him and to demonstrate true love for my fellow man by treating them as Jesus would (Matt. 22:37-40). Right in God’s eyes (1 Tim. 6:11) and living as a citizen of heaven (Phil. 3:20-21) is all that matters!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Only fools think sin is funny

Many comedic writers today chose to portray sin as something that is funny. And most of the world agrees with them. We tune in to watch our favorite sitcoms and it usually isn’t long before we see some drunk making a fool of himself, some sexual innuendo made, or filthy speech coming from someone’s mouth, and we are expected to laugh. And if we are not careful that is exactly what will happen. Solomon wrote in, “Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.” (KJV -Proverbs 14:9). If we logically thought this out I think we would get a clearer picture. Sin is Satan’s way of keeping us as slaves, lost, and separated from God. Is there anything funny about souls burning in hell? If answer wasn’t already obvious we could easily ask the rich man in Luke 16.

Turning himself into a joke is Satan’s way of separating himself from reality. If he is just a joke then he isn’t real. Satan was real in Genesis through Revelation and he is just as real today. The danger here isn’t just for us, but also for our children. When we “mock at sin” we take the edge off of sin. Laughing at sin is laughing at transgression of God’s law. When our children and others see us doing this their opinions are going to change whether it be of us or of God’s law. Either way we lose. “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,” (ESV-Eph 5:15).

- James Eaves

LEAD ME TO SOME SOUL TODAY

We often pray for God to bring the lost in to His flock. Sometimes we pray that God, with His powerful hand, would restore the erring. These two areas are certainly important and deserve priority in our prayers, but I think we have it backwards.

Jesus said that Christians were to seek the lost (John 4:35). And it is the Christian who is to seek out and restore his or her erring brothers and sisters in Christ (Gal 6:1). While God’s help is certainly a must we need to also remember that if we don’t plant the seed then God will have nothing to increase (1Cor. 3:6). So let us pray as the song says, “LORD, Lead me to some soul today!”. *GS*

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. *GS*

- ☞ **Noon Meal Change**— We will have regular schedule of services today, and be on the Noon Meal Schedule next week.
- ☞ **Summer Series 2024:** Principles of Victorious Christian Living, each Wednesday June 5—August 28
- ☞ **Senior Lunch** — June 25, Perkins, North Main St in Englewood
- ☞ **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