

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	57
Attendance AM	97
Attendance PM	35
Wednesday PM	36

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Janis Bland; Phil & Kim Tydings; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Rhonda Fox; Dana Grigsby (knee); Dwayne Eslick (home); Otis Adair (home);

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.; Norris and Diane Cole; Lyle Cole

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Watson family; Shelby Arnett;

Birthdays: September— 3— Ruby Holt; 5 — Michael Blanks, Jr.; 27 — Christina Barnes; 29 — Florine Thomas

Anniversaries: September— 1—Chris and Tally Poole; 27 - Samuel and Dollie Jones

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Sept. 5 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 10 in "Sisters, I Need You"

September 01	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Michael Blanks, Jr.
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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- Christian Courier
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REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS (1)

Roy J. Hearn

The evidences for the existence of God are so abundant that it is difficult to see how any sane, sensible, sincere person, honest with himself and the evidence available, cannot be convinced. The same is true with the Bible, the inspired word of God. It has been properly said, "Man would not have written the Bible if he could have, and could not have written it if he would have." Both the Bible and nature clearly reveal the God of heaven, who is the cause of all being and the upholder of all things good.

Within the pages of the Bible nothing is more strongly stated, emphasized and impressed than that God does not tolerate taking liberties with His word. The bounds of the law of Moses were set that nobody was allowed to add to or take from what God ordained (Deut. 4:2; 12:32). It is further noted that none should turn aside to the right or the left of it (Deut. 5:32). The Old Testament is not law to anyone today, but is written for our learning and admonition (Rom. 15:4).

The bounds of the gospel of Christ have likewise been set. In Galatians 1:6-12 the Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul states that anyone who preaches a different gospel from that which he preached would be accursed. Any addition, subtraction or substitution is a perversion, that is, a deviation from the true, right and regular, a pollution of the gospel of Christ. God set the bounds completely by the Holy Spirit through inspired men and forbids that any other gospel be preached (John 14:25; 16:13-15).

Timothy was told to "Charge some that they teach no other doctrine" (1Tim. 1:3), and "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the SAME commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Galatians 3:15 teaches that no man should annul or add thereto. Second John 9-11 states that anyone who goes beyond the word of God is without God and Christ. In view of the abundant Scriptures that forbid tampering with the word of God, and in view of these strong admonitions, please observe carefully that which follows.

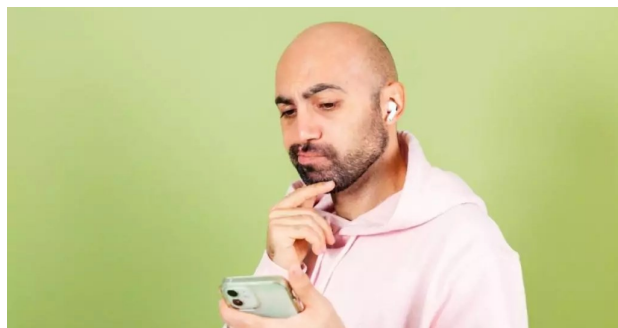
1. The Ancient Landmarks Are not to Be Removed. Deuteronomy 19:14 states: "Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark which they of old time have set." See also (Deut. 27:17). Proverbs 22:28 states: "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set." Proverbs 23:10 repeats: "Remove not the ancient landmarks." The princes of Judah were condemned for removing the bounds (Hosea 5:10-11). Job 24:2 states "Some remove the landmarks." It was dishonest to move the landmarks and thereby steal another's property. It would be dishonest now for one to set his fence over ten or twenty feet and claim his neighbor's land.

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

68% Good News / Bad News

Where my mind goes FIRST



[As you read this, consider the fact that it was written September 3, 2006—RDM]

Good news! We're number 1! No, I'm not talking about either the A.P. or the USA Today polls. I am referring to a study done by the Gallup Poll from 2002 to 2005. During that period they polled some 11,000 people about their attendance at worship, and found that those who identified themselves as members of the churches of Christ had the highest percentage of people saying that they attended at least one worship service each week. The 123 people identified with the churches of Christ indicated that 68% could be counted on to be present for at least one service each week (Christian Chronicle, May 2006).

Other religious groups included in the poll, along with their attendance averages were as follows:

Mormons—67% Pentecostal—66% Southern Baptist—60% Catholic—45% Methodist—44% Presbyterian—44% Lutheran—43% Episcopal—32%

As you can see, we can rejoice that we were number one. That's the good news. But what is the bad news, you ask? The bad news is that if 68% of those polled indicated they could be counted on for at least one worship service a week, that means that we were just one percentage point away from saying that a third of our members can't be counted on for even one service in a week. And we also must realize that church attendance is one of those things that people answering pollsters tend to "fudge" a bit. That 68% figure is no doubt higher than the actual figure.

Something that has always mystified me is the question, "Why don't God's people want to meet for the worship, fellowship, and mutual edification He offers us?"

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). *[It has not changed in nearly two decades—RDM]*

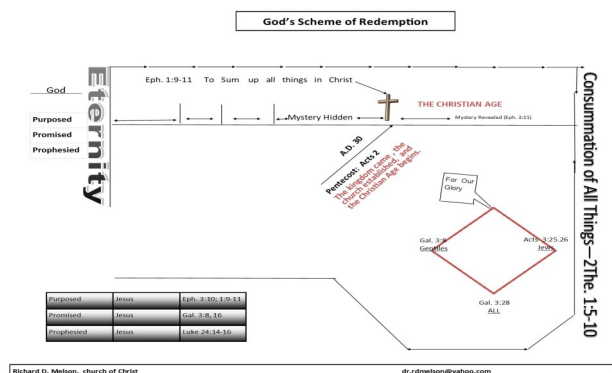
— Bob Prichard

There is a lot happening in our nation right now. There is a divide among us that is full of hate. There are cultural pressures that we may not even realize. We have been influenced to think, respond and behave in certain ways. As a Christian, I must learn to always be MORE "mindful of the things of God" than "the things of men" (Matt. 16:23).

When someone is killed, I need to think about the eternal soul of the deceased AND of the killer. When someone is being insulted, I need to think about the desperate need of the gospel in the life of the insulted AND the insulter. When the tides of what is accepted as right and wrong are constantly shifting, I need to stand firm on the unchanging truth of God's Word. When I feel inclined to lean in one political direction or the other, I need to realize that I am to be a God-honoring, Christ-loving, church-serving, righteousness-living person FIRST...AND...FOREMOST...EVERY DAY!

Everything about my Father must be more important to me than everything about this world (1 John 2:15-17)!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



There are different types of landmarks: Custom, State and Christianity. Some customs that hinder progress should be abandoned. The custom of prayer and Bible reading in public schools should never have been eliminated. Many landmarks that pertain to God and His will have been buried and need to be uncovered.

2. Landmarks of God and Creation. In the long ago it is said that an ancient mariner steered his ship from the Mediterranean through the Strait of Gibraltar and out upon the bosom of the Atlantic Ocean. After several days of sailing and no land was sighted, the captain remarked: "There is nothing beyond." (Columbus later proved there is). Likewise the atheist says: "There is nothing beyond life; there is no God in heaven; no life after this one." In January 1966 a professor at Emory University in Atlanta announced that "God is dead". This brought a large volume of protests. The lamented Marshall Keeble, one of the greatest preachers this side of the apostles, remarked: "I know that God is not dead, for I talked to Him this morning." God upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3). If God were dead all the laws of nature would be suspended, and if that were to happen the whole universe would be in collision and confusion, and the whole human race would be wiped out.

Some are trying to replace the Bible doctrine of Creation with the stupid, nonsensical, illogical hypothesis of evolution, that everything we behold came into existence by chance. It is being propagated on every hand, from kindergarten to graduate school, and even has infiltrated some pulpits. There is nothing that has ever been concocted by mankind that is more senseless and

unreasonable than that all things came into existence accidentally, not by an intelligent, divine Creator. A former head of the biology department of one of "our" colleges told this writer that half of the biology majors in that particular school went out believing in theistic evolution. Some of the college professors were teaching that false theory. (The professor who related that is now retired, and fought it fearlessly. Parents ought to investigate even so-called Christian colleges before they send their children to them).

A book of 235 book pages, entitled Theistic Evolution, was written in 1987 by Apologetics Press, Inc., It exposes the fallacies of theistic evolution in general, and especially as is being taught (or was) in one of "our" universities in Texas, and by others who claim to be Christians, members of the Lord's church. Every elder and preacher should have a copy. Also let the writer encourage all those who read this publication to subscribe to Reason and Revelation, published Apologetics Press. It is designed to uphold Christian evidences. They will be richly rewarded. **(More to follow).**

- ☞ **Men's Business Meeting**—Sept. 7 @ 9:00 AM
- ☞ **Congregational Picnic**—Sept 7, 12:00—4:00 PM
- ☞ **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