

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	40
Attendance AM	70
Attendance PM	35
Wednesday PM	20

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dollie Jones; Mike Mamula; Tally Poole; Phil & Kim Tydings; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netherton; Mary Rutland (home); Janet Fortner (Penny's aunt) will have hip surgery; Roy Wallace (surgery)

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Pat & Penny Cook; Norris & Diane Cole; Blanks family

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 April 3 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 4 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

March 23	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Chris Poole	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Announcements	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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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FOUR IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES

Wayne Jackson

In this article I wish to emphasize four important principles which many, if we may judge from their conduct, do not consider of great value, though they contain timeless, biblically oriented truth. Please consider the following:

(1) Freedom of choice does not license irresponsible moral conduct. God, as a Being of love (1 John 4:8), created mankind in his own image (Gen. 1:26). He made man a rational creature endowed with free will. Joshua challenged the ancient Hebrews to "choose" whom they would serve, either Jehovah or pagan deities (Josh. 24:15). Isaiah spoke of the child that would mature and hence learn to "refuse the evil, and choose the good" (Isa. 7:15). Tragically, though, many of our day have adopted the antique philosophy of the Israelites in the days of the judges when "every man did that which is right in his own eyes" (Jud. 17:6). The secular world cuts the ties to the Creator and so declares that "man is the measure of all things" and that he "must manage his own destiny." Some religionists (even professing Christians) have argued that the "grace" of God is a mantle for their wickedness. It is said that the ancient Nicolaitans, whose works the Lord so hated (Rev. 2:6), advocated the practice of idolatry and sexual looseness under the guise of Christian "liberty." But Christian liberty is not that a man can do what he pleases; it is that he is free to do what God pleases. Love God and do as you like, do as you like, but one who truly loves God will be guided by His directives. As Paul warned, "Use not for an occasion to the flesh" (Gal. 5:13).

(2) Might does not make right. The prophet Habakkuk described the Chaldeans of his day as a "bitter and hasty nation, that march through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs." He then characterized that force as "he whose might is his god" (see Hab. 1:6, 11). There are numerous spiritual descendants of that ancient power. With the popularization of the theory of evolution, the notion of the survival-of-the-fittest/strong-destroy-the-weak has become increasingly acceptable in many areas of human thinking. Evolution has given man's inclination to barbarism a "scientific" basis. Any student of history knows that Hitler's fascism was a direct result of evolutionary philosophy, and the aggression of Communism is similarly motivated today.

Those who have been influenced by this philosophy of life believe it's a dog-eat-dog world; it matters not who they step on in pursuit of their goals; Self is enthroned in their hearts. But those who seek an eternal relationship with God will repudiate the "iron rule" that might makes right, and replace the it with that "golden rule" which obligates us to treat others as we wish to be treated (Matt. 7:12).

(3) The majority way is not necessarily the way of truth. So many today seem to be persuaded by mob psychology. They follow the instinct of the herd. They are intimidated by numbers. "Everybody else is doing it," is their theme song. Conduct is thus determined by the vogue of the moment. Such a life style is built upon a wrong foundation. It violates

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

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

What Is a Girl?

Little girls are the nicest things that happen to people. They are born with a little bit of angel-shine about them and though it wears thin sometimes, there is always enough left to lasso your heart-even when they are sitting in the mud, or crying temperamental tears, or parading up the street in mother's best clothes.

A little girl can be sweeter (and badder) oftener than anyone else in the world. She can jitter around, and stomp, and make funny noises that frazzle your nerves, yet just when you open your mouth, she stands there demure with that special look in her eyes. A girl is Innocence playing in the mud, Beauty standing on its head, and Motherhood dragging a doll by the foot.

Girls are available in five colors-black, white, red, yellow or brown, yet God always manages to select your favorite color when you place your order. They disprove the law of supply and demand-there are millions of little girls, but each is as precious as rubies.

God borrows from many creatures to make a little girl. He uses the song of a bird, the squeal of a pig, the stubbornness of a mule, the antics of a monkey, the spryness of a grasshopper, the curiosity of a cat. the speed of a gazelle, the slyness of a fox, the softness of a kitten, and to top it all off He adds the mysterious mind of a woman.

A little girl likes new shoes, party dresses, small animals, first grade, noise makers, the girl next door, make-believe, dancing lessons, ice cream, kitchens, coloring books, make-up, cans of water, going visiting, tea parties, and one boy. She doesn't care so much for visitors, boys in general, large dogs. hand-me-downs, straight chairs, vegetables, snow-suits, or staying in the front yard. She is loudest when you are thinking, the prettiest when she has provoked you, the busiest at bedtime, the quietest when you want to show her off, and the most flirtatious when she absolutely must not get the best of you again.

Who else can cause you more grief, Joy, irritation, satisfaction, embarrassment, and genuine delight than this combination of Eve, Salome, and Florence Nightingale? she can muss up your home, your hair, and your dignity---spend your money, your time, and your temper-then Just when your patience is ready to crack, her sunshine peeks through and you've lost again.

Yes, she is a nerve-racking nuisance, Just a noisy bundle of mischief. But when your dreams tumble down and the world is a mess, when it seems you are pretty much of a fool after all, she can make you a king when she climbs on your knee and whispers, "I love you best of all"

- Alan Beck

Jesus has been talking about you

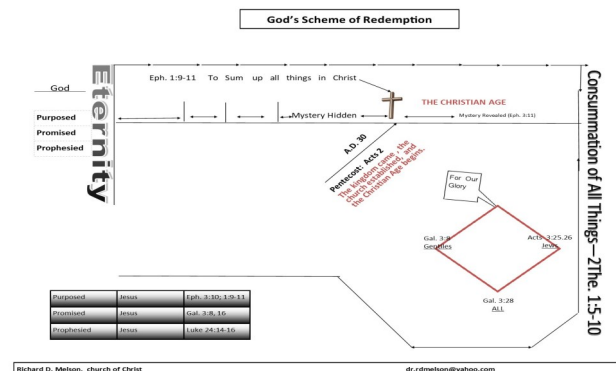


Some claim that Jesus talks to them today. Well, the Bible says that it contains "all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3) and "all truth" that has been given God (John 16:13), and that God's Word has been "once for all delivered" (Jude 3). So, if Jesus speaks to anyone today, He is going against His own word that says we are "thoroughly equipped" (2 Tim. 3:17).

BUT, while Jesus is not going to talk directly TO you today, did you know that He talks ABOUT you? We don't usually like it when others talk about us, but there is nothing better than to know that Jesus talks about you! Right now, He is "in the presence of God for us" (Heb. 9:24), where "He always lives to make intercession for" us (Heb. 7:25), as our "Advocate with the Father" (1 John 2:1).

When one of God's faithful children succumbs to sin and has a penitent heart pricked by godly sorrow for that sin (1 John 1:7, 9), the One who shed His blood to save us from our sins (Eph. 1:7) constantly intercedes with the Father to keep on forgiving us of our sins! What an immeasurable blessing!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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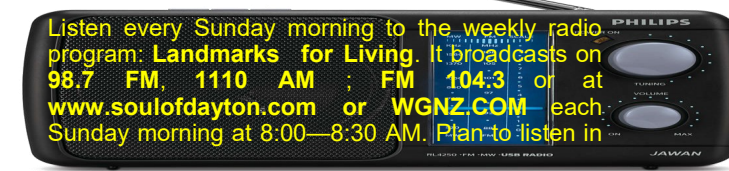
plain statements and examples of the Word of God. "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil," is the divine dictum (Ex. 23:2). Jeremiah spoke of those who had "grown strong in the land [i.e., large in number], but not for truth" (Jer. 9:3). And it is well known that Christ taught that the way of the majority is the broad way, which leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13:14). The religious motto of some is vox populi, vox Dei-"the voice of the people [is] the voice of God." But the reverse should be true! The way of Noah, Lot, Elijah, Christ and his apostles, the faithful of the early church, was the way of quality, not quantity! Our language, our dress, our habits, our thinking -these things are to be measured by the heavenly standard, not the earthly. Let us never forget this.

(4) What is lawful is not necessarily what is ethical. There are those who rationalize their unholy conduct by the stale cliché, "Well, it's legal." They are obviously unmindful of the many biblical warnings to lawmakers that they pervert not the moral or ethical principles of the Lord. One must ever remind himself that human law is just that- human! And it may be subversive to divine righteousness. In Nevada, gambling is legal, but it is not right. In 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion, but God did not legalize it! Drunkenness is legal, but not moral. In some places whoredom (legalized prostitution) is acceptable, but it will never be sanctioned by the Holy God. Promiscuous divorce and remarriage is allowed by law, but not by Christ (Matt. 19:9). And so, while the Christian is to respect the law and be submissive to its ethical demands (Rom. 13:1-7), bad law-illegal law-can never be a cloak for sinful conduct. This is why the child of God must ever keep himself informed of the responsibilities of Christ's law (Gal. 6:2).

Let us remember these principles and strive to make our lives consistent with the Mind of God. ✍

Brother Jackson penned this article over thirty years ago, but it is as if it was written this week. God's principles do not change, because His word does not change. May we strive to be well pleasing unto Him daily in our lives.

- ✍ I want to thank everyone who supported the Tipp City gospel meeting with Terry Jones. We each were strengthened by the messages he delivered and the fellowship of the brethren.
- ✍ **Gospel Meeting** at Central Ave Fairborn—Monday—Bob Vincent; Tuesday—Phil Grear. 7:00 PM
- ✍ "I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I will do something. And when I can do, that I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the Grace of God I shall do." (Author Unknown)
- ✍ "If you marry the child of the devil, you will have trouble with your father-in-law!"



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