

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	59
Attendance AM	99
Attendance PM	46
Wednesday PM	N/A

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; Victoria Dudley;

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Nancy Weimer

Prayers: Those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Jerry and Linda Thomas (death of Robert, Jerry's son)

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 10	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Server 2	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Sermon	Richard D Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
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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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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PSALM 100: GIVING HONOR TO GOD

Cody Westbrook

How do you view God? Think carefully about how you answer that question because your answer determines your response. There are many people in the world who have a distorted view of God and therefore respond to Him in a completely unacceptable fashion. For example, there are some who live lives of complete, open, and unmistakable rebellion against the Lord, yet when they die their friends and loved ones adamantly declare that they have "gone to a better place." The obvious implication is that a person can dishonor Jehovah by the way that they live and still go to Heaven in spite of it. What does that say about their view of God? Is He really a God that would look so carelessly upon how we live that He would reward unrighteousness? Indeed not. Psalm 100 is just one of many passages that tell us something about the character of God, and how we should respond to Him.

The Psalmist tells us three things about God in verse 5: (1) He is good, (2) He is merciful, and (3) He is true.

- His goodness refers to His graciousness and benevolence. To be sure, God is a good God, and we are all beneficiaries of that goodness. He has provided us with more than we need both spiritually and physically. Therefore the Psalmist wrote, "Oh that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (Ps. 107:8).
- God's mercy has to do with His compassion for the miserable and steadfast love for His creation. "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him..." (Ps. 103:17). Jeremiah said, "Through the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not" (Lam. 3:22). How great is the mercy of our God? Surely it is beyond the scope of our comprehension.
- That God is true speaks to His firmness, steadfastness, and faithfulness. Moses said, "Therefore know that the Lord your God, he is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commandments" (Deut. 7:9). Our God is true and faithful. His word is absolutely true (John 17:17) and we may confidently depend on Him (Titus 1:2; Heb. 10:23).

How should we respond to a God who is good, merciful, and true? The first four verses of the psalm describe four proper reactions.

- *Worship with joy (verse 1).* When we worship we give honor and homage to God because He is worthy. We should long for that opportunity (Ps. 84:1-3) and be glad for it (Ps. 122:1). The great God that we serve deserves to be exalted with hearts full of joy!
- *Serve with gladness (verse 2).* Because of all that our God has done for us we should desire to do all that we can for Him (Ps. 128:4). The Psalmist calls for us not only to serve the Lord, but also to do it with gladness. Israel was warned that serving the Lord without gladness would result in punishment (Deut. 28:47). Surely the God who has

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SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

“Lost No More”

The “Givingest Giver” of All Time



Lost has finally solved its problem. No more stolen signs. No more lost deliveries. No more confusion. Or at least we would hope so.

Lost has lost at least seven road signs over the last seven years, and it has a perennial problem of lost deliveries. People love to come to Lost to have their pictures taken, standing there with a bewildered expression, with a road sign in the background.

The problem is solved, though, because the small Scottish village of Lost is changing its name to “Lost Farm.” Local official Bruce Luffman told Reuters News Service that in addition to the lost road signs, “Deliveries get lost because they’ve got no idea where ‘Lost’ is, and it’s very confusing” (World, March 13, 2004). The dictionary defines “lost” as “not made use of, won, or claimed; unable to find the way; no longer visible; lacking assurance or self-confidence: helpless; ruined or destroyed physically or morally: desperate; no longer possessed, no longer known; taken away or beyond reach or attainment: denied; hardened, insensible; absorbed, rapt (as in reverie).” As I read that lengthy definition, I noticed that there is not even one sense in which lost is a good thing, with the exception of the very last one, of being lost in reverie.

How bad is it to be lost? Have you ever been so lost that you just had no idea whatsoever where you were? Have you been so lost that you never could have found your way back without the help of someone else?

Most of the time when we are lost, we are not really lost. We may be a bit confused, but we know if we will just backtrack a little bit, or even stoop to break the secret men’s code and actually ask for directions, we can find our way. But when we think of being lost spiritually, we realize that the one who is lost is not just lost but dead. When the prodigal returned, the loving father said, “For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found” (Luke 15:24).

Since being lost is so serious, it behooves us to do all we can to reach others. In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul talks about the treasure of the gospel, a treasure that must be shared with others. “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (3-4). Paul says that we don’t preach ourselves, but the wonderful message of Christ, “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us” (7). There is power in the gospel! The lost are counting on us to share the good news with them. Do it today!

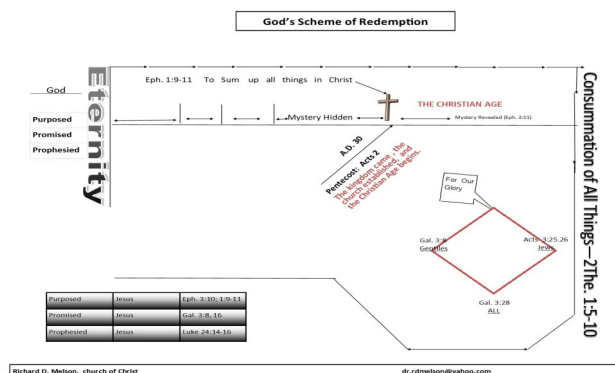
— Bob Prichard

How much do you give to the Lord? I know! That’s a personal question! And it’s absolutely none of my business! Who would you say was the biggest giver in the Bible?

Several suggestions could be made in answer to that question. One finalist on that list of the biggest givers would certainly be the brethren in Macedonia. Paul describes “the riches of their liberality,” in that they “were freely willing” to give “beyond their ability,” as “they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God” (2 Cor. 8:1-5). They gave BIG!

But, to illustrate the true measure of sacrificial giving, Paul speaks about the “Givingest Giver” of all time. Absorb every word of verse 9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.” No one was richer than Jesus! No one gave more than Jesus! And He gave ALL that He had so that you could “become rich” now and in eternity! “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (9:15).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



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willingly given us everything is worthy of our giving Him everything.

- *Know the Lord (verse 3).* So many people claim to “know the Lord,” but how many really understand what it means? To know the Lord in the way that the Psalmist suggests is much more than just knowing facts about Him, it is an intimate knowledge of who He is. That can only come through gaining knowledge of His will. Paul said the more we know about God’s will, the more we know about Him (Col. 1:9-11). The more time we spend getting to know God the closer we will be to Him. In this we should glory (Jer. 9:23-24).
- *Be thankful (verse 4).* Paul said, “In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thess. 5:18). This fact should be a given, but unfortunately for many it is not. Why is it that so often it is easy for us to ask for something but so difficult for us to be thankful when we receive it? God not only wants us to be thankful, He deserves it. The ultimate expression of thanksgiving is a life lived to His glory in accordance with His will.

How do you view God? This is one of the most important questions that we could ever ask, because our view of Him in this life will determine where we spend the next.

The God of All Comfort— 2 Corinthians 1:3

Everyone needs comforting. Everyone has periods of sadness. Everyone experiences troubles in their lives. Without comfort, some things would seem insurmountable (this word means that it would be impossible to overcome the problem or situation).

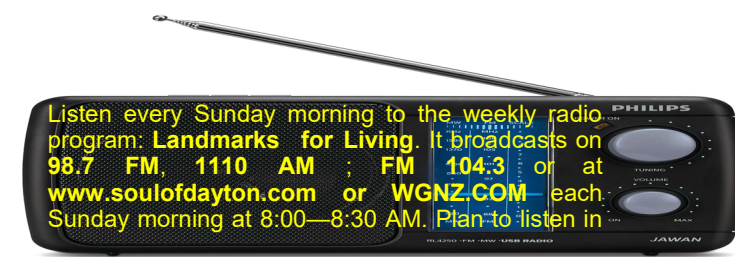
God created the world. He created humans. He knows exactly what we need. He knows best how to comfort us. We can pray to him and ask for his help. He will providentially help every one of us as He sees best.

Every person will sin. Sin separates us from God. But God made a way for us to be cleaned of our sins – the scheme of redemption. It is by obeying the scheme of redemption that we gain comfort from our sins and shortcomings. We learn the scheme of redemption from the Scriptures. We also learn about great people in the past who obeyed God and overcame their sins and shortcomings. By learning about them, and obeying like they obeyed, we gain comfort. “For whatever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope,” Romans 15:4.

Notice that in our first verse, God gives all comfort. If we look to him, we can have that comfort. We cannot ignore God or His word and have that comfort. To gain His comfort we must do our part. We must actively look to Him. We must fully trust Him. We must believe that He gives comfort.

Study your Bible. Learn what you must do to gain the comfort of God. Help others to gain that comfort as well.

📻 **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