

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	51
Attendance AM	77
Attendance PM	31
Wednesday PM	31

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Ruby Nickell; Phil & Kim Tydings; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netheron; Kristina Burns; Otis Adair; Mary Rutland;

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.; Tony Moore; Deonna Cole; Shanelle Colcous; Dollie Jones; Patrick and Ashley Thomas family; Samuel Jones; Krystal Thomas

Prayers:

Repentance: Richard Melson

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: December — 5 Herman Farmer; 6 David Ward; 11 Nina Netheron, Kimberly Tydings; 15 Dwayne Eslick; Dana Grigsby, Richard Melson; 23 Tony Moore, Sr. 24 Mia Gilbert; 26 Theresa Wallace;

Anniversaries: December— 27 Tony and Princess Moore

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Dec. 19 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 13 in "Sisters, I Need You"

December 15	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Richard D . Melson	Richard D. Melson
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Ryan McGahee	Norris Cole
Server 2	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Lyle Cole	Frank Brock
Sermon	Richard D Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
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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HELPS IN OVERCOMING PRIDE

Mike Vestal

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:5-6). Since there are times when all of us suffer from sinful pride, what are some helps for overcoming it in our lives?

Remember That God Hates Pride. The Bible makes that very clear in passages like Proverbs 6:16-17 and 8:13. And anything God hates should be as far removed as possible from the lives of those who are His people (1 Pet. 1:15- 16).

Remember That After We Have Done All We Can Do, We Still Are Unprofitable Servants. "So likewise you, when you have done all those things commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). One may think he has many things to brag about until he recognizes his life is nothing without God (Matt. 5:3). Only in humbly serving God out of love can one find a true sense of purpose and peace (Mic. 6:8; Gal. 5:6).

Remember That Whatever We Are And Accomplish Is Due To The Grace Of God. "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God" (2 Cor. 3:5). While it is true we can accomplish tasks by using our talents, intellect and through the sweat of our brow, it still is God who gives us minds with which to think, talents to exercise and muscles with which to labor. It is still due to His grace (1 Cor. 15:10).

Remember Not To Think Of Ourselves More Highly Than We Ought. What a temptation this is sometimes! "For I say, through the grace given to me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3). "A man who through pride puts himself up on a pedestal has no place to step but off."

Remember To Glory In The Cross. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14). The nearer we draw to the Cross, the more we pour contempt on all our pride. There is simply no way to be guilty of pompous pride and to be a humble debtor at the same time.

Remember Love Will Cure Sinful Pride. Few would doubt that pride is the most common form of "I" trouble. The Bible says, "love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up" (1 Cor. 13:4). It follows then that the more sinful pride we show, the less true love we exhibit (1 John 2: 15-17). "I" is the middle letter in both sin and pride.

May our gracious God give us the strength to diligently work in cultivating the grace of humility (Col. 3:12-14). *~*

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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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SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

Remember No More



A recent "Pickles" comic strip showed the old man Earl and his good friend sitting on the front steps. Earl said, "I try to forget mistakes I've made in the past."

The friend answered, "Why is that Earl?"

His response: "I'm married, that's why."

The last panel shows Earl saying, "There's no sense in two people remembering the same thing."

It is true, isn't it, that others often remember our mistakes even more than we do.

Isn't it great, though, that God doesn't treat His children that way!

The Hebrew writer speaks at length about the superiority of the new covenant of Christ over the old covenant. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest" (Hebrews 8:10-11). Then notice what he says about the way God forgives "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 8:12).

How wonderful that God is a merciful God, and One Who truly remembers our iniquities no more! When God forgives, He really forgives and forgets. Can we follow His example as we forgive? In his book, Love Must Be Tough, James Dobson quotes Archibald Hart as saying, "Forgiveness is surrendering my right to hurt you for hurting me."

William Arthur Ward, in Thoughts of A Christian Optimist, says, "We are most like beasts when we kill. We are most like men when we judge. We are most like God when we forgive."

— Bob Prichard

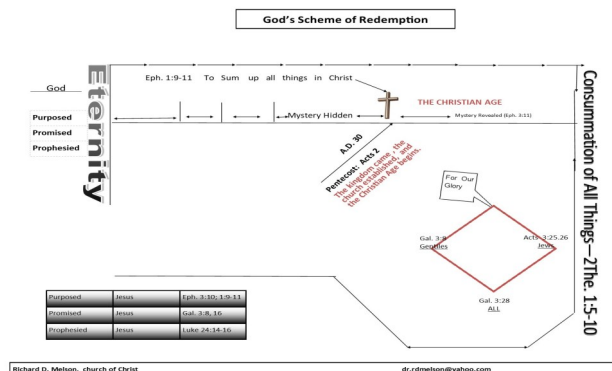
The magnet of heaven



According to a quick web search, the world's most powerful magnet is located in Tallahassee, Florida, at Florida State University's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. This superconducting magnet has a strength of 45 tesla, which, according to the experts, is over 400,000 times stronger than the Earth's magnetic field. For comparison, an MRI machine typically operates at 1-3 tesla. But, as powerful as the pull of this magnetic field is, it has zero effect right now on any metal or electronics that I own, as I am not close to it at all. But, I would imagine, as with any magnet, the closer you get to it, the stronger the pull.

That reminds me of how our relationship with God works and how heaven works. When I'm not close to God, then there's not much of a pull there. But, the closer I get to Him, the greater the draw is to be with Him more now, and the pull of eternity in heaven with Him is almost uncontainable. How close are you to God? How strong is the pull of heaven and your "desire" to go there (Phil. 1:23)?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Rejoice In Trouble

We read in Romans 5:3-4, "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope." One of the striking qualities of these verses is the fact that Christians are shown to rejoice in their troubles and trials. How often do we grumble and complain about the way life has dealt with us? How close do we come to complaining against God?

All men have tribulations. Christians by persecutions sometimes have more, but Christians should have a different view of their problems from that of the ungodly. James tells us, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (Jam. 1:2-3). There is benefit in suffering and difficulties. Even if it is persecution, the Christian should view his troubles as something to strengthen his faith. "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:6-7).

As Peter states value in trial in the above passage, so Paul does in Romans 5:3-4 where he points out that the tribulations bring about patience, or steadfastness. Under pressure one will either remain steadfast or else fall away. When one remains steadfast, the King James Version says this brings about experience, which can properly be defined or translated as approval. Approval of one's life and conduct comes only through standing fast with Christ, obeying his will. Such approval gives one, then, a

reasonable basis for the hope of the promises of God for him.

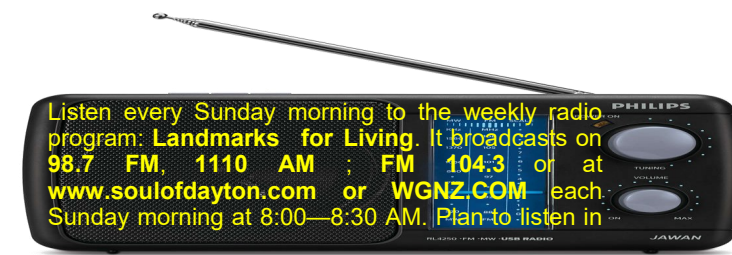
Should we not then cease our grumbling and complaining about our problems? Each of us should seek to obey Christ completely as he is revealed in the New Testament, live according to his example, and realize that the trials of this life are but a refining of our souls in preparation for eternity. **Let us all make the best of everything.**

- Oran Rhodes

TRUTH

I am truth. I move in a straight line. I make no concessions. The ignorant do not know me. The intolerant disown me. I am everybody's good friend and brother. To those who try to bend me, I am as hard as tempered steel. To those who, with a pure heart, seek me, I am as gentle as a mother's caress. Only once have I been perfectly embodied in a life—just once in a book, to know me is to enjoy the highest freedom. To reject me is to invite the most tragic doom.

📻 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