

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	40
Attendance AM	77
Attendance PM	31
Wednesday PM	31

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby (at home); Janis Bland; Phil & Kim Tydings; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netherton; Kristina Burns; Dwayne Eslick (home); Otis Adair (home); Rhea Wallace; Diane Cole (Norris); Tony Moore (home)

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

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. 19 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 10 in "Sisters, I Need You"

September 08	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Server 2	Frank Brock	Franck Brock
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Sermon	Sabin Johnson	Sabin Johnson
Prayer for Responses	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
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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REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS (2)

Roy J. Hearn (deceased)

1. Landmarks that Pertain to Christ Would Be Removed. The virgin birth of Christ, His divine Sonship, and even His resurrection from the dead have been called in question, as are also His miraculous works, by different individuals and organizations. Humanists, New Agers and other modernists would eliminate Christ entirely. Even some versions of the Bible seek to do so.

The Old Testament of the Revised Standard Version (RSV), published in 1952, seeks to get rid of the virgin birth. It changes Isaiah 7:14 from "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son" to read: "Behold a young woman shall conceive and bear a son." That is a vast difference! There were then and are now many young women who bear children and are not virgins. The conception of the Saviour was to be miraculous. Nothing miraculous when a merely young woman has a child. Matthew 1:23 quotes the passage verbatim: "Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being Interpreted is God with us." In Matthew's account the word virgin is translated from the Greek word *parthenon*, which can mean nothing but virgin, and should always be so translated in Isaiah 7:14.

Such words as in the RSV would make Mary a harlot and Christ an illegitimate child. It stands to negate the atoning power of the blood of Christ (Matt.1:21; Heb. 5:9; 1 John 2:2), and discount the possibility of the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-21). Nobody should do or accept anything, that in anyway, to any degree, in any shape, form or fashion, reflects upon the Deity of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

2. The Landmarks of the Gospel Are Removed. Liberalism has infiltrated the institutions of higher learning, and some undergraduate schools. The late G. C. Brewer gave a brief definition of liberalism. " ... (1) The liberalist is one who has an ideal or ethical concept, a social system. (He may not even believe in God). (2) He is not under any rule of life except as may commend itself to his conscience. He is perfect and can be saved apart from obedience. (3) He may have no need for Christ and perverts His word. (4) He believes the commands of God may or may not be observed, according as it may please the person, or is convenient or not convenient. (5) He thinks one can be too rigid in requiring obedience to the Lord's commands; that the law is flexible; that one is governed by the spirit and intent of the law and not by the letter." This may be equivalent to utterly repudiating the word of God (John 12:48; 1 John 2:3-5).

In some circles the necessity of obedience is questioned, regardless of the fact that the New Testament unequivocally states that Christ is the author of salvation to those that obey Him (Heb. 5:9). Only those who do the will of Christ can enter heaven (Rev. 22:14),

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SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

Forgiveness



There is probably no more beautiful word in the English language than “forgiven.” When we remember all the times that we have failed, surely we realize that it is a wonderful blessing to know that God has forgiven us. We understand that when we obey the gospel of Christ, we receive the forgiveness of sin through the precious blood Christ shed for us. “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:19).

Saved by the grace of God, forgiveness of our sins does not come as payment for our obedience. Our obedience is but the proper response to His love. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

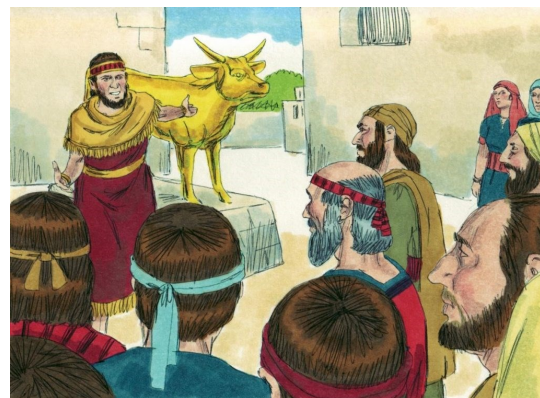
God gives us His forgiveness. How do we respond to His love in relation to others? In The Vision of Matthew, John P. Meier asserts, “A Christian cannot win God’s forgiveness, but he can lose it by refusing to extend it to a brother.” Do we forgive as the kind Master, or do we withhold forgiveness as the unmerciful servant?

“Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses” (Matthew 18:32-35).

“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” (1 John 4:20).

— Bob Prichard

“Devised in his own heart”

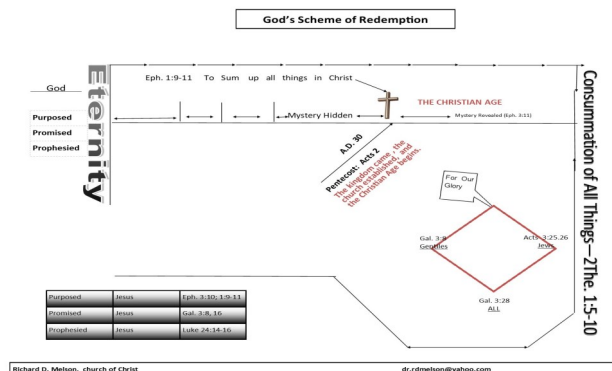


Jeroboam was a devious and divisive character in the Old Testament, perhaps best known for dividing the nation of Israel and becoming the first king of the northern kingdom. Among his first acts as king were major changes that he made to the worship of the Lord. Go and read about these in 1 Kings 12:25-33.

These changes came about when “Jeroboam said in his heart...” (12:26). The verses that follow detail changes that HE made to the object, location, time, manner and leaders of the worship. All of these changes were enacted as he “devised in his own heart” (12:33).

As you read these nine verses, it is hard not to ask the question, “Who gave him the right to make such changes to the worship?” The answer is that no one gave him such a right. He just did what “his heart” desired, and such was an abomination before God. What does that tell us about our worship today? We have no right to change what God has prescribed! Let us truly “worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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and that those who refuse or neglect to obey Christ are classed as foolish (Matt. 7:21-17). In one college where this writer worked for several years, one of the Bible professors espoused the “grace only” idea, that one is not saved by any kind of works. When he was asked by this writer, “What about John 6:28-29, where Jesus said: 'This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent,'" and First Peter 1:22, which says, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth.” and other such passages, he refused to reply. Also, Philippians 2:12 was brought up, which says: “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” He replied, “I am so glad you brought that up, for verse 13 says: 'For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do.'" He was then asked: “Is that a direct operation or indirect?” After a moment's hesitation he replied that it is a direct operation.

Though this man was a professor of New Testament Greek, he did not know that First Thessalonians 2:13 is in the Bible: “When ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” Of course, few if any of us believe salvation by works of merit, as if God were to owe us salvation, but the works one must do to be saved are the works or commands of God, not works of our own devising. James 2:1-26 emphasizes works, but not of human origin. There he simply means that one must obey the will of God. While one cannot claim perfection in keeping God's commands, the Lord makes provision for our cleansing (1 John 1:1-10). **(More to follow).**

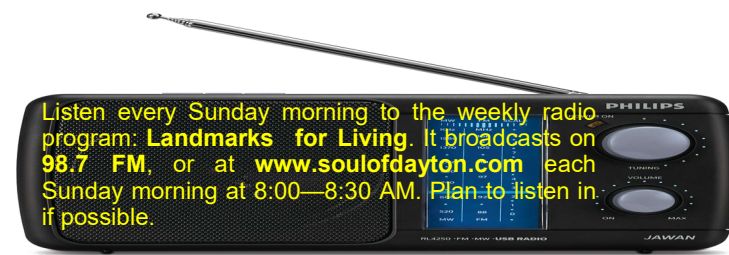
Lord Help Me When I am Hurting

One of the many blessings provided to the Christian is the knowledge that our heavenly Father will not only hear our prayer, but He will provide for our us. However we must never think that His blessings are material in nature. No matter what it is we are experiencing in this life the God who is awesome (Deut. 7:21; 10:17 NKJ) is able to provide the aide we need to endure and overcome. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are faithful to keep their promises to their people. Just as the Psalmist has penned so we can believe and receive comfort:

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help and you have healed me (Psa. 30:2).
Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation! (Psa. 38:22)
Help me, O Lord my God! Save me according to your steadfast love! (Psa. 109:26).

How can we who are in Christ have faith that is weaker than the gentile woman who simply came to the Master, “... and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me” (Matt. 15:25). We must daily go before the throne of grace and say Lord help me! As the song says, “don't wait too long” to go to our Lord for the comfort He wants to give. - Richard

- ☞ **Gospel Meeting**—Tipp City, Sept. 8-11 Bring non member guests each night (Wednesday 9/11, our services will be at Tipp City)
- ☞ **2024 Theme:** Seeking The Lost



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- 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