

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	53
Attendance AM	82
Attendance PM	26
Wednesday PM	NA

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Dana Grigsby ; 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 ; Victoria Dudley; Mia Gilbert (School); Gloria (MVH/ICU) [sister of Berdie and Janis]; Jahmeir Dudley (wrist injury)

**Traveling:** Richard Melson, Jr.; Mozella Tate

**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 15	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Server 1	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Frank Brock
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
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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## REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS (3)

Roy J. Hearn (deceased)

The Old Testament forbade the moving of landmarks that had of old time been set. In principle, application can be made to the word of God. Proportionately as many prohibitions are found in the New Testament as in the Old. God has always forbidden setting aside of His word. Many did so under the Old Testament and were condemned. Many are doing so in the New Testament dispensation and are subject to like condemnation.

**1. The Landmarks of the Gospel are Removed.** Just as some were not pleased to respond properly to God's commands under the old dispensation, as Naaman in 2 Kings 5, so many are inclined to set aside God's positive commands in the New Testament dispensation. For example, the form and design of baptism have been grossly perverted by the denominational world. The Scriptures clearly teach that one is to be "buried with the Lord in baptism," (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12), from which one is raised to walk in newness of life. Now sprinkling and/or pouring water upon the head of a subject is being substituted for burial in water, in the likeness of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 6:1-5,17-18).

Also, denominational preachers teach that baptism is not necessary to salvation, but necessary to obedience. However, it is a command of God and cannot be spurned with impunity (Acts 10:48; John 12:48; 1 John 5:3).

The subjects for baptism are made to include infants as well as responsible individuals. Acts 8:12 states: "But when they believed Phillip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Not an infant in the crowd! Infants cannot understand the gospel. They do not have the ability to believe and have no sins of which to repent. Fit subjects of baptism are required to be taught (Matt. 28:18-20); to believe in Christ (Mark 15:15-16); repent of sins (Luke 13:3; 24:47; Acts 17:30-31); and be baptized, immersed in water, for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). None of these acts are required of infants hence, to bind such upon them is to pervert the gospel of Christ, remove the landmark which the Holy Spirit has set.

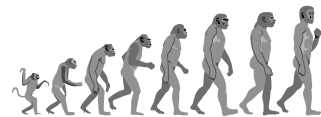
Another landmark set aside is the operation of the Holy Spirit in conversion. A direct, immediate, operation of the Spirit upon the heart of a sinner, apart from the word of God has long been a claim of denominationalists who are averse to God's commands, and a miraculous conversion is expected. There are many inconsistencies in these claims, which will not be treated here.

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

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

## What are they afraid of?



There is a continual battle between those who have been seeking freedom to teach "Intelligent Design" [I. D.], in contrast to the mandated theory of material evolution in America's classrooms. As the battle is waged in courtrooms across the land, those who hold to evolution deny any scientific validity to I.D., and say it is nothing but religion. What they fail to understand is that the concept of a designer for our designed world is neither unscientific, nor necessarily a religious concept. They also fail to recognize that their adherence to materialistic evolution has just as many earmarks of religion as the I. D. movement does.

Joel Belz, made some interesting points in an editorial in World, August 20, 2005, concerning the issue. He pointed out that in the famous story of the two mothers claiming the same baby as their own, Solomon was able to discern that the real mother, who would be telling the truth, would be the one to show the more generosity.

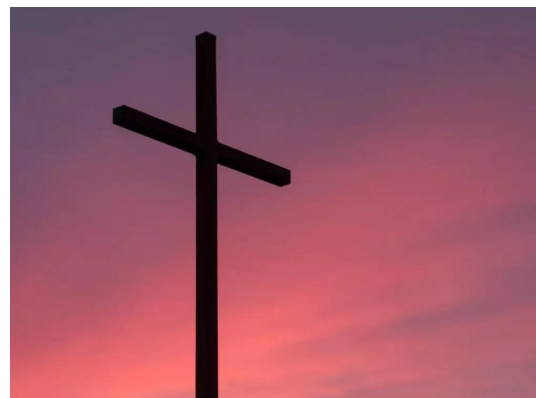
Belz spoke of the furor created when President Bush responded to a question about whether or not ID should be allowed in the classrooms by saying, Part of education is to expose people to different schools of thought. You're asking me whether or not people ought to be exposed to different ideas. The answer is yes. ... Both sides ought to be properly taught ... so people can understand what the debate is about.

Belz notes the "grumpy stubbornness" of the evolutionary crowd, who refuse to even consider any other evidence: "'Look' cries someone with gleeful delight. 'Let me show you the snowflake. Look at its incredible design.' 'Don't want to' comes the bad-tempered reply."

What are they so afraid of? Since "all of the evidence," they say, is in favor of evolution, why are they so afraid that anyone would consider the evidence of Intelligent Design? David understood the evidence. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

— Bob Prichard

## He first loved us!

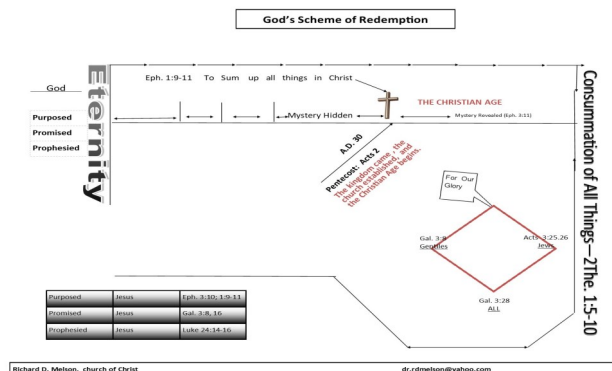


There are some things that you know in your head, but even after knowing certain things for a lifetime, it can still boggle the mind and surpass complete understanding.

The love of God is one of those things that we can "know" but never fully comprehend. Consider parts of 1 John 4. "God is love...the love of God was manifested...He loved us...God so loved us...we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love...He first loved us" (4:8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 19). What did the love of God do for us? "God has sent His only begotten Son into the world...He sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins...the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world" (4:9, 10, 14).

Why is all of this being emphasized in this chapter? So that we, by looking at the mindboggling love of God, we also will "love one another...love one another...love one another...love the children of God...love God and keep His commandments" (4:7, 11, 12, 20, 21; 5:2, 3). May His love motivate us deeply to love Him and each other as He first loved us! .

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



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**2. The Landmarks of Worship Are Corrupted.** The Apostle Paul states in Second Corinthians 11:3: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." The Lord's day is ignored by many and the Lord's supper is removed. In reference to this a word peculiar to Christ is used, which never refers to any other person. It is the Greek *kuriakos*. In First Corinthians 11:20 "Lord's supper" is translated from *kuriakon deipnon*, and the "Lord's day" in Revelation 1:10 from *kuriake hemera*. Therefore, the first day of the week and the Lord's supper to be observed on that day belong to the Lord.

The time and proper method of observing the supper are set forth in Scripture. Acts 20:7 sets the first day of the week as the proper time. First Corinthians 11:20-33 regulates the proper conduct in its observance. The sectarian world at large has set aside these requirements. Some observe it annually. Others partake of it quarterly, or once a month. In recent years some brethren have joined those in error in observing the supper on Thursday nights. Other abuses could be listed, but these suffice to show that "the landmarks have been removed."

Mechanical instruments of music in worship have been added. Such was never authorized or practiced by any in the first century church, and for centuries after that. There is no New Testament example or precept for such practice. As a matter of fact, God never instituted it in the Old Testament. It was introduced by David (Amos 6:5; 1 Chron. 23:5; 2 Chron. 29:26). God never authorized a king, either, but for awhile tolerated one. Hosea 13:11 says: "I

gave them a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath." So do not get the idea it was God that first authorized instruments of music even in the Old Testament. God did tolerate some things in the Old that He does not in the New Testament.

Yet in the last century AD., the Lord's church was sadly divided over the introduction of mechanical instruments of music into the worship. Even in the last two years some brethren of the church of Christ have met "in the plains of Ono" in compromise with the digressive churches. Some have said that they would not bring the instrument into the worship of churches of Christ, but will not oppose it if it were done. The Lord said we should "worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). This includes the right attitude and the proper manner, strictly in harmony with New Testament authority. Some are guilty of violating both conditions. (To be continued). *RS*

I want to thank everyone who supported the gospel meeting in Tipp City. The brethren truly appreciated the show of fellowship. *RS*

- Richard

- 👉 **Potter Children's Home**—Coin bank pick up is coming soon.
- 👉 **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