

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	53
Attendance AM	79
Attendance PM	39
Wednesday PM	34

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Ruby Nickell; Dana Grigsby; Mia Gilbert; Janis Bland; Phil & Kim Tydings; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netherton; Nancy Weimer; Kristina Burns; Dwayne Eslick (home); Otis Adair (home); Rhea Wallace; Jahmeir Dudley (wrist injury); Elijah Dudley (finger)

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

Prayers: Those impacted by Helene storm

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: family of Gloria Mickler (Janis Bland and Berdie Oakes)

Birthdays: October — 2 Virginia Robbins; 5- Rhea Wallace; 6- Kevin Gilbert; 9- Victoria Dudley; 12- Phillip Tydings; 13- Norris Cole, II; 14- Patrick Cook; 16- Judy Arnett; 17- Dollie Jones, Mozella Tate, Nancy Weimer; 26- Cadence Vance

Anniversaries: October— 1- Tom and Mary Vance

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Oct. 17 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 11 in "Sisters, I Need You"

October 06	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Server 2	Norris Cole, II	Norris Cole, II
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Ryan McGahee
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michale Blanks, Jr.
Announcements	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
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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CONDUCT WORTHY OF THE CALLING

Bart Warren



The fabled "Pony Express" was short lived. It lasted only about a year and a half (April 1860 -October 1861). The transcontinental telegraph put an end to the need for the horses and their riders. However, in the brief time it existed, the service made a lasting impact on American history.

Before the creation of the Pony Express it took a long time for news from the East coast to reach the West coast. For example, when James Buchanan was elected as President in 1856 it took months for the news to reach California. Yet, when Abraham Lincoln was elected in 1860, utilizing the system of men carrying information while galloping on their horses, the news reached the California newspapers in just one week!

Of particular interest to me is the type of person the owners of the operation wanted working for them. Each rider was presented with a Bible and was required to sign this oath:

"I do hereby swear, before the great and living God, that during my engagement, and while I am an employee of Russell, Majors, and Waddell, I will, under no circumstances, use profane language, that I will drink no intoxicating liquors, that I will not quarrel or fight with any other employee of the firm, and that in every respect, I will conduct myself honestly, be faithful to my duties, and so direct all my acts as to win the confidence of my employer, so help me God."

They were calling for serious people with high character. The task at hand was too important to take lightly. Such reminds us of the serious task to which our Lord calls us: "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:1-3; see also 1 Thess. 2:12; 1 Tim. 3:2-3; Titus 1:7-8).

Also like the riders of the Pony Express, from the same passage of Ephesians, we are to refrain from profane language (Eph.4:29-5:4) and intoxicating beverages (Eph. 5:18).

Not many were willing to take on the challenge of riding for the Pony Express. Similarly, we are told by Jesus that not many will be willing to take on the challenge of living the Christian life (Matt. 7:13-14; 22:14).

Let us resolve to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the divine calling! ✍️

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Meeting Location:
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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
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
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- Greater Midwest Lectureship
- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

HAPPINESS



Anthony Seldon, headmaster, of Wellington College, a boarding school in Crowthorne, England, is proud of a new class about happiness being offered to his 14-16 year old students. "I can imagine this taking off in British Schools," he said. "We have been focusing too much on academics" (World, April 20, 2006).

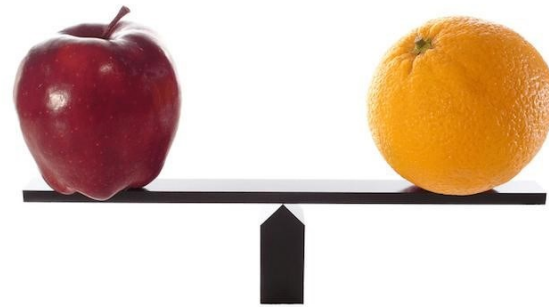
Certainly it shouldn't hurt students to have a class on happiness, but they should be taught that happiness is more of a byproduct than something that can be sought directly. The Declaration of Independence said we have the right to the "pursuit of happiness," not happiness itself. Henry David Thoreau said "Looking for happiness is like clutching a shadow or chasing the wind."

Do you remember those cartoons that used to appear in the paper called "Happiness is _____"? What appeared in the cartoons was often trite, but it is true that happiness is often found in the smaller things of life. What is important, however, is the focus of life. If we want true happiness, it will be found in loving the right thing. Bo Matthews said, "Joy is a flower that grows only in the soil of love. Love gold and gold will give you joy. Love pain and pain will give you joy. Love God and God will give you joy. Love God more than anything else, and He will give you more joy than anything else."

"And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39). How did the Ethiopian eunuch find joy? He obeyed the gospel of Christ, and knew that his sins were forgiven, he had fellowship with God, and that heaven would be his home. Having served the disciples, Jesus said, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you ... If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13: 14, 17). Follow in His footsteps!

— Bob Prichard

"When you look at others"

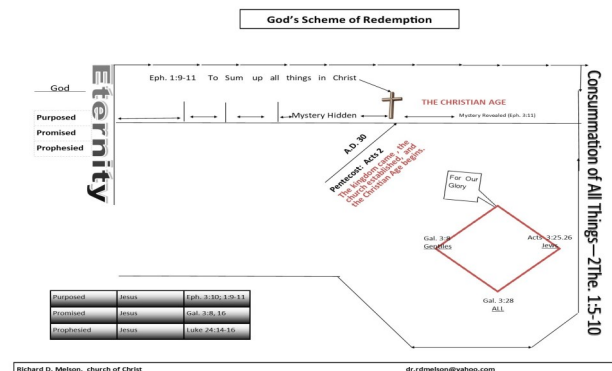


It is so easy to "look at others" and to be jealous (even slightly so) when they "have more" than you do, "have it easier" than you do, "get to do more fun things" than you do, etc. In "looking at others," it becomes very easy to forget what you have or minimize the value of what you have.

In 1897, Johnson Oatman, Jr., in a beloved hymn, wrote, "When you look at others with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold. Count your many blessings, money cannot buy Your reward in Heaven, nor your home on high."

Scripture tells us that playing the "comparing-ourselves -to-others" game is "not wise" (2 Cor. 10:12). Faithful child of God, do what the song calls for! "Count your many blessings!" You are a child of God. You have every sin forgiven by the precious blood of Jesus. You have a spiritual family in Christ's church. You have direct access to the throne of God. You have the promise of eternal life! Don't "look at others"! Look at your blessings and "See what God hath done"!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



The Silencing of God !

Within the past quarter century or more, there has been, and remains an all-out effort by humanist and secularist to rid our nation of its belief and practice of faith in God! The goal is quite clear to- day, to silence and eventually rid our nation of God, the bible, and all its symbolic affiliates. With the eradication of God and the Bible come the erosion of the Christian faith and its practices. And even more; the demise of our morals, values and ethics, and eventually the disintegration of our nation, Proverbs 14:34 says "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

One of the pivotal moves of this movement is to remove all references of God from within public display, and to alter any public acknowledgement of God and His Presence in our nation and in human affairs. Some have attempted to do this by protesting both the reading of biblical prayers, and the act of praying in the public. But what the humanist and secularist do not know is that you can- not separate the creator from His creation, nor the creation from the creator, Rom. 1:25. In Acts 17:28 the scripture says, "For in him we live and move and have our being." We are his offspring. We may deny that, deny His existence, reject His offers, and rebel against His Law, but that does not mean He does not exist. According to Psalm 90:2 " ... from everlasting to everlasting you are God." And as long as He exists, men have and will cry out to Him! For every human being bears the image of the Almighty! "It is He who made us, and not we ourselves, we are His people..." (Psa. 100:3 NKJV). "Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the

Spirit." (2 Cor. 3:5). We reflect His person, therefore we will pray to Him and not be silenced, (Gen. 1:27). As was said in in Acts 4:20, "We cannot keep quiet about what we have seen and heard."

- Vincent Hawkins
Los Angeles, CA

As we make preparation for worship consider the fact that our God is awesome and it is He who we are to worship and man.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: (Ps. 95:6-7 NKJ)

- ☞ **Memorial Service** for Michael Eslick will be October 11th at the Dakota Center at 3:00 PM
- ☞ **Funeral service** for Gloria Mickler—TBD
- ☞ **Potter Children's Home**—Coin bank pick up is coming —week of October 13.
- ☞ **2024 Theme:** Seeking The Lost



NEWS AND NOTES

- 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