

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	46
Attendance AM	84
Attendance PM	31
Wednesday PM	23

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.; Pat & Penny Cook; Norris & Diane Cole; Richard Melson; Lyle Cole

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 30	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Chris Poole	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Anthony Grigsby	Jerry Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Tony Moore
Sermon	Patrick Powers	Patrick Powers
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
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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- Christian Courier
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How Do We Know That Jesus Is the Son of God?

Bob Prichard

While there is ample historical evidence that there was a man named Jesus of Nazareth who lived in the first century, some question if we can believe His claims to be the Christ, the Son of God.

The best record of His life, the Bible, gives more than enough evidence: fulfilled prophecies, the record of His miracles, and the testimony of His followers. The fulfilled prophecies of the Old Testament, accomplished in the life and ministry of Jesus, are a major reason to believe His claims.

The prophet Micah predicted, "Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2). Although Mary and Joseph were residents of Nazareth, through God's providence they went to Bethlehem before Jesus was born.

Jesus' birth to the virgin Mary also fulfilled Isaiah's words: "The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

Jesus fulfilled many prophecies in His death. Psalm 22:16-18 predicts of the Messiah, "The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."

John 19:23-24 describes the parting of His garments and the casting of lots at the crucifixion, "that the Scripture might be fulfilled." Even the price of His betrayal, thirty pieces of silver, was prophesied over five hundred years before. "I said to them, 'If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.' So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver" (Zechariah 11:12).

The signs and miracles that Jesus performed show that He is the Son of God. Jesus showed power over nature by turning water to wine and calming the sea. He showed power over sickness by healing lepers, giving sight to the blind, and making the lame walk. He showed power over death by raising Lazarus and others. His own resurrection from the dead proved conclusively His authority over death.

Peter told Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). When threatened by the opponents of Christ, Peter and John replied, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19-20).

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

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

Who Sets the Standards?

It matters a great deal how we answer this question. In fact, our answer may determine where we will spend eternity.

Many say the individual sets the standards. They claim that each person has a right to determine within himself or herself what is right or wrong.

Solomon warned, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). Man does not have the ability to see the end result of foolish choices. Jeremiah said, "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23).

The people in the book of Judges tried this approach: "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6). The book opens with a promising future for God's people but doses with one of the darkest periods in biblical history.

Throughout the book, God's anger was kindled because His people did what they incorrectly thought was right.

Others argue that society sets the standards. If society is the standard for what is right and wrong, then why were the people of Noah's day destroyed? They thought various forms of wickedness were acceptable, yet God judged them (Genesis 6).

Why were Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed with fire and brimstone? With the exception of Lot, his wife, and his daughters, the people of these cities thought that homosexuality and other sins were acceptable (Genesis 19).

God's word has always warned of the danger of following what everyone else does. The Israelites, in the days of Samuel, wanted a king so that they could be like the nations around them (1 Samuel 8:5). They reaped bitter fruits.

Some others proclaim that God sets the standards. This answer is guaranteed to be right because God is omniscient. God's way is always the right way (Hosea 14:9; Acts 13:10).

Time and again, God's children are encouraged to do what is right in God's eyes (Exodus 15:26; Deuteronomy 6:18; 12:25,28; 21:9). David, Jehu, Hezekiah, Josiah, and Asa are examples of those who did what God determined to be right (1 Kings 11:33, 38; 2 Kings 10:30; 18:1-3; 22:1-2; 2 Chronicles 14:2).

God's word serves as the standard by which human beings determine right and wrong behavior. Paul wrote, "Let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind" (Philippians 3:16). God has given man everything that he needs, in His word, to determine right and wrong (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3).

- Wade Webster

"For we be brethren"

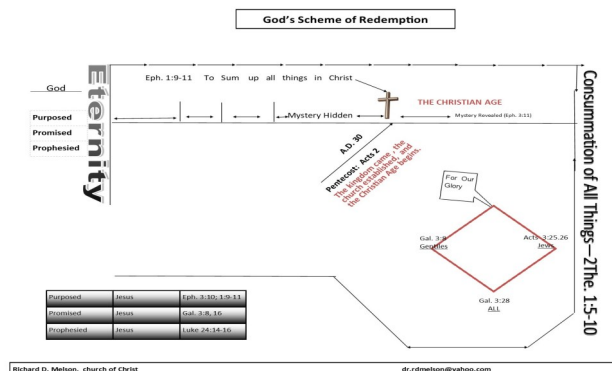


These are four words that all Christians would do exceedingly well to lodge in their hearts and live in their personal interactions. It is really easy to get our feathers ruffled and get upset, even with our fellow Christians, over what is usually not all that significant in the grand scheme of things.

When Abram and Lot and their families returned from Egypt, "their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. And there was strife" between their herdsmen (Gen. 13:6-7). Abram took the initiative (always a good thing to do). He said, "Please" (always a good way to start), "let there not be strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen" (taking a direct but loving approach). Do you know the basis upon which Abram pleaded for them to be at peace with each other and not quarrel? Four words: "For we be brethren" (13:8).

The next time strife seems to be building with fellow Christians, be the first to say, "Hang on! Please! Let's work this out. Let's not be at odds. You know why? For we be brethren!"

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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The apostles at first had trouble believing Christ's resurrection, but after seeing Jesus alive were willing to risk their lives for their faith. Peter said, "We did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Peter 1:16).

The Church

The church is not made up of people who believe they are better than others, but rather it is made up of those who realize that they should be better than they are and must continually strive to be better always.

The church is not made up of perfect people but people who realize they are following a perfect Lord and a perfect Law and therefore most do the very best they can. The church is not made up of people who never make mistakes, but of those who often acknowledge their mistakes and then forsake them. Never must we seek to justify them or continually make the same mistakes over and over again.

The church is not trying to withdraw from everyone, but rather to draw everyone into its fellowship and love who are willing to talk in the light where God the Father and Christ the Son are found.

The church is not trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone but rather to show the rule of Christ which helps everyone.

The church is not trying to take the joy out of your life, but rather is trying to put real joy into every life it touches.

The church is not trying to make you feel ugly, but rather it is trying to instill the beauty of holiness into your life.

The church is not trying to separate you from your money but rather is trying to keep your money from separating you from God.

The church is not trying to become the master of your life, but trying to get you to master yourself.

The church is not trying to rob your life of priorities, but rather trying to get you to put the priorities into your life.

- Andrew Connally

Let Us Be Kind

Life is too short to be hateful
Let us be good and kind;
We are all marching together,
The road may get rough at times.

Yesterday's hurts, let's try to forget
Tomorrow's cares can wait;
Today is the day of salvation
We have no time to hate.

Yes, life is too short to be hateful,
Showing revenge at any we meet,
Try patience, love, and kindness,
And always smile and be sweet.

- Author Unknown

- ☞ April 5—Men's Business Meeting @ 9:00 AM
- ☞ April 6—First Sunday Noon Meal no 5 PM service
- ☞ **Gospel Meeting** at East High St. April 6—10 7:00 PM



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