

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

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| Bible Class | 58 |
| Attendance AM | 92 |
| Attendance PM | 33 |
| Wednesday PM | 39 |

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 ; Otis Adair; Mary Rutland (Legacy of Kettering); Victoria Dudley; David Dudley; Jhamier Dudley

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Nancy Weimer

Prayers: Those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Repentance:

Baptism: Jaren Sutherlin and Karia Dillard

Sympathy:

Birthdays: November — 14– Ruby Cole; 16– Tally Poole; 26– Caden Vance;

Anniversaries: November— None

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Nov. 14 @ 6:00 PM
Lesson 12 in "Sisters, I Need You"

| November 03 | BRETHREN TO SERVE AM | BRETHREN TO SERVE PM |
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| Opening Prayer | Frank Brock | Frank Brock |
| Song Leader | Michael Blanks, Jr. | Patrick Cook |
| Lead Lord's Supper | Patrick Thomas | Patrick Thomas |
| Server 1 | Tony Moore | Tony Moore |
| Server 2 | James Grigsby | Anthony Grigsby |
| Scripture Reader | Ryan McGahee | Ryan McGahee |
| Sermon | David S. Deagel | David S. Deagel |
| Prayer for Responses | Lyle Cole | Lyle Cole |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry Thomas | Jerry Thomas |
| Announcements | Lyle Cole | Lyle Cole |
| 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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HE REFUSED JUST ONE BEER

Selected

Several years ago I read an article written by Dan Jenkins that impressed me greatly. It had to do with what some who call themselves Christians will do when put to the test, and also what one Christian refused to do, and it cost him his life. Please read the following and ask yourself, "Which of these would I be?"

Following a recent Friday night football game many high school students were having a "victory party." The air was full of laughter; the victory had been sweet! Some Christians were present, and when offered a beer they did not refuse.

A bill was before the state legislature. It would allow wine to be sold at a much cheaper price, by the removal of certain taxes upon it. Another bill was also presented that would allow billboard advertising of liquor. Christians, who were members of the legislature, were asked for their support. They did not refuse. In fact, they led the fight to get both passed.

A Christian helped his neighbor with some yard work in the hot afternoon sun. They had known each other for a long time and had often fished and golfed together. When they went into the neighbor's house to cool off, the neighbor offered the Christian a cold beer. He did not refuse.

A Christian businessman sat across the table from an important client. All was going well. The client offered him a drink and he knew that if he took it, the sale he had longed for would be clinched. He did not refuse.

A report from Jim Petty, a preacher in South Africa arrived recently. It said, "One of the former graduates from Umtali Bible School, Douglas Dabangana, was killed by the terrorists where he was preaching in Southwest Rhodesia, the last part of June. A group of terrorists tried to force him to drink beer, but he refused, saying he was a Christian and couldn't. So they shot him right then, killing him."

One day, the Christian high school students, the Christian legislators, the Christian businessman, the Christian neighbor, and Douglas Dabangana will stand before Christ to give account for the deeds done in the body. Which of these would you want to be?

After reading the above, please give consideration to the following. If you were placed in the same or a similar circumstance, what would you do? Are there not times when we are prone to compromise rather than "offend" someone? Are we always willing to stand up for truth and right and let there be no doubt in anyone's mind where we stand on every issue? Are we willing to speak out, or do we just remain silent for fear that we will be

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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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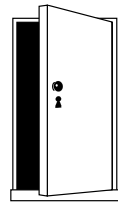
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SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

“I HAD RATHER BE A DOORKEEPER”



As God prepared His people to enter the Promised Land, He assigned the tribe of Levi to be in charge of all things related to worship under the Law. That meant that the Levites provided all of the priests, as well as those who would care for the tabernacle/temple, implements used in worship, and any other possible assignment relating to the worship of God.

Among the various families of the Levites, each family received a particular assignment. The family of Kohath was assigned to carry the tabernacle furnishings as they traveled, but even though they were Levites, they could not serve as priests. Korah, the head of the family, felt slighted, and led a rebellion against Moses and Aaron. “And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi: Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?” (Numbers 16:10). The wrath of God fell on Korah and the other rebels, and the earth opened up and swallowed them.

God was merciful to Korah’s family, however. “And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign. Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not” (Numbers 26:10-11).

Several generations later, the family of Korah was still serving faithfully in the temple, not as priests, but as gatekeepers and singers. Perhaps this prompted them to write in Psalm 84:10, “For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.” In other words, they had more joy from one day in the service of the Lord, than for a thousand days in the service of evil. There is joy in simple service to God, in whatever humble capacity we find ourselves. Aren’t we grateful for the many who serve the cause of Christ in those unsung positions that we could never do without!

— Bob Prichard

Would you rather or neither?

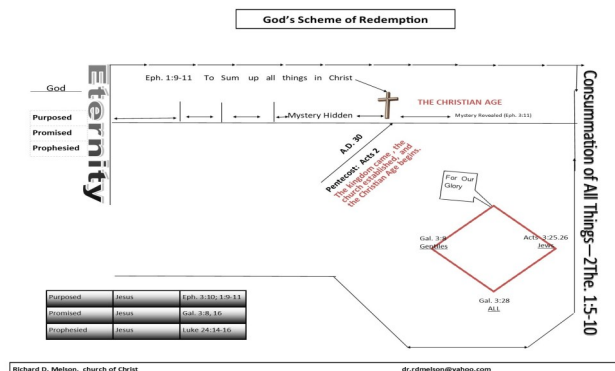


The popular party game asks the question, “Would you rather?” For example, “Would you rather have smelly feet or stinky breath? Would you rather wake up in the morning as a bird or a dolphin?” And, you must choose one. You cannot say, “Neither.” So, let me ask you one: “Would you rather be rich or poor?” An interesting Bible text considers this choice.

Agur the son of Jakeh asked of God, “Give me neither poverty nor riches—Feed me with the food allotted to me; Lest I be full and deny You, And say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God” (Prov. 30:7-9).

What an intriguing perspective! One can become rich and think he does not really need the Lord or His church or His lifestyle. Could that happen to you? But, also, in one’s impoverished condition, one may make choices that cause him to blame God for his plight. In this “Would you rather?” the only answer is, “Neither!” May our financial condition never affect our spiritual condition!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



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embarrassed if our associates learn what we really believe? Please listen and heed these words of our Lord: “Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels” (Mark 8:38). Yes, we live in an “adulterous and sinful generation,” but can we afford to be ashamed of our Lord? Remember, we must be willing to confess Him before men if we expect Him to confess us before the Father (Matthew 10:32-33). Let’s sing and mean, “I’m not ashamed to own my Lord nor to defend His cause,” but do we really mean it, or are we just saying words?

“Strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” -Proverbs 20:1

We welcome David S. Deagel from the West Virginia School of Preaching. David is a gospel preacher and also a Recruiter for the West Virginia School of Preaching.

David will be with the congregation today, teaching and preaching at each service. He will also brief us on the work being done in Moundsville, WV at the school of preaching.

Save This Nation

In the days of the Civil War, a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln was a visitor at the White House. “I had been spending three weeks with Mr. Lincoln as his guest. One night I was restless and could not sleep ... from the private room where the president slept, I heard low tones, for the door was partly open. Instinctively I

wandered in, and there I saw a sight which I have never forgotten. It was the president kneeling before an open Bible . . . his back toward me. I shall never forget his prayer: ‘Oh, thou God that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me. I cannot lead these people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without thy help . . . O God, hear me and save this nation.’” -Author unknown

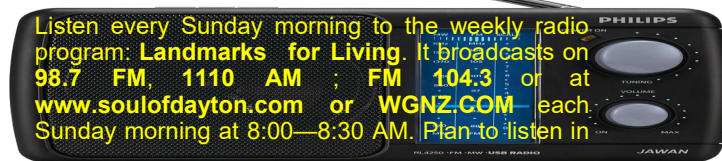
“Righteousness exalteth a nation” -Proverbs 14:34

Wise Words

- The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.
- The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.
- When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.
- It's easier to build a child than to repair an adult.

“The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters” - Proverbs 18:4

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- 📍 **Gospel Meeting**—East High Street Nov. 3-7
- 📍 **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