

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE			June 16	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Bible Class	47	13	<b>Opening Prayer</b> <b>Song Leader</b> <b>Lead Lord's Supper</b> <b>Server 1</b> <b>Server 2</b> <b>Scripture Reader</b> <b>Sermon</b> <b>Prayer for Responses</b> <b>Closing Prayer</b> <b>Announcements</b> <b>Greeter</b> <b>Usher</b> <b>Usher</b>	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Attendance AM	85	16		Chris Poole	Patrick Thomas
Attendance PM	43	12		Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Wednesday PM	27			James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
PRAYER REQUESTS				James Grigsby	Frank Brock
<b>Prayer for Health:</b> 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; Jahmeir Dudley (broken wrist)				Ryan McGahee	Lyle Cole
<b>Traveling:</b> Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.;				Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Prayers:</b>				Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Repentance:</b>				Norris Cole	Norris Cole
<b>Baptism:</b>				Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Sympathy:</b>					
<b>Birthdays: June</b> — 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				Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Anniversaries: June</b> — 20—Philip and Kim Tydings; 28 — Jerry and Linda Thomas; 30-- Larry and Dana Grigsby					
<b>Ladies Reading Group:</b> Zoom Class June 13 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 8 —"Sisters, I Need You"					

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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## LIVING AND WALKING IN THE LIGHT

Dan Jenkins

One of the great blessings we have is the continuing cleansing of the blood of Jesus in our daily lives. We were washed in His blood when we were baptized (Acts 22:16), but we continue to be cleansed by His blood as we continue to walk in the light. "But if we walk (Greek tense indicates continual action—"are walking") in the light as He is in the light, we have (are having) fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (is cleansing) from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Paul described the lives of those who are children of light in his first letter to the Thessalonians. He showed that they are different from those who are children of darkness (1 Thess. 5:4-10).

**Sons of light do not sleep (1 Thess. 5:6).** Obviously he is not describing physical sleep or the sleep of death. He contrasts this sleep with watching and being sober.

**Sons of light watch (5:6).** It was in Gethsemane that He urged the disciples to sense the dangers confronting them. In the upper room they all had affirmed their willingness to die for Him (Matt. 26:35), but they were all about to forsake Him in fear (Matt. 26:56). His words to them in the garden were, "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation" (Matt. 26:41). Those who walk in the light must watch!

**Sons of light are sober (5:6).** That Christians are to be serious minded is affirmed often in the Bible using a Greek word which affirms this vital quality for every Christian. However, the Greek word used in this passage is nephos, which means "to be free from the influence of intoxicants." The impact of intoxicants is to dull the senses, lower inhibitions and is devastating to one's ability to watch.

**Sons of light neither get drunk or are drunk (5:7).** There are many verses in the Bible which condemn drunkenness (including this one in the phrase "are drunk"), but this passage shows that God also forbids the process of getting drunk. Those who are walking in the light must be aware that the Bible shows that Christians must avoid getting drunk.

**Sons of light arm themselves with faith, love and hope (5:8).** Bible students will recall these three qualities in Paul's letter to Corinth, "And now abides faith, hope and love" (1 Cor. 13:13). These same qualities are mentioned here as those who are continually cleansed by His blood. We must never forget that all of these are specifically tied to having the Bible in our lives.

**Sons of light will live together with Him (5:10).** How else could it be? We become sons of God by the blood, we walk in light and are being cleansed by blood and heaven awaits those who live in the light. Thank God for His light! ✨

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

## One At A Time



The story is told of a business man who was overworked and decided to take some time off. While vacationing on the coast, a terrible storm hit. When it died down, he decided to take a walk down the coast to see what damage had been done.

As he walked along the shore, he noticed thousands of starfish which had washed upon the shore. He knew that in a few hours the sun would come out and the starfish would dry out and die.

As he thought about the starfish, he noticed a young boy who was throwing the starfish back one by one. The man was amazed by the youth's diligence and shocked by his feeble attempts to make a difference. As he looked up the beach, he saw thousands of starfish.

When he caught up with the young man, he informed the boy that he could not possibly save them all and said to the little boy, "You'll never be able to make a difference in the starfish population."

The boy bent down, picked up a starfish, looked at it, then threw it back into the safety of the ocean. Then he said, "I sure make a difference to that one."

We cannot personally make a difference in the lives of everyone that fills the world, but we can make a difference to a few of them. It is interesting that when Jesus spoke of those on His right hand on the Day of Judgment, he described them as having made a difference in the life of one person. He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40). I sincerely believe that each of us can make a difference in the life of someone. This is how Jesus worked - one at a time. Sure, He preached to thousands, but He visited with families and helped individuals."

—Wade L. Webster

## The devil is slippery

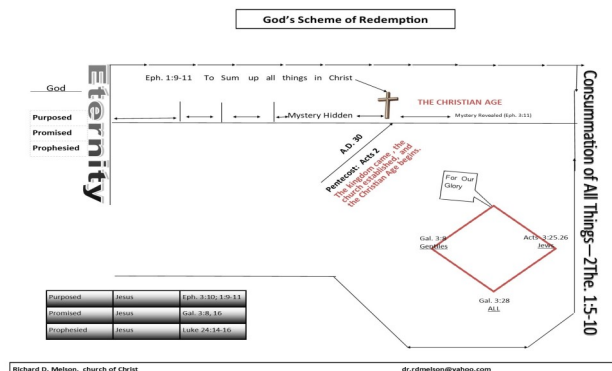


Have you ever slipped on a wet floor because you weren't paying close enough attention to your surroundings and the conditions? Did you anticipate that you would slip? No, that's why you slipped. If you had seen the wet floor, could you have avoided it? Yes, if you were watching.

Sometimes the devil gets us to sin because we are not paying close enough attention to our surroundings and the conditions. Paul wrote about being "caught in any trespass" (Gal. 6:1). The Greek word for "caught" indicates that "one is taken unexpectedly," because he is "off his guard." There is an element of surprise for the unanticipated.

Brethren, the devil will come straight at you sometimes, and then other times he will slip up behind you unexpectedly and catch you by surprise. Maybe it's letting a word slip, or slipping in a bad habit, or causing you to slip from a good habit, or slipping a person in your life who gradually leads you down the wrong path, etc. You are still responsible for your actions when the devil slips on you, so always be watchful (1 Pet. 5:8-9)!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



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## Melson's Musings ...



### A Dying Church Falls Asleep

How sad it is that so many congregations of the Lord's people are dying. Sadder still, that much of it could be prevented. Major health problems often advertise their presence through minor symptoms. Doctors recommend routine health screenings to look for signs of trouble. In many cases, if symptoms can be identified early then steps can be taken to prevent any major problems. The health of the church operates in the same fashion. By looking closely at symptoms, one can get an idea as to the overall condition of the congregation.

Revelation begins with addresses to 7 congregations scattered throughout Asia Minor. Each one receives commendation and/or condemnation for matters occurring in their midst. These churches stand as a perfect model for congregations today. Over the past several weeks we've noticed the indicators of bad health. The church at Sardis is the last of several examples to consider.

Sardis fell asleep. The church was dying and did not know it. Jesus said, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die" (Rev. 3:1-2). Note that they "had a name" but their reputation was not indicative of reality.

It is tragic to watch a congregation wither away and die needlessly. Thankfully the Great Physician knows the cure. Each of the congregations in Asia Minor were exhorted to repent and assured of their Lord's approval upon doing so. Nothing has changed. Dying congregations need only to honestly examine their symptoms in light of God's Word and change. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches.

- Cody Westbrook

## THE HIGH COST OF BUTTER

Are you willing to pay the high cost of butter? Not the kind we serve on the table, but the kind we get when talking to some members of the church who say:

- "Yes, I'm a Christian, but...er...";
- "I know I should attend Bible classes, but...er...";
- "I love the Lord, but...er...";
- "I want to go to heaven, but...er..." !

This kind of butter is more expensive than the kind on the table, for it will cost a person their soul.

- Banner of Truth

## Summer Series: Principles of Victorious Christian Living

I want to thank each of the preacher's already taught to help us live for the Lord. One thing that every Christian should be desirous of doing is to sow and water the seed of the kingdom.

- ☞ **Happy Father's Day :**
- ☞ **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](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