

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	49
Attendance AM	109
Attendance PM	48
Wednesday PM	32

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dollie Jones (home); Mike Mamula; Phil & Kim Tydings; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netherton; Mary Rutland (home); Richard Melson; Janet Fortner (Penny's aunt) will have hip surgery in March; Shelia Dixon (in hospital)

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: March — 6 Melody Angus; 9 Rita McGahee; 10 Samuel Jones, Jr. 11 Mary Vance; 17 Pat Norris; 18 Layne Vance; 27 Lyle Cole; 28 Cynthia Lease; 30 Timothy Angus, William Bogan

Anniversaries: March — None

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class March 20 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 3 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

March 09	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Server 2	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Scripture Reader	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Greeter		
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Usher		

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

"Pray without ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17

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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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BIBLE REASONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

J. Winfred Clark

We live in a day and age when people are looking for reasons. That is good. Such an approach will cause one to act in a fashion that is intelligent. There are also cases where one may be told to do, or not do a thing. That person may respond by saying "Why?". That is, they want to know the reason.

If you take the time to look at your Bible, you will see some reasons outlined as to the "why" people ought to live right.

1. TO SAVE THE LOST

This is clearly spelled out. Peter speaks to the wife who has the husband that is not a Christian. She is told to,

be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. (1 Pet 3:1-2).

Notice that the wife is told what to do, and she is also told why she is to conduct herself in that way. In short, her life is to be lived in such a way that she may be a Christian influence and save the husband.

2. TO SILENCE THE OPPOSITION

This is surely seen the language of Paul to Titus.

Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you (Titus 2:8).

The man that is a Christian is to so speak and so act that nobody can have any real reason to speak a word against him. He may not agree with what he believes but he cannot deny the kind of life he lives. This was true in the case of Daniel.

3. TO SUPPORT THE TRUTH

Listen to the language of Paul, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27). This passage calls for a life that will support the gospel. It will be a life that attracts people to the gospel rather than having them repulsed by such. One would not listen to one like the priest or Levite that passed by on the other side of the road. He would however pay some attention to what one like the Samaritan had to say. Surely the gospel would make one more like the Samaritan than the priest and Levite.

Yes, there are reasons for living the life a Christian is to live. ✍️

BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17

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



“The Best Is Yet To Be”

You'll be glad to know that it has officially passed. According to a scientist in Great Britain, Monday, January 24 was officially the most depressing day of 2005. He says that the combination of bad weather, time since the joy of the holidays, holiday bills coming due, and the fact that most of those New Year's resolutions have been broken by now, makes the January 24 officially the most depressing day of the year. Isn't it good to know that the worst day of the year has already passed, and the rest of the year is just down hill sailing!

The story is told of the firmly convinced Calvinist, who believed so strongly in Calvin's interpretation of predestination that upon falling down a flight of stairs, he got up, dusted himself off, and said, "I'm glad I got that over with." Perhaps we can look back on January 24 and say, "We're glad we got that over with." That combination of bad weather, bills, and broken promises (to ourselves) can be very depressing. We know as Christians, though, that the best is yet to be.

Robert Browning wrote:

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be.
The last of life for which the first was made;
Our times are in his hand
Who saith, "A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God; see all, nor be afraid."

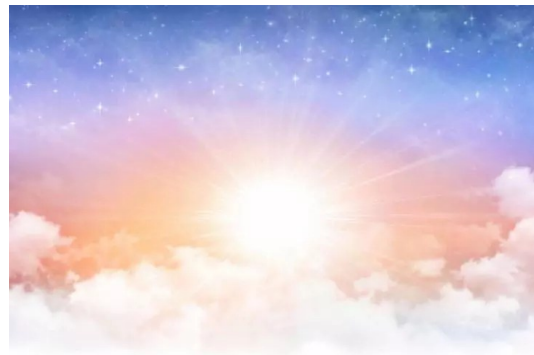
When it comes to the difficulties of aging, it may be hard to see how the best is yet to be. Energy and health were so good in youth, and are so fleeting as we age. Browning is correct, however, in reminding us that God is in control, and He is to be trusted, whatever we face.

When it comes to things that really matter, there is no doubt that the best is yet to be, if we belong to Christ. How can difficulties of this life, even if they are bad weather, bad bills, or failed desires compare to what awaits us in glory?

John shares his vision: "I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:3-4). The best is yet to be.

— Bob Prichard

“How will I be happy in heaven if I ...”

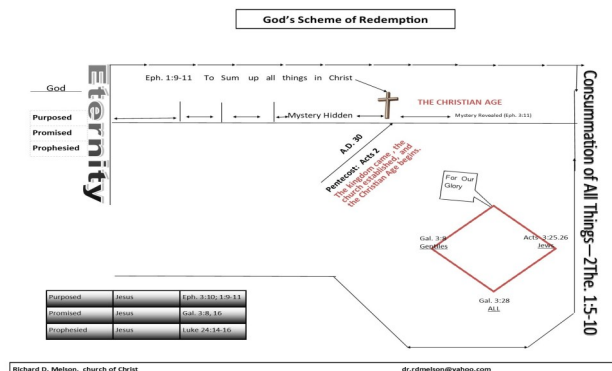


The Bible uses various words to tell us that heaven is going to be a happy place—"joy" (Matt. 25:23), "blessed" (Rev. 14:13), "rejoicing" (1 Thess. 2:19), no "sorrow" or "crying," for "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Rev. 21:4). This has led many to wonder, "How will I be happy in heaven if...my family members are not there...I remember other Christians who are not there...etc.?"

Various helpful responses have sometimes been offered, such as: "With God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26). God is the "God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1:3). "If He is to 'wipe away every tear,' then maybe there is an initial sorrow that He consoles and then cheers into eternal joy."

All of these responses (and probably others) can be proper responses to "How I will be happy?" But maybe we're missing the whole focus of heaven. Maybe instead of being focused on "me" in heaven, I should realize that my whole focus will be on Jesus (John 17:24; 1 John 3:2; Rev. 5:13; 15:1-4; 22:1-5). When my focus is not on me but on being with Jesus forever, what else will matter?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



The Hope of the New Life In Christ

I believe every person hopes for the New Life in Christ, but people don't know how to obtain it. This new Life is a beautiful and happy, life, because it lifts us above all sin and takes us out of the world and worldly habits and puts us in Christ.

If there ever was a time that we all should hope for a New Life it is now. Our Lord had a conversation during His personal ministry with Nicodemus concerning the New Life. Nicodemus could not understand it, and people still are puzzled over how to be recreated or made anew. Nicodemus thought he had to be born again by going back to be born of his mother. Although he was highly educated, he asked the most disgusting question ever asked by anyone since God created man. How one gets into this New Life is still a puzzle to the educated and the uneducated today.

Here is where the mistake is made. We generally think Christ was speaking of an earthly Kingdom or a fleshly birth, but our Lord had reference to the spiritual Kingdom. Out of all the things that God created, He never regretted making anything He created but man. He even repented that He made him, because man is the most ungrateful thing He ever made or created. God had made up His mind to completely destroy man, but He found a righteous man, just one. Today the whole world should be glad Noah lived.

After Noah went into the ark, God washed the earth clean with water, and Noah and his family stepped out of the ark on a clean earth. When we are born of water and of the Spirit, we are recreated or born again ; and from this

birth a New Life begins. We have new eyes, we have new feet, we have new hands. In fact the man who is recreated is completely made into a New Life or a new Kingdom. His eyes are new because he doesn't lust after the things of the world. When the hands are new, they don't handle things they used to handle, such as whiskey bottles and playing cards. His feet are new and he doesn't walk in the broad way any more. They don't take him into places where he used to go, such as ballrooms, gambling dens, and dancing halls. He who is trying to live a New Life will shun the appearance of sin and love his enemies.



- Marshall Keeble

Spend more time thinking about heaven. It will be time well spent and comes with numerous spiritual benefits. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:8).

- Ross Haffner

March 19— Bible class moved to Tipp City to support the gospel meeting with Terry Jones. No classes at our building.



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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