

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

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| Bible Class | 52 |
| Attendance AM | 89 |
| Attendance PM | 34 |
| Wednesday PM | 35 |

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; Mozella Tate; Dollie Jones; Lyle 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 22 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 9-10 in "Sisters, I Need You"

| August 18 | BRETHREN TO SERVE AM | BRETHREN TO SERVE PM |
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| Opening Prayer | Tony Moore | Tony Moore |
| Song Leader | Chris Poole | Lyle Cole |
| Lead Lord's Supper | Norris Cole | Norris Cole |
| Server 1 | Ryan McGahee | Patrick Thomas |
| Server 2 | Anthony Grigsby | Anthony Grigsby |
| Scripture Reader | Ryan McGahee | Frank Brock |
| Sermon | Richard D. Melson | Richard D. Melson |
| Prayer for Responses | Patrick Cook | Patrick Cook |
| Closing Prayer | Frank Brock | Frank Brock |
| 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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LOOKING AT THE CHURCH THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS

Dan Jenkins

Before the world began, God knew that someday He would establish the church. Paul described this mystery of God's plan as having been hidden in Him from the beginning of the ages (Eph. 3:9). He planned for all men to be brought together into one body, the church (Eph. 3:6; 1:22-23).

Modern America seems to have no regard for God and even less for the church. It is true that denominationalism, religious divisions and actions done by those who claim to be Christians but fail to honor the Lord and His original plan have contributed to this disrespect. However, think of the contrast in the view America has for the church and the way Jesus looks at the true church He established.

The world despises the church because the church believes in an absolute standard for right and wrong. It is not culture or society which determines what is moral or immoral. His people are often seen as "pests" whose influence must be eradicated from our land. Freedom in America means that every person should do what is "right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6) and no one has the right to criticize anyone's choices.

Christians in the first century were seen as ignorant, unlearned, uneducated and untrained (Acts 4:13), and twenty centuries later they are often seen in the same way. The world refuses to look at the evidence for the deity of Jesus and the work He did, and they mockingly describe Christians as having blind faith in a myth which has no more basis for reality than the blind faith children have in Santa Claus.

Now contrast this with how Jesus sees the church. His regard for the church can be seen in the agony of Gethsemane and the cruelty of Calvary. Why would Jesus, God in the flesh, endure such things? The answer is found in the reality that the blood the Lord shed was that which purchased the church (Acts 20:28). He sees the church as those people who have been washed in His blood (Acts 22:16) and have been sanctified, cleansed and therefore are without blemish (Eph. 5:26-27).

Because the church as been cleansed "with the washing of water by the word," His people are "a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing." The church is His beautiful bride and He loved His bride so much that He gave Himself to purchase her (Eph. 5:23-27).

So the question to be determined is which view is the right view of the church? Once we understand the answer, we must never share the world's view of the body of Jesus. Someday those who have mocked the church and denigrated His bride will stand before God. You will also stand there. Which view do you have of the church? Which view will you have when you stand before the Lord? Think about it! *✍*

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

Back-to-School Routine...FOR EVERYONE!

For families with children, summer is the highlight of the year...at least for the kids! If summer could last for 12 months, there would be great celebrations in some households! Nevertheless, as happens every year, summer comes to an end and it's time to go back to school.

One of the challenges of going back to school is getting back into a routine! Summer is a little more relaxed, not as structured and usually does not have much "routine" to it. But, school on the other hand requires more structure and a definite routine—from getting up in the morning, to leaving the house, to doing homework, to getting to bed on time, etc. Thus, it is that time of year when some of us are trying to get back into (or maybe start for the first time) a regular routine for our days and weeks.

Now, some people have already stopped reading. They thought this article was about families with kids and they bailed out shortly after seeing the title. However, the back-to-school routine was only the launching point for the main thrust of this article. This article really is FOR EVERYONE! Here's the primary aim of this article: we all need to have a routine for our spiritual lives!

Runners have a routine! Athletes have a routine! Soldiers have a routine! Farmers have a routine! Teachers have a routine! Since Christians are likened to all of these persons, then we must also have a routine! Unfortunately, too many Christians are stuck in a summer vacation! Some of us have allowed the "things" of this life to interfere with our Christian lives and we've lost the "routine" that we once had in our spiritual lives. We've slipped into a summer vacation (spiritually) and need to get back on track.

Sometimes Christians will set New Year's Resolutions for themselves when it comes to their Bible reading, prayer lives, etc. May I suggest that we not wait until January 1st to end our summer vacations! As so many folks are getting back into their school routines, let us, as children of God, get back into our heavenly "routines."

Find at least one time every day when you can talk to God! This needs to be a time (even if just 2-3 minutes) when everything around you is on mute! Find at least one time every day when you can listen to God, by reading His Word! Even if it is only three verses or a paragraph, let God speak to you every day! Find at least one thing to be thankful for every day! Count your blessings! Find at least one person you can encourage every day! Make the church's assemblies a priority! Open your eyes to the souls all around! Let's get back into our heavenly "routine" with God!

- David Sproule

Which would you tear?

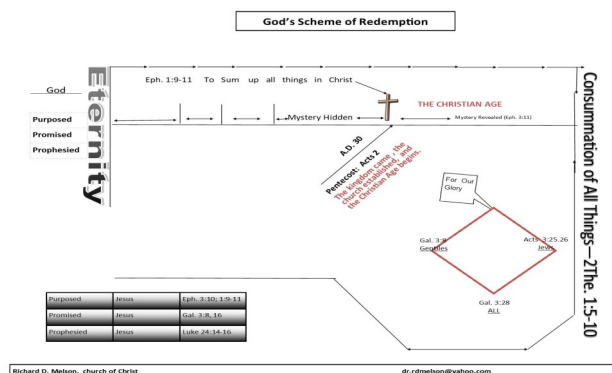


During the reign of King Josiah, the Book of the Law was found in the house of the Lord (2 Kgs. 22:8). The book was brought and read before the king (22:10). "When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law" (and realized that its commandments had not been kept), he "tore his clothes" (22:11), in grief and shame over the disobedience of God's people.

Less than 20 years later, there was a new king on the throne named Jehoiakim. The Lord told Jeremiah to "take a scroll" and "write...all the words that I have spoken to you" (Jer. 36:1-2). The scroll was read "in the hearing of the king" (36:20-21), and after "three or four columns" had been read, "the king cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire" (36:23).

There are two reactions to God's Word. It can grieve you to the point that you tear your own clothes (and heart) in repentance or it can convict you to the point that you tear it up to get rid of it. Which one are you?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



School is Back in Session

This is a day that parents look forward to and children dread—the end of summer break. There are those out there that would disagree, but in general, this is true. With the beginning of school, there are a lot of changes as the family sets into a new routine. This is a good time to make some other changes that you may have been putting off or would like to practice this school year. It is also a time of fresh starts and regrouping.

Starting new habits is never easy, but it can be easier if you incorporate them during a time of transition. For instance, right now children are changing sleep patterns and daily routines. Use this time to start some other spiritually healthy habits. Some of those things could be praying before school or reading the Bible for after school reading. There are many things that could be put into practice. Choose the ones that are going to help your family grow closer and closer to God.

A healthy practice during large shifts in the family routine is reaffirming expectations and responsibilities. As a family unit, everyone plays a role in how the family operates. Children should know what is expected of them. Their chores should be mapped out. The "when you get home" list of things that need to be accomplished should be communicated. Also, conduct expectations should be clearly stated. Using inclusive words like "we" and "us" make it more about how we as the family should act and not just another lecture about their behavior. Parents should include what can be expected of them. Children need to know that they can expect help and guidance through these changes. Making the home a safe place with structure, guidance and clear expectations will help children to be productive in school.

Looking at how God has guided His people, we can see these things in His communication to us. I think

specifically of when the Israelites were poised to go into the Promised Land the second time. On the doorstep of that promise, just across the Jordan River, Moses delivered the message of Deuteronomy. The whole letter shows that God is preparing them for what they will face and warning against forgetting Him. Chapter 6 highlights those points very clearly. Read this short chapter and see for yourself.

Verses 1-3: The reason to be obedient. Verses 4-6: Individual responsibility for spiritual maturity. Verses 7-9, 20-25: Teach it to the family. Verses 10-19: Don't forget God.

We live, love, labor and die to go to that promised rest, that better country. Take this time as the school year starts to instill in you, your children and your family habits that will see you all safely to the other side of the Jordan.

-Josh Blackmer

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.

- ☞ **Summer Series 2024:** Principles of Victorious Christian Living, each Wednesday June 5—August 28
- ☞ **Gospel Meeting**—Tipp City, Sept. 8-11 (Wednesday 9/11, our services will be at Tipp City)
- ☞ **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