

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	59
Attendance AM	100
Attendance PM	38
Wednesday PM	39

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Janis Bland; Phil & Kim Tydings; Anthony Taylor; Diane Cole (Norris); Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Rhonda Fox; Dana Grigsby (knee); Dwayne Eslick (hip replacement/home); Otis Adair ;Naomi Shields (back surgery)

**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Chad Arnett family

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Birthdays: July**— 2—Richard Melson, Jr. 6— Penny Cook; 8— Rachel Blanks; 9— Ruby Nickell; 15— Glenna Adair; 20 - Mike Mamula; 22—Otis Adair

**Anniversaries: July** — 18—Mike and Brenda Mamula; 23— Chad and Jennifer Arnett; 30-- Norris and Diane Cole

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class Aug 8 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 9-10 in "Sisters, I Need You"

July 28	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Server 2	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Tony Moore
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
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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## WHY BE A CHRISTIAN

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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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In Isaiah 62:1-2, Jehovah God promised to give His people a new name. We see this promise fulfilled in the book of Acts when those who obeyed the gospel were called Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28). Sadly, this divinely bestowed title has been traded in for sectarian designations given by men, many of which are not found in Scripture and serve only to divide. Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). The Lord has invited each of us to come to Him and yoke ourselves to His teaching (Matthew 11:28- 30). Why should you be a Christian?

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). This dark world needs the light of Jesus Christ reflected by His followers (Philippians 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:12). Everyone who wears the name of Christ should strive to be kind, compassionate, selfless, benevolent, holy, loving, peaceable, hardworking, honest, pure and gentle. You should become a Christian so you can have the greatest impact on the world around you.

Next, the Holy Spirit compares Christianity to an athletic event. In sports, most athletes will step up to a challenge and give their very best when they are competing for a prize or a title. Did you know that it's no different in the spiritual realm? In speaking of the Christian race Paul said, "know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain" (1 Corinthians 9:24). Christianity takes even more determination and discipline than Olympic athletes display! You should become a Christian in order to rise to the highest challenge.

Lastly, the best reason to become a Christian is seen in 1 John 3:1, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." As God's children we can approach His throne of grace for help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). We can draw near to Him in every circumstance and know that He will draw near to us (James 4:8). Our Father has invited us to cast our cares upon Him and assured us that He cares (1 Peter 5:7). You should become a Christian so you can enjoy an intimate relationship with your Creator.

If you have not been born again, you are not yet part of the family of God, but you can become a follower of Jesus Christ by obeying His gospel (John 3:5; Galatians 3:27; Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:3). Would you like to wear the most powerful name, influence your family, community and world for good and aim for the highest of all goals? Come be a Christian.

*For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name (Isaiah 62:1-2).*

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

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

## Astronomy In Perspective



An astronomer once remarked to Fulton J. Sheen: “To an astronomer, man is nothing but an infinitesimal dot in an infinite universe.” “An interesting point of view,” Sheen responded, “but you seem to forget that your infinitesimal dot of a man is still the astronomer.”

David reminds us of what man the astronomer sees when he looks into the skies. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world” (Psalm 19:1-4).

In view of God’s majesty, David marveled that the Creator of the universe would have so much concern for man. “When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet” (Psalm 8:3-6).

Isn’t it mind boggling to realize that God has not only entrusted man with a world to care for, but also sacrificed His Son for the sins of mankind? “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life” (Romans 5:6-11) !

— Bob Prichard

## They remembered His words

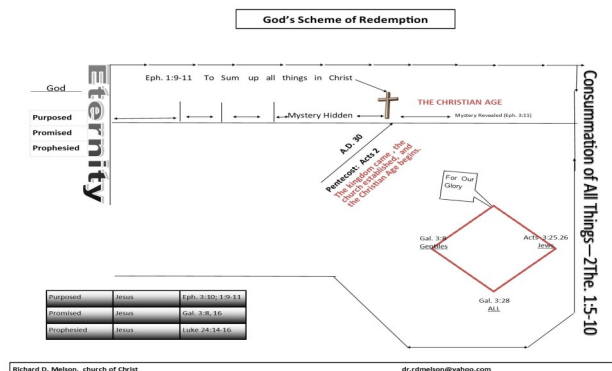


On Sunday morning, when the women arrived at Jesus’ tomb and found it empty, two angels (Luke 24:4) announced to them that Jesus was risen from the dead, “as He said” that He would (Matt. 28:6). “And they remembered His words,” for Jesus had taught His disciples, “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again” (Luke 24:7-8).

On Sunday morning, when we arrive at the first-day-of-the-week worship assembly, we also need to remember His words. We need to remember that we are gathering on the first day of the week to celebrate that it is “the third day” on which He would “rise again.” We need to remember that He was “delivered into the hands of sinful men,” in order to shed His blood to forgive us of our sins (Matt. 26:28).

Seeing the empty tomb must have changed their lives forever. His words must have resonated in their hearts for the rest of their lives. Does it have that same impact on us? Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance!”

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson’s Musings ...



### My Servant will Succeed!

Comfort, yes comfort My people...’ (Isa. 40:1). In the latter years of his life, the future of Israel surely weighted heavily on Isaiah’s mind. Despite his inspired warnings, the prophet knew that Jerusalem would surely be destroyed and her people taken into Babylon. Yet, he could also see something far better on the horizon.

Four Servant Songs are found in Isaiah 42-53 which were designed to give hope to Israel. Aspirations of the heathen notwithstanding, Jehovah would raise up His Servant whom no nation or idol could forbid (cf. Isa. 41:21-29). Each Servant Song paints a unique portrait of the Messiah. The first announces that He would succeed in His purpose.

Isaiah 42:1-4 identifies a purpose, method, and result. Justice has to do with law, rule, and government, and such is the purpose of the Servant’s coming identified in this passage. “He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles” (v. 1), “He will bring forth justice for truth” (v. 3), and He will “establish justice in the earth” (v. 4). The Servants’ rule would be just and righteous in character and universal in scope. But His dominion would not be inaugurated like the kings of the earth. There would be no fanfare, demonstrations, or public proclamations. Rather, He would conquer with truth (v. 2-3). He would not exalt the rich at the expense of the poor. Instead, He would restore life and strength to the weak and helpless (v. 3). And though He would face severe difficulty in His mission, He will be successful in what He sets out to do (v. 4).

If there were any question as to the identify of this Servant, Matthew puts it to rest by quoting Isaiah 42:1-4 and applying it to Jesus (Matt. 12:15-21). Though the Pharisees sought to kill Him (Matt. 12:14), Jesus did not fight back. Rather, “who when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not...” (1 Pet.

2:23). He removed Himself from the situation. Though He had the power to take their lives, such was not the nature of the Son of God. God’s Servant had a higher purpose than self-vindication (cf. Phil. 2:5-10). He came to “bring forth justice” and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Though His methods were unconventional to the minds of men (cf. 1 Cor. 1:18, etc.), Jehovah’s Servant was absolute in His success.

- Cody Westbrook



### Summer Series: Principles of Victorious Christian Living

I want to thank each of the preachers who have 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.

- ☞ Congregational Picnic: August 17
- ☞ **Summer Series 2024:** Principles of Victorious Christian Living, each Wednesday June 5—August 28
- ☞ **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