

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	58
Attendance AM	93
Attendance PM	37
Wednesday PM	35

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Ruby Nickell; 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; Richard Melson, Jr.
Prayers:
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Birthdays: November — 14— Ruby Cole; 16— Tally Poole; 26— Caden Vance;
Anniversaries: November— None
Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Dec. 05 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 13 in "Sisters, I Need You"

November 17	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Michael Blanks, Jr.
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	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
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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THE EXTREME LOVE OF CHRIST

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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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Sometimes words are easy to dole out. Things like love, caring, giving, etc., are all spoken with great frequency, and it is proper to have such concepts in our minds. The real challenge, however, is to show our concern for others by taking an active role in their lives. Perhaps we go out of our way to give a ride to someone who cannot drive. Or, maybe we take money from our own pockets and give to someone who needs a meal or a coat. The truest, and costliest, way to show love is to take action on behalf of others.

Jesus said in John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. " If true love is expressed by expending some effort on another's behalf, then the ultimate expression of love is to give everything that one can give-nothing held in reserve. At this time of year much of the religious world is celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, yet likely without understanding the fullest significance of this event.

The story begins with the choices of mankind, namely what people do in response to God's laws. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve decided to overrule God's command and sinned, Genesis 3. The consequence was the entrance of death and separation from God. This separation was clearly identified when Israel was told in Isaiah 59:1,2, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. " As each person commits their first sin today, including you and me, we are immediately separated from the Creator, exactly as Adam and Eve were, and have become His enemy.

Is mankind left to this lot, never again to be near the Heavenly Father? Some means was necessary to remove the barrier of so that the communion with God that existed in the Garden could be reclaimed: It is at this point that the life of Jesus becomes pivotal to man. He did live a perfect life (Heb. 4:15), and consequently never earned separation from God. He was willing to sacrifice himself, however, for our guilt. Romans 5:8 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." This brings us full circle to Jesus' statement that the greatest love is to lay down one's life for friends, as that is exactly what he did.

If the story had stopped there, then nothing would have changed. However, Jesus' stay in the grave was limited to three short days before his resurrection, a fact was witnessed by hundreds of people(1Cor. 15:3-8). Afterward he ascended to heaven where he presented his own blood as a sacrifice for sin, (Heb. 9:24-26). It is this willingness to die for us that makes Jesus' sacrifice the ultimate expression of love, since he did it voluntarily and not of compulsion. We as Christians remember the love shown by our Friend and Savior Jesus by

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SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

Kettering's Observations



Isn't our modern, technological world wonderful! Today we will eat food that was in a garden ten thousand miles away a week ago. We can walk into a store and find electronic equipment that gets smaller, more efficient, and even cheaper with each new model. We are no longer bound by the sun in our activities, and if we choose to go to Wal-Mart at midnight to do our grocery shopping, there is nothing to stop us. Each day we hear news from the other side of the world almost instantaneously.

And yet, as the late engineer and inventor Charles F. Kettering noted, "You can send a message around the world in one-fifth of a second, yet it may take years for it to get from the outside of a man's head to the inside."

Haven't you seen the truth of Kettering's words? A woman may have a friend tell her again and again about something that will revolutionize her life, and she may never accept the information, or a man may hear the gospel a thousand times before he obeys.

Since it sometimes takes us so long to understand, it is not surprising that the Bible is often repetitious. We have four accounts of the life of Christ, with some of the information from one book to another virtually the same. Some themes are hammered home again, and again. Writing to the church at Philippi, Paul said, "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe" (Philippians 3:1). Paul necessarily had to repeat himself from time to time, to keep the brethren "safe."

You have heard these before. Have they gotten to the inside of your head?

"If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).
"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37).
"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:39).
"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9).
"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11:25).

— Bob Prichard

Must himself (or herself) be friendly

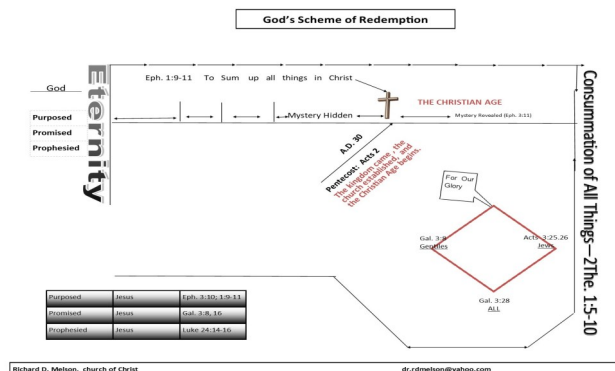


The wisdom of the book of Proverbs is so practical and it just makes sense. One such nugget of truth states, "A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (Prov. 18:24). How true is that? Someone who is not "friendly" does not have many "friends"!

Sometimes folks in the church will be upset because they don't have many friends in the church. Can I ask a question? How "friendly" have you been? Have you come to services early and stayed late to visit with folks? Have you reached out via text and phone to fellow members regularly to check on them and encourage them? Have you invited folks over to your house? Have you invited folks to go to lunch with you on Sunday after worship? Have you sought opportunities to serve your brethren? What efforts have you made to be friendly and to make friends in the church?

It's not fair to blame others for not being your friend if you are not first a friend to them. The church needs more friends! Will you be a friendly friend to others, starting today? .

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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partaking of the Lord's Supper, not just once per year, but one very first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

How else do we respond to this sacrifice? We are called to give our utmost in return for Christ's life. As we recall what constitutes the highest form of love, John 15:13, we know that we must give our own lives in service to our God. Romans 6:11 says that just as Christ died for our sins, we are to "reckon [ourselves] to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. "As Paul also says in Romans 12:1, we are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices in answer to Christ's sacrifice in death for this is our reasonable service. When we try to accept the gift of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, but are unwilling to offer ourselves in return, we only reveal an ungrateful attitude within ourselves. With the new spiritual life that we have been given, let us offer the rest of our days in service to the Father who loved us and removed the barrier of sin. Will you minimize the sacrifice of Jesus and his efforts toward reconciliation? Or will you lay down your life and be a friend of God? [The Southwestern—July 20, 2003]

The Christian Attitude

Just to be tender, just to be true,
Just to be glad the whole day through.
Just to be merciful, just to be mild,
Just to be trustful as a child.
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet,
Just to be helpful with willing feet.
Just to be cheery when things go wrong,
Just to drive sadness away with a song.

Whether the hour is dark or bright,
Just to be loyal to God and right.
Just to believe that God knows best,
Just in His promises ever to rest.
Just to let love be our daily keep,
That is God's will for you and me.

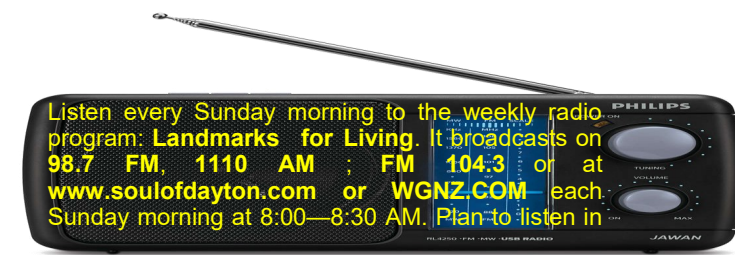
Freedom to Possess a Guarded Heart

"There are two days in the week about which and upon which I never worry. Two carefree days kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is Yesterday ... and the other ... is Tomorrow."

- Robert James Burdette

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy— meditate on these things. (Phil. 4:8 NKJ)

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