

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	46
Attendance AM	84
Attendance PM	32
Wednesday PM	40

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Mia Gilbert; Janis Bland; Phil & Kim Tydings; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netherton; Nancy Winemer; Kristina Burns; Dwayne Eslick (home); Otis Adair (home); Rhea Wallace; Gloria Mikler [sister of Berdie and Janis]; Jahmeir Dudley (wrist injury); David Dudley (foot); Elijah Dudley (finger)

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Victoria Dudley; Richard Melson

Prayers: Mia Gilbert (school);

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 Oct. 3 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 11 in "Sisters, I Need You"

September 29	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Chris Poole	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Michale Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Server 1	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Server 2	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Tony Moore
Sermon	Kevin Berry	Kevin Berry
Prayer for Responses	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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 (5)

Roy J. Hearn (deceased)

In the Old Testament God commanded that nobody should add to or take away from His word (Deut. 4:2), and that none should turn to the right or the left of His word (Deut. 5:32; 12:32). The New Testament with equal force forbids adding to or taking from or deviating in any way (Rev. 22:18-19; 2 John 9-11). So the landmarks of the Old Testament were not to be removed by the Israelites, and the landmarks of the New Testament are not to be removed in this dispensation. As previously observed, some commands are being ignored by those in the Church, among them church discipline. *[we continue from last week]*

1. Who should be disciplined? As was pointed out in the previous article, all types of conduct that according to New Testament standards should be included. It is not a question of may or may not, but must (2 Thess. 3:6).

The rebellious should be disciplined. Proverbs 29:1: "He that hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed, without remedy." Hebrews 3:12-19 warns Christians lest they should depart from the living God, and tells of the destruction of rebellious Israel in the wilderness wanderings. Second Thessalonians 3:11-14 includes busybodies, who "walk among you disorderly" that the righteous should have no company with such, that they may be ashamed.

Romans 16:17 names another class of offenders: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which you have learned and avoid them." Multitudes are ignoring this warning, and embracing those who are guilty of practicing many things that are contrary to sound doctrine. Some who claim to be part of the family of God are ridiculing the Lord's church, yet are being used and no effort to expose or correct them by churches. The list is too long to be given here; problems of perversion of truth are many.

What is sin? First John 3:4 says: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." Which law? The law of Christ. First John 5:17 says: "All unrighteousness is sin." James 4:17 states: "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin," So there are sins of commission and of omission.

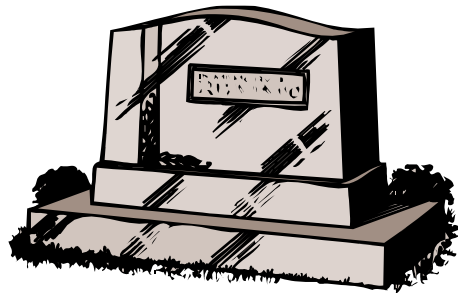
2. Course to pursue in withdrawal. First, how not to do it. About twenty years ago there was a young couple who lived in Cullman, Alabama. They had four small children and during the wintertime there was considerable sickness among them. As a result of taking care of these little ones this young couple became negligent about attending worship. If the elders had simply gone to see them they could have very easily gotten them back into the service. Instead of contacting these young people, they sent them a letter of withdrawal of fellowship. These young people naturally were hurt and offended. A word of **encouragement** would have saved them. They never returned to worship, but instead for awhile went to an unscriptural congregation. Finally they left that group. The end of the story: Now their children are grown and not one of the children are members of the Lord's

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SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEATH!



Mike Strobe reports (Anniston Star, April 20, 2006, p. 3A) some good news about death from the National Center for Health Statistics. There were almost 50,000 fewer U.S. deaths in 2004 than in 2003, a 2 percent decrease. (These type statistics always seem to be late in coming). A 2 percent decrease is significant, because ordinarily the number of deaths increases slightly each year. In addition, the National Center for Health Statistics projects that a baby born in 2004 could expect to live to nearly 78, an increase of over half a year from 2003.

While we rejoice that the death rate has decreased, we are sobered by the fact that, barring the return of Christ, the ultimate death rate is always 100 percent.

Moses offers these words about time and life: "We spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." He then advises us, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:9-10, 12).

Of course, the really good news about death is that Jesus has prepared a place for us when this life is over. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

You may have many years to live, or you may not. The key is to make sure that your days are used to serve God. Let us "apply our hearts unto wisdom."

— Bob Prichard

Would you carry Jesus' cross?

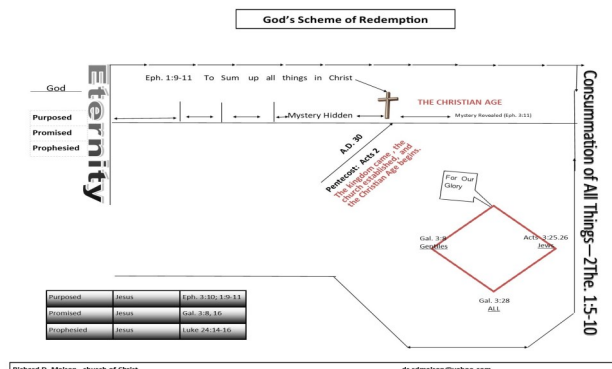


After a long night of agonizing, blood-stained prayers, followed by a friend's betrayal and a criminal arrest, then hours of kangaroo court proceedings, accompanied by taunts and violent mobs, which culminated in a vicious scourging, Jesus was "led away" to be crucified, "bearing His cross" (John 19:16-17). Somewhere along the way, the executioners "compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian...to bear His cross" (Mark 15:21).

Simon did not have a choice in this matter. Under law, the soldiers "impressed him into service," and he was obligated to carry the burden as directed.

Would any of us have volunteered? Would we have done anything to ease the burden on our Savior? Sometimes we make excuses and feel that we have been "impressed into service" by a ruling authority. When, in fact, we have instead been lovingly granted access into a relationship with the One who Redeemed us (Heb. 10:19-23)! Rather than see carrying His cross as a burden, let us see the privilege and enjoy every moment of bearing "it after Jesus" (Luke 23:26)!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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church, and the parents never go to worship anywhere. **Those elders will have to give an account to the Lord.**

Galatians 6:1 teaches: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of meekness." So the first thing to be done is to talk to those in sin or error. Then pray with and for them. First John 5:16 says: "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death." The sin of which one will repent is the sin NOT unto death (1 John 1:7-10).

An effort should be made to save souls in error. James 5:19-20 says that if one converts a sinner from his way he shall save a soul from death (spiritual death, that is). The unruly should be warned and admonished (1 Thess. 5:14). Every reasonable effort should be made to restore the erring. Withdrawal of fellowship should be last resort, that the spirit may be saved in the last day (1 Cor. 5:5).

3. Procedure of Withdrawal. After sufficient efforts of restoration, a letter notifying offenders of possible disciplinary measures should be sent to those in error. Clear, written statement of charges, based upon unmistakable evidence should be given. If this does not bring about repentance, the case should in due time be reported to the congregation, which is to act together in the disciplinary action (1 Cor. 5:1-6; 2 Cor. 2:2-6; Matt. 18:17).

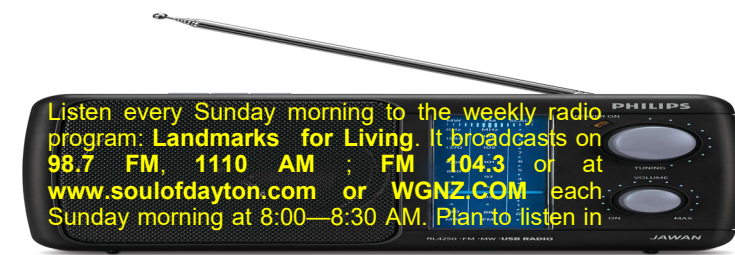
4. Scriptural Requirements. In the Old Testament those afflicted with leprosy were removed from the camp (Numbers 5:1-4). Leprosy has been held as typical of sin, so sinners who cannot be corrected should be removed from the fellowship of the Church. Second Timothy 4:2 says to reprove, rebuke and exhort. First Timothy 5:20 says: "Them that sin rebuke before all that others also

may fear." (this applies to elders also. See verses 17-19). Titus 1:13 says rebuke them sharply that they may be sound in the faith. Ephesians 5:11 says: "and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Have no company with evil doers among church members, but also entreat such as a brother (1 Cor. 5:6-13; 2 Thess. 3:15).

Conclusion: God disciplined the unruly. He teaches and commands discipline in the church. What shall be our attitude toward His will? If the church refuses to discipline the unruly, will God forgive the church? Obey God and leave the results to Him.

The late Roy J. Hearn was the founding Director of the Memphis School of Preaching and we commend the entire series to you for study—Richard

- ☞ **Potter Children's Home**—Coin bank pick up is coming —week of October 13.
- ☞ **2024 Theme:** Seeking The Lost



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- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; 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