

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	57
Attendance AM	89
Attendance PM	38
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); Mary Rutland is at Legacy of Kettering

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Ashley Thomas;

Prayers: Those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

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;

Anniversaries: October— 1- Tom and Mary Vance ;10 James and Layne Vance

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Oct. 31 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 12 in "Sisters, I Need You"

October 20	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	James Grigsby	Patrick Cook
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Lyle Cole
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
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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PLEASING WHOM ?

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2211 Needmore Rd
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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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One of the great challenges facing Christians is peer pressure. We all want to be liked and so the tendency is to alter our lives just enough so we will be accepted by others. How many Christians have compromised values simply because they did not want to stand out and be different?

One lesson each of us must learn is how fickle those around us are. Look at two incidents in the life of Paul. When he cured the crippled man in Lystra, the city erupted in praise for he and Barnabas. "They raised their voices, saying, 'The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men'" (Acts 14:11). Paul and Barnabas did all they could to stop this action. Luke described it in these words, "They could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them" (Acts 14:18). The very next verse shows that the city then turned against them and stoned Paul and thought they had killed him. The point is obvious. Don't worry too much about what your peers are saying.

Several years later a similar thing happened again. On his voyage to Rome, he was shipwrecked. While gathering sticks, a poisonous snake suddenly bit him. Now look at what his peers said. "No doubt this man is a murderer . . ." (Acts 28:4). But when God protected Paul and preserved his life the situation changed drastically. "They changed their minds and said that he was a god" (Acts 28:6). Again the point is obvious. Don't worry too much about what your peers are saying. They are fickle.

So when you are tempted to compromise your principles remember these words of Jesus, "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26). If we succeeded and had every person around us praising us, we would be a failure!

Jesus said another thing that might help us with thinking that the praises of our peers is so important. "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake" (Matt. 5:11). Contrast the words "woe" and "blessed" in the two verses we just noticed. Think about it!

So what's your goal? Acceptance by others at all costs? Having your peers sing your praises? There is another audience which matters. It is not those around us we should seek to please. It is those who are above us! Cherish that day when you will hear these words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." That's all that matters. *GD*

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

DO YOU NEED SOME OF THIS?

Have you heard about the new toothpaste? It has shoe polish in it. It is made for people who are constantly putting their foot in their mouth!

Don't all of us wish, sometimes, that we had thought a little before we said what we said? Once those words leave our lips, they are so hard to call back. It is so easy for something we never intended to say to slip out. Of course, if we didn't think those bad things, they wouldn't be there to slip out.

Wisdom speaks to us and says, "Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it" (Proverbs 8:4-11). Notice, for wisdom, the opening of the lips is only for right things, for truth. Wickedness is an abomination to the lips of wisdom.

James warned about how hard, but how necessary, it is to control the tongue. "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" (James 3:2-5).

Solomon reminds us, "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding" (Proverbs 17:28). Just for today, let's really think before we speak, and speak things that are good and right. Otherwise, you may need some of the toothpaste with shoe polish in it!

— Bob Prichard

God does not forget, so you must not forget

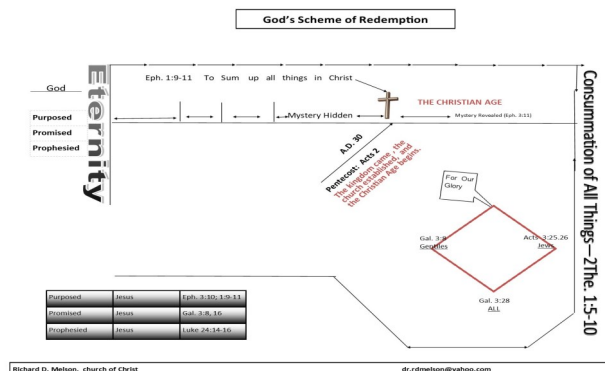


Sometimes we may wonder if anybody knows or anybody cares what we do for others. Maybe we feel like we're always the one giving but not very often on the receiving end. Perhaps we are forgetting too much and not remembering enough. The word "forget" is found three times in the book of Hebrews.

First, the author wants Christians to remember that "God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love" in your ministering to the saints (Heb. 6:10). God does not forget the work that you do for others in "His name." Whether others remember is really of no consequence.

So, then at the end of the book, the author calls upon these Christians, whom God is not forgetting, to not forget their own responsibilities. "Do not forget to show hospitality" (13:2), and "do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (13:16). Don't forget that last part! God does not forget what you do for others, so don't forget to do it!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



DECEPTION

A man is DECEIVED if he is a hearer and not a doer of the word (James 1:22).

A man is DECEIVED if he says he has no sin (1 John 1:8).

A man is DECEIVED when he thinks himself to be something when he is nothing (Gal. 6: 3).

A man is DECEIVED when he thinks himself to be wise with the wisdom of the world (1 Cor. 3:18).

A man is DECEIVED by seeming to be religious when an unbridled tongue reveals his true condition (James 1:26).

A man is DECEIVED if he thinks he will sow and not reap what he sows (Gal. 6:7).

A man is DECEIVED if he thinks the unrighteous will inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9).

Amen to the above words! The Devil is awfully busy these days (1 Pet. 5:8) and deceit seems to be the well-oiled machine of his progress. What can we say when people will employ deception to gain an advantage over the innocent! What a cancer when deception is employed in the process of dividing the noble cause of Christ! May God help us all to be mindful of the inspired words of the apostle Paul: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Col. 2:8).

Philosophical systems abounded in the first century AD. Among the most notable were Stoicism, Epicureanism, Platonism, Cynicism, Philonism, and Skepticism. In Colossians 2:8, Paul warned his readers to beware of the deceptiveness of human philosophy over the heavenly precepts. The Colossian Christians were threatened by a teaching contrary to the gospel Paul delivered. In Acts 17:18, Luke mentioned that Epicurean and Stoic philosophers engaged Paul in debate. Their motives were clearly a desire for speculation rather than an active pursuit of the truth of the gospel.

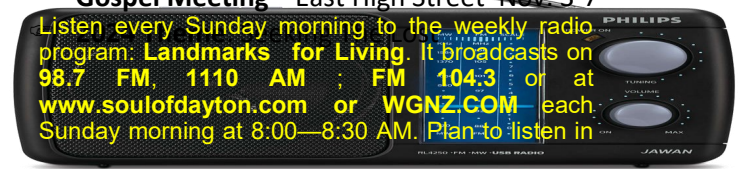
Satan's teachers and preachers with their fair speeches will always avail themselves to disrupt the growth and harmony of the church of Christ. The Holy Spirit has determined the course of the church in this matter: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Rom. 16:17-18). I think I'll take God's precepts over the pernicious deceptions of some of brethren and man.

- Glenn I. Hitchcock

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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