

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	59
Attendance AM	95
Attendance PM	34
Wednesday PM	37

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); Timothy Cole, Jr. (MVH)

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Norris and Diane Cole

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: August— 10—Diane Cole (Norris) 11—Ashley Thomas; 20— Ryan McGahee; Marie Tolley; 21—Naree Poole; 27— LaMont Cole; 28 - Brenda Mamula;

Anniversaries: August — 7—Dwayne & Tenda Eslick; 25— Richard & Valerie Melson 31-- Patrick & Penny Cook; Patrick and Ashley Thomas

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

August 04	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Server 2	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Ryan McGahee
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	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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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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Please open your Bible and read Isaiah 2:1-4 and note the following: (1) It shall come to pass in the last days. (2) The Lord's house shall be established. (3) It will be exalted. (4) Out of Zion shall go forth the law. (5) This shall be done in Jerusalem. All of these give the key as to the time and place of the establishment of the Lord's church or kingdom.

1. "It shall come to pass in the last days," Many are of the opinion. that the last days are yet to come in a dispensation different from that in which we now live, at which time the kingdom of Christ will be established. Keep in mind, however, that when God set a particular time in prophecy that such "time prophecy" was never postponed. Now read Acts 2:16-17 and note that Peter said, "This is that. And it shall come to pass in the last days." So, the last days mentioned by Isaiah and by Joel refer to the same time. Therefore, what came to pass on the day Peter spoke on Pentecost over 1900 years ago pinpointed the time of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, therefore, the church was established that day.

2. "The Lord's house shall be established." Mountain is often used in a figurative sense, referring to power, and here connected with the establishment of the kingdom. In First Timothy 3:15 Paul wrote, "That thou mayest know how to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God" This establishes the fact that the house spoken of in Isaiah is the church revealed in the New Testament.

It may be in order here to note that the church and the kingdom are the same institution. Luke 8:11 states that the word of God is the seed of the kingdom-only one seed However, when Peter and the other apostles preached the gospel on Pentecost (Acts 2), sowed the seed, the church was produced (Verse 47). Jesus said he would give Peter the keys of the kingdom, but, again, when Peter used the keys on Pentecost the door of the church was opened, and obedient souls added thereto (Acts 2:41,47). Keys mean authority, hence, referred to both the church and the kingdom. In Matthew 26:29, Jesus said he would not partake of the fruit of the vine, "until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Read First Corinthians 11:23-30 and see that the church in Corinth ate the bread and drank of the fruit of the vine, therefore, since the Lord's supper was to be observed in the kingdom, and we find it in the church, there is further evidence that they refer to the same. Be it further observed that Paul wrote the Colossians and affirmed that he and they had been translated, transferred, into the kingdom, which shows definitely that the kingdom then existed (Col. 1:13).

3. The Lord's house "shall be exalted above the hills." Since the church is spiritual it could not be compared to literal hills, therefore the word hills must refer to other institutions. Ephesians 1:20-23 shows that Christ is exalted above all "principality, power, might and dominion." These words include everything and everyone in heaven, on earth and the unseen realm, except God the Father. Since the church is the body of Christ it is also exalted above every human institution, regardless its nature.

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SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

Somewhere in time



You probably missed it. MIT student Amal Doral threw a party for a special group of people. He provided the chips and dip for a "Time Traveler Convention." He notified the time travelers about the convention by placing invitations printed on acid-free paper in library books. Attendees were supposed to prove their time traveler status by bringing a cure for cancer, or something like a future sports almanac.

Time travel is one of those things that has always fascinated me. I have enjoyed books and movies with time travel themes, like Back to the Future and Somewhere in Time. Unfortunately, all of these movies and books are fiction. Although some scientists suggest there are ways we might time travel, no one has ever succeeded, and probably never will.

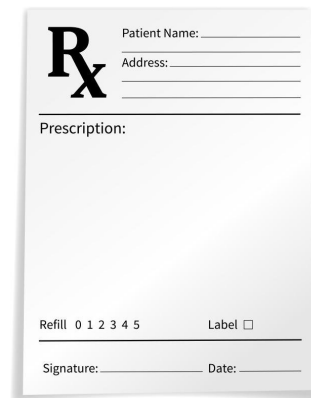
What has always fascinated me about those time travel books and movies is how going back and changing one small thing in the past can make a difference in thousands of ways in the future. Isn't it strange how one small decision can have life changing effects? Leaving five minutes later, or five minutes earlier means we never meet a certain person, we never make that bad driving decision, we never say those words that change our lives.

Since we can't time travel, we need to use the present wisely, because the future will be changed according to how we use the present. Paul advises, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). We redeem, or buy back the time by serving and obeying God, every day that we live. Jesus summed it up in John 14:15: "If you love me, keep my commandments."

What are you doing today that will change tomorrow for the better? Something you do, or don't do today will change tomorrow.

— Bob Prichard

God writes prescriptions

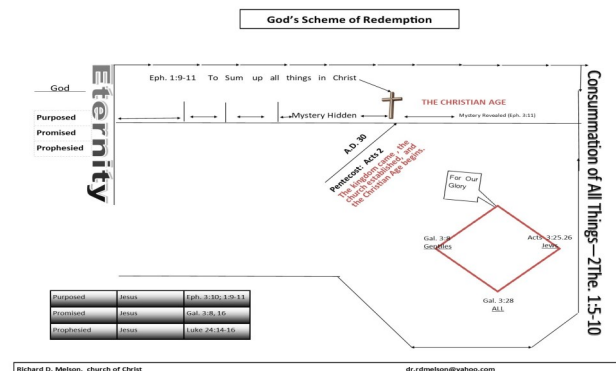


Sometimes people will hear about Bible stories, or maybe even read a Bible story without full context, and they will make God out to be some kind of monster. An example of this is the account of Uzzah, who "took hold" of the ark of covenant when "the oxen stumbled," and "God struck him there for his error" (2 Sam. 6:6-7). Why would God do such a thing?

The trouble is that many folks do not put Biblical passages into their Biblical context. There is more to the story, for those who are willing to study it. The record in 1 Chronicles 15 explains, "God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order" (15:13). The NIV says, "We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way."

Why was Uzzah punished in such a manner for his error? They had NOT checked God's prescription for how to transport the ark (Ex. 25:12-15; Num. 4:1-20). When God writes a "prescribed manner," man should be expected to "consult" it and obey it. That's not difficult to understand!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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4. "All nations shall flow unto it." This refers to Jew and Gentile. All nations were present on Pentecost (Acts 2:5-11), including some Gentiles who became proselytes. Acts 10 and 11 give further evidence that the Gentiles were brought into the kingdom. "All nations" did not refer to political divisions, but Jew and Gentile. Ezekiel 34:17-24 refers to them as "cattle and cattle," and the Lord speaks of sheep and sheep (John 10:16).

5. "Out of Zion shall go forth the law...He will teach us his ways." It has been shown that the old law given through Moses would be abolished, abrogated (Amos 8:5,8; Zech. 11:10-12), and that a new law would be given (Heb 8:8-13; 10:9-10; 9:16-17). The new law referred to the gospel of Christ which should be preached after his resurrection from the dead, as given in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47). In Luke 24:47 and Acts 1:8 clearly show that this was to begin at Jerusalem, as recorded in Acts 2.

CONCLUSION

Over 700 years before Christ came, Isaiah prophesied many things about the Messiah, which must of necessity include his church or kingdom. More of what he prophesied will be considered in subsequent articles, along with other prophecies. But, when one considers what Isaiah wrote and the fulfillment, the only sensible, logical, Scriptural conclusion reached is that the Lord's church was established (1) by Christ; (2) in Jerusalem; (3) on the first Pentecost after his resurrection.

What The Christian Has to Be Positive About

1. Our God is alive (Genesis 1:2-3)
2. Our Savior is alive (Matthew 1:21; Revelation 1:5)
3. The Bible (2 Timothy 3:15-17)
4. Our Salvation (1 John 5:13)
5. God's Power (Ephesians 3:20)
6. Our Reward (Revelation 2:10)
7. The Church (Matthew 16:13-18)
8. Our Hope (Romans 8:24)

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—see the sign-up sheet in foyer
- ☞ **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 ; 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