

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	64
Attendance AM	99
Attendance PM	36
Wednesday PM	28

**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. Mozella Tate; Patrick & Penny Cook  
**Prayers:** Kevin and April Gilbert  
**Repentance:** Berdie Oakes  
**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 24	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 2	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard D Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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## CARING FOR OTHERS

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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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Today we live in a world in which many have lost the desire to care for others. Some have become so self-centered that the only people they will look out for are themselves. This is not what the Lord intended. When we study the Scriptures, it is evident that we are commanded by God to be concerned for others, not only ourselves. Even in the first book of the Old Testament (Genesis), God showed that we all have a responsibility to our fellow man when He asked Cain concerning his brother Abel. In Luke 10:25-37, we read about an incident in which a lawyer stood up and tempted Jesus by asking the Lord, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?": The Lord answered this question as He often answered those posed to him by men trying to tempt Him He answered the question with a question. The Lord asked this lawyer, supposedly an expert in matters of the law, "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" The lawyer actually answered his own question when he responded, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself" The Lord then proceeded to tell the lawyer that he had answered correctly and to do this and he would live. The lawyer, realizing he had fallen into his own trap and trying to justify himself, asked the Lord, "Who is my neighbor?" It was at this time that the Lord told the parable of the good Samaritan.

In the parable, the Lord told how a man had gone down from Jerusalem to Jericho and had fallen among thieves who had stripped him of all his raiment, wounded him, and left him half-dead. Then the Lord related how a priest had come down that same road by chance, and seeing this wounded man, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite came by the same road and reacted in much the same way. It was not until a Samaritan came that his poor man received help. When the Samaritan came, he looked at the wounded man and had compassion on him. The Samaritan not only had concern for him, but also bound up his wounds and sat him on his beast and took him to an inn and provided care for him. The following day when the Samaritan was to continue his journey, he took two pence and gave it to the host at the inn and told him to take care of the man and that whatever he spent in excess of the two pence he would pay when he returned. It was then that the Lord told the young lawyer to go and do likewise.

In the parable told by Jesus, we see people with different philosophies regarding their obligations to others. The first philosophy is that of taking what belongs to others at whatever the cost, and it is one followed by many today. The philosophy of the priest and the Levite was that it is wise to not get involved. The problem with this attitude is that none of us will ever have the opportunity to practice what we profess. The Lord desires us to be like the Samaritan, who did believe that we have an obligation to help those who need us. We have a responsibility to care for others and not just ourselves. Paul wrote to the Galatian brethren, "As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially

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**SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10**

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

## Life in a Madhouse

It was a terribly hectic day at the doctor's office. And it was made worse by the new receptionist who was trying very hard to cope with the chaos, but just could not get all together. Answering the phone, checking in new patients, and doing so many new things was just more than the new receptionist could handle. The psychiatrist had taken all he could, but finally had to correct her phone answering technique. "When you answer the phone," he said, "just say we're terribly busy today. Please don't say it's a madhouse around here."

What is it like in your life? Are you so busy some of these days that you don't know what to do next? If you are retired, do you sometimes wonder how you had time to go to work? It's sometimes hard to tell the difference between just being very busy and living in a madhouse, isn't it?

Jesus was also extremely busy, but He still had time to "get away from it all" to spend time communing with His Heavenly Father. "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth" (Mark 1:35-38). Simon's comment, "All men seek for thee," demonstrates how busy He was, and how many claims were made for His time and energy. But there was still time for prayer, for time with friends like Mary, and Martha, and Lazarus, and to bless children.

Even in the midst of the busy pace of life, however, Jesus offers us peace. He said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

There is tribulation in the world, but He offers peace.

He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). Maybe it is time to give some of your burdens to Him, and take up his yoke.

— Bob Prichard

## Make God a liar

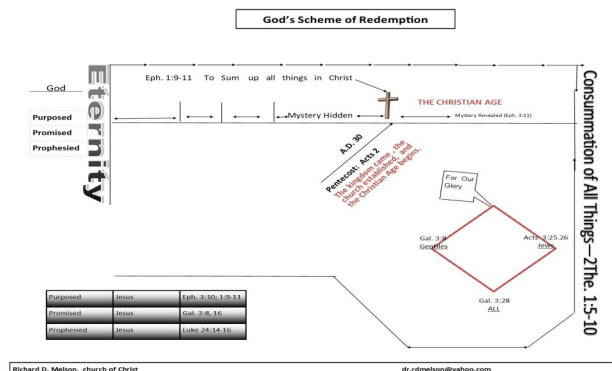


Can you imagine anyone accusing God of lying, let alone "making God a liar"? That's exactly what the apostle John claimed we can do. "If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us" (1 John 1:10). The reason that making a claim that "we have not sinned" makes God "a liar" is because God Himself said in this very context that we will sin (1 John 1:5-2:2), and He clearly says that "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23).

So, think about this. This applies in every situation where God has spoken. When God says something, if I say the opposite of what God says and my statement is true, then I make God a liar. But, if my statement is not true, then I am the liar.

This works in every verse of the Bible. Take one example. Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). If I say that baptism is not necessary to be saved and if my statement is true, then God is a liar. But if my statement is not true, then I am the liar. Who do you want to make a liar?

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



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unto them who are of the household of faith." (Gal. 6:10). What is our philosophy regarding the care of others? Let us all be as the Lord commanded us to be, and try to care for one another as much as possible.

### Hannah's Prayer of Thanksgiving 1 Sam 2:1-10

Hannah had prayed for a son, and God blessed her with Samuel. His name basically means, 'answered prayer,' because she had asked him of the Lord.

When the child had been weaned (about 2 – 3 years of age), Hannah went again to Shiloh to worship with her family. There, a special sacrifice was made in thanksgiving to God, and Hannah fulfilled her vow to dedicate her son the serving God.

Then Hannah prayed again. This time, it does not appear that her prayer was one of silence and agony, rather it was open and filled with praise. Her prayer is still a worthy example of someone praising and thanking God.

### What Can We Learn?

1. Unlike many of her day, Hannah acknowledged God, and her prayer demonstrates her faith.
- (2) Hannah recognized that it was God who had answered her prayer.
- (3) Hannah's prayer is an excellent corrective to the idea that man can solve or provide answers to all his desires.
- (4) Matthew Henry points out that Hannah identifies four of God's glorious attributes: His unspotted purity; His almighty power; His unsearchable wisdom; His unerring justice.

### Think About This:

**Kindness** is to human relationship what an April shower is to the flower -- refreshing, nourishing, and stimulating. Growth and beauty are the results. Kindness is more than deeds. It is an attitude, an expression, a look, a touch. It is anything that lifts another person.

*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.* (Eph. 4:32 NKJ)

### Endings:

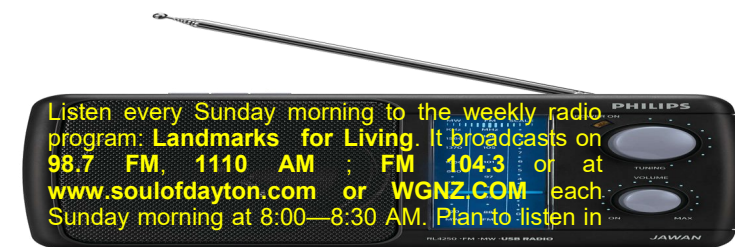
What we call the beginning is often the end  
And to make an end is to make a beginning.  
The end is where we start from.

(T.S. Eliot—"Little Gidding")

### A CHILD'S PRAYER

Dear God, please take care of Daddy and Mommy and baby brother.  
And please God, take care of yourself or else we're all sunk.

📻 2024 Theme: Seeking The Lost



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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