

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Mike Mamula; Phil & Kim Tydings; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netherton; Mary Rutland (home); Roy Wallace (surgery)

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

Prayers: Teah McWhorter and Leah Wacaster (headed to Singapore for Mission work)

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: April — 8 Beulah Farmer 11 Mary Sanders; 12 Diane Cole (Lyle); 23 Norris Cole; 25 Carolyn Johnson

Anniversaries: April — 1—Otis and Glenna Adair

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class April 17 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 4 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

April 06	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	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
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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WE NEED MORE "TIMOTHYS"

Dan Jenkins

We need as many "Timothys" in the church as we possibly can have—both young men and young ladies. These young people are becoming spiritual leaders in the church. "Timothys" just do not accidentally happen. To understand the part you play in their growth, consider the influences in the life of Timothy, Paul's young companion.

"Timothys" are made because of the influence of parents and grandparents. Paul's son in the faith came from an unusual background. From early childhood, there was the influence of his mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 3:15; 1:5). His father was a pagan, yet such did not keep Lois and Eunice from shaping his life. The home shapes the lives of all of us.

"Timothys" are made because of the influence of congregations they attend. When Paul decided to take Timothy with him on his second missionary journey, the brethren at Lystra and Iconium spoke highly of him (Acts 16:2). Imagine how Timothy must have felt knowing that many brethren would stand up and support him. Lois and Eunice knew of his faith and, as he grew, others saw it.

"Timothys" are made because of the influence of elders. We know very little of the details of that time when the eldership laid their hands on young Timothy, but that influence of church leaders had to shape his life tremendously (1 Tim. 4:14). When Paul and Barnabas were sent out as missionaries, the church laid hands on them to signify the importance of their work (Acts 13:3), and perhaps this same thing happened to Timothy. Even without knowing the details we can see the important role elders played in his life.

"Timothys" are made because of the influence of preachers. Paul taught Timothy the gospel, and he was the first preacher who molded the young man's life. He also knew Barnabas, Silas, Sopater, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Tychicus and Trophimus (Acts 20:4). These men traveled with Paul and Timothy and no doubt were part of Timothy's growth.

"Timothys" are made because of the influence of members of the church. Timothy knew Lydia, the jailor at Philippi, Aquila, Priscilla, Crispus, Sosthenes, Gaius and a host of unnamed Christians in every church he visited. His life is such a vivid illustration of the importance of every member shaping the lives of younger Christians.

"Timothys" are being made in the church today. Take time to pray and think about the role you can play in being part of this great work today at this congregation. Get involved in the lives of our young people. The destiny of the church lies in their hands. They need your influences on them! *✍️*

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

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

His Yoke is Easy, His Burden is Light

It is ironic to consider that Jesus required more than the legalistic Pharisees and yet His way was easier. How could this be? The Pharisees required the performance of certain things without giving consideration to whether these external actions were motivated by hearts given over to God. They were more concerned with external actions than they were with the inner attitude of the heart.

Jesus required more than external actions. He required that these external actions be motivated by changed hearts. Paradoxically, this requires more, but is easier. It is not an oppressive and burdensome thing. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). Why are His commandments not burdensome? Because we obey them in love. A song from a few years ago entitled "He Ain't Heavy; He's My Brother" comes near to expressing the thought. I've got to carry my fallen brother, but it doesn't seem like such a burden because of the relationship we have. If I were given the choice of carrying around a 10-pound sack of potatoes or my 30-pound grandson through an amusement park for 6 hours, I would surely choose my grandson. Although he is heavier and demands more care and attention, he seems lighter because of my love and affection for him.

When we serve Christ out of a sense of legalistic duty, we torment our consciences. But when we serve Him out of a "faith that worketh by love" (Galatians 5:6), we enjoy the service. The problem of the Pharisees was that they trusted in themselves and not in God. This is precisely what led Christ to give the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14). Our righteousness must look beyond the self-righteousness of the Pharisees if we are going to enter the Kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:20).

God requires service out of faith and heartfelt motivation and not out of meritorious works alone (Deuteronomy 30:12-14; Matthew 22:37; Luke 11:39-52). The Jews had perverted faith and served the law out of works only. Not only will "faith only" not save; neither will "works only." Micah 6:6-8 demonstrates that God requires more than external works of obedience. "Works only" brings death (Galatians 3:12). To live by faith, obedient faith, brings rest and life. Truly, His yoke is easy and His burden is light because we love Him so (Matthew 11:28-30).

- B. J. Clarke

"Feed on faithfulness"

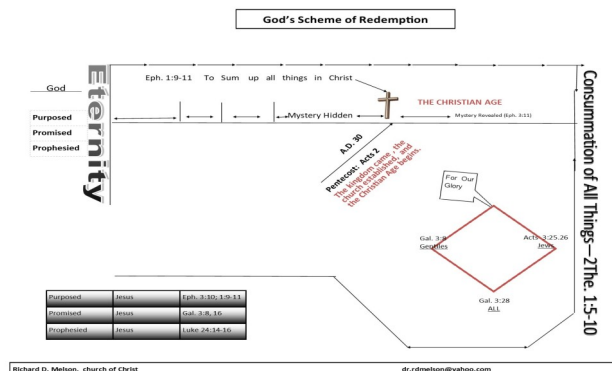


The last four words of Psalm 37:3 (in the New King James Version) are intriguing: "feed on His faithfulness." Picture a lamb out in the field of Israel—what is that lamb "feeding on" in the field? He has grass and to spare. Picture a child of a king walking into a banquet hall in the palace—what is that child "feeding on" in that huge banquet hall? He has food and to spare.

Psalm 37 tells us as readers, "Do not fret" (v. 1). Then it tells us, "Trust in the Lord" (v. 3). How can I possibly do those two things with all that is happening today? Read those last four words of verse 3 again: "feed on His faithfulness." Pull up a comfy chair at the banquet table of God Himself and realize that, on His menu, He has faithfulness and to spare. He never lies (Heb. 6:18). He always sees and hears you (1 Pet. 3:12). He is always with you (Heb. 13:5). He is able to take care of every "fretful" thing that comes your way (Eph. 3:20; Rom. 8:28).

Our "God is faithful" always (1 Cor. 1:9). Feast on that!"

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



A Living Hope

There are towns scattered across our land that bear the name "New Hope." We do not know why such a place would receive such a name, but we do know it says something that was good. You had rather see a town called that than one that would be called "No Hope."

In your New Testament, you will find some people in situations where there was "no hope." This is said of those who were Gentiles (Eph. 2:12).

Peter would speak of a "living hope" when he says, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope (1 Peter 1:3).

Here is a hope that would be said to be alive. There was a time when despair and disappointment would grip the hearts of these men but not anymore. They had seen the Lord since His resurrection.

That fact revived their hope. It was alive and well. They were looking forward to something to come. There were things they expected to see and enjoy because Christ had been raised from the dead by the power of God.

1. LOOK AT THE BASIS OF THAT HOPE

Peter would say it rests squarely upon the fact of the Lord's resurrection. In the resurrection, one has the proof that God endorsed what Jesus said and did while on earth. Also, there is proof that His sacrifice was accepted for the sins of men (Matt. 26:26-28). In the shedding of His blood, sins would be taken away (Heb. 9:22). We have no doubt about the power of Jesus for the resurrection proves it (Rom. 1:4).

2. LOOK AT THE VALUE OF SUCH HOPE

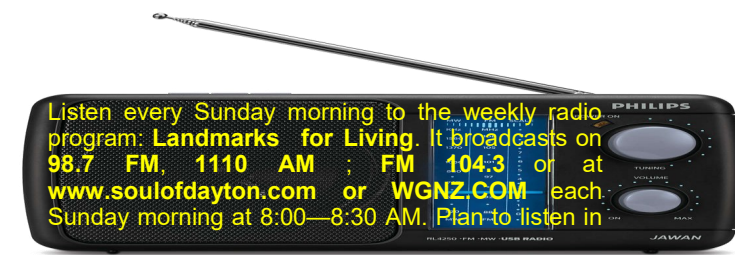
It comforts us in times of stress and bereavement. Wasn't this the case with Mary and Martha? Wasn't this the assurance that Jesus gave them? It is the thing that braces us up in times of opposition and persecution.

3. LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF SUCH HOPE

There are some things "hoped for." There is the return of Christ. The messengers gave this word of cheer to the anxious disciples in Acts 1:11. "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." There will be the resurrection of the dead (1 Thess. 4:13-18). Out of this will come the reunion of the saints and the safe. What a day that will be! Then will come the rewards that are to be given. Remember what Jesus had to say about this when He said, "great is your reward in heaven" (Matt. 5:12).

- Winfred Clark

- 📅 April 6—First Sunday Noon Meal no 5 PM service
- 📅 **Gospel Meeting** at East High St. April 6—10 7:00 PM



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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