

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	48
Attendance AM	82
Attendance PM	24
Wednesday PM	35

**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; Tony Moore; Gloria Mikler (MVH/ICU) [sister of Berdie and Janis]; Jahmeir Dudley (wrist injury)

**Traveling:** Richard Melson, Jr.; Lyle Cole

**Prayers:** Mia Gilbert (school); Mozella Tate's granddaughter Amani and great-granddaughter—Nova

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Eslick family, death of Dwayne's brother Michael

**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 22	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Michale Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Server 2	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Tony Moore
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick 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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**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 (4)

Roy J. Hearn (deceased)

The Old Testament strictly forbade the removal of landmarks which they of old time had set. In principle this applies to the spiritual landmarks God has set in the New Testament. Setting aside the word of the New Testament in any manner or degree constitutes removal of divine landmarks, and is forbidden. (See Gal. 1:6-11; 3:15; 2 John 9-11). No right thinking Christian would advocate omitting baptism from the Scheme of Redemption, yet other items of equal importance are readily ignored. One of them is church discipline.

Discipline means: "To educate, train, and develop church members. To correct evil, to punish." There is a great lack of discipline in the Lord's church today. Why not practice it more? Or, at all? Some are afraid in view of a possible law suit. This should not be, for God's law is always above the law of the land. So many are the excuses no attempt will be made to list them. If it were practiced as the Bible requires, the church would grow spiritually and numerically and the church would command the respect of outsiders.

Discipline is needed in the church, home, school and State, otherwise anarchy will prevail and confusion result. The purpose of church discipline is to save the individual, not harm (1 Cor. 5:6). God wants a pure church, and that is what He plans to take home to glory (Eph. 5:25-27; 2 Cor. 11:2-3).

Once Alexander Campbell is said to have hired a husbandman to prune his vineyard. When the work was done, Campbell thought the man had ruined it, for he cut it down almost to the ground. But as it turned out he had the best crop of grapes ever. J. D. Tant once reported a good gospel meeting. When asked how many baptisms he had, he replied, "None. We had twenty (or so) withdrawals." It never has hurt to trim the dead and diseased branches from a tree.

**1. God's Discipline.** God is a God of mercy, but also a God of wrath. He desires that all should be obedient and thereby receive His blessings. Hebrews 12:5-9 teaches that God chastens whom He loves. So Paul says, "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord." Romans 1:24-28 shows that God gave up three times on the Gentiles, and chapter two says the Jews were guilty of the same sins. There are many examples of God's punitive discipline in the Old Testament.

Because Cain perverted God's plan for worship, and then added to his sin by killing Abel, God drove him out and he went to the land of Nod. Cain said his punishment was more than he could bear (Gen. 4:13-16). In the days of Noah, the human race became so corrupt God determined to destroy everything wherein was the breath of life (Genesis Chapter 6). Sodom and Gomorrah became so wicked that God destroyed the cities and all therein (Gen. 19). Second Samuel six gives the record of one Uzzah who violated a positive command of God by touching the Ark of the Covenant. God killed him on the spot. He was honest and his heart was right, but God said: "Neither shall ye touch it lest ye die."

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## SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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



## Genealogies?

The Jews were fascinated with genealogies, which were lists of ancestors or descendants. They compiled the lists to show biological descent, the right of inheritance, and succession to an office. The most important use of the genealogies, preserved in the temple, would be for proving who would be rightful heir to David's throne.

Anyone who reads the gospel accounts carefully soon discovers that Matthew and Luke record two different genealogies for Christ. Matthew traces the descent of Jesus from Abraham and David, and divides it into three sets of fourteen generations. Matthew omits three generations after Joram, which was an accepted practice by the Jews, but he also lists five women, which was contrary to usual practice.

Luke traces the descent of Jesus from Adam, agreeing with three Old Testament genealogies (Genesis 5:1-32; 11:10-22; 1 Chronicles 1:1-7; 24-28) and with Matthew down to David, but deviating from Matthew significantly from David to Jesus. Matthew gives the genealogy of Joseph, the legal father of Jesus, while Luke gives the genealogy of Mary. Matthew 1:16 records "And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ." Luke 3:23 records "And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli." Matthew says "Jacob begat Joseph," indicating that Joseph was the natural son of Jacob. On the other hand, Luke does not say that Heli begat Joseph, but that Joseph was the son of Heli, meaning "son-in-law." Saul addressed his son-in-law David as "son" (1 Samuel 24:16).

Thus Jesus is the legal heir of David through Joseph as well as Mary. In God's marvelous providence, He preserved the genealogies until the birth of Christ and the subsequent recording of the information in the gospel accounts. With the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70, the no longer needed genealogical records were lost.

— Bob Prichard

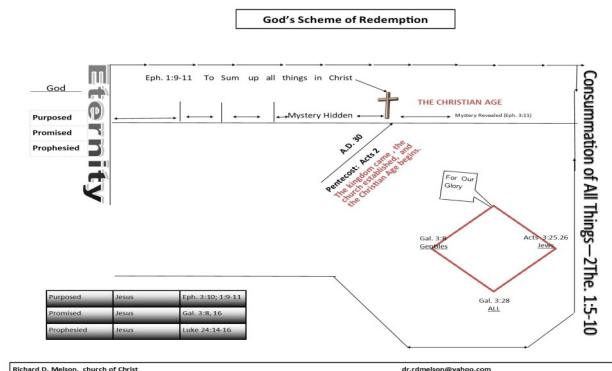
## Get out!



During what had to be a very somber occasion, Jesus said to one of His dear friends, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me" (Luke 22:34). Peter "spoke more vehemently, 'If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!'" (Mark 14:31).

Only hours later, Peter was in a courtyard, "among" a crowd of spectators, watching Jesus on trial. (Read Luke 22:54-62.) As he "sat among them," a girl said that Peter "was also with" Jesus. Peter "denied it." "AFTER A LITTLE WHILE another" said that Peter was "of them," but Peter denied it again. "THEN AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR HAD PASSED, another confidently affirmed" that Peter was "with" Jesus, but Peter denied it a third time. Underline those CAPITALIZED words. Peter put himself in a place where denying Jesus would be possible (even likely). And he not only went there, but he STAYED AND LINGERED there. Friends, when you're in a place of temptation and sin, GET OUT! Don't linger there (cf. Psa. 1:1)!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



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Do not forget Adam and Eve, who were cast out of the Garden of Eden for eating the forbidden fruit. Uzziah the king presumed to burn incense, which was the duty of the priests, and while he was wroth with them, the leprosy rose up in his forehead (2 Chron. 26:18-19). The rebellious nation of Israel died in the wilderness wanderings, and we are warned not to sin in like manner (Heb. 3:7-4:1). When Ananias and Sapphira misrepresented their giving and thereby lied to the Holy Spirit, their lives were forfeited immediately (Acts 5). The list could be expanded.

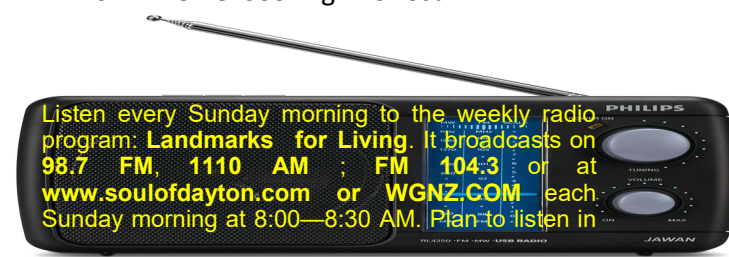
**2. Different Kinds of Offenses.** There are sins that one may commit which are known to himself and God alone. It is not required that these be publicly confessed, but should be repented of and confessed to God. To make such known publicly may do more harm than good, for some people are unwilling to forgive and forget, as God does. When one individual sins against another, let the two solve that, and the offender be forgiven (Matt. 18:15-18; Luke 17:1-4; Mark 11:24-25). When a sin is made public and is generally known so as to bring reflection upon the church and the gospel, it should be publicly acknowledged and prayers of the saints requested (1 Cor. 10:32; James 5:16-20).

**3. Who Should Be Disciplined?** Please note carefully: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from EVERY brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition received of us" (2 Thes. 3:6). Observe that this is a command, not something one may do or-leave undone, any more than he can baptism, the Lord's supper, Godly living, or any other thing that pertains to the will of Christ. It is to be done in the name, by the authority of Christ, and is commanded through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, to disrespect this command, and not keep it, is to reject the

authority of the Godhead Three (Matt. 10:40; Luke 10:16; Acts 3:22-23; John 12:48-50).

There are various sins that may be classed as disorderly, and which are often ignored by the saints in general, and especially by those who should take the lead in discipline, about which more may be written later. Occasionally one finds those in the leadership advocating social drinking of alcoholic beverages. This is a sin that should not be condoned by any, others may participate in licentious activities. There was one who committed adultery by taking his father's wife (1 Cor. 5). Paul said to withdraw from him. Sometimes a wife may leave her husband and "shack up" with another man, living openly in adultery and no action be taken by the church, though she supposedly is a member. The same is true when a man leaves his wife and commits the same act. Or, one may turn to the other types of sinful conduct, man with man, or woman with woman. Most of the time this is ignored. Such is a rejection of the instructions in the word of God. Let it be forcefully impressed that God has not given any unnecessary commands, and his commands are not grievous (1 John 5:3). Indeed, they are not designed to produce grief, except such as may cause one to grieve over his sins and be brought to repentance to the saving of his soul (2 Cor. 7:7-12). *(This topic will be continued next week, Lord willing).*

- ☞ **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/>;
- 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