

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	58
Attendance AM	100
Attendance PM	37
Wednesday PM	32

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Kim Tydings (MVH); Dana Grigsby; Norris Cole, II; Krubo Joploh (The Christ Hospital); Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netherton; Darlene Pugh; Shelia Dixon; Andre' Horton; Patrick Cook (back); DeAnte' Horton; Richard Melson

Traveling: Norris Cole, II;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Anthony Grigsby, Coatney and Dugger families

Member Birthdays: May — 2—April Gilbert 4 - Patrick Thomas; 19— James Grigsby; 30 – Ron Robbins

Anniversaries: May — None

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class May 29 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 6 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

May 18	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Chris Poole
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGhaee	Ryan McGhaee
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
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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2211 Needmore Rd
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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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"I'M GLAD HE WAS BORN, BUT ..."

Dan Jenkins

There is a certain time of the year when much of the world is focusing on the events surrounding the birth of a child in Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago. The Catholic church created the celebration of Jesus' birth and linked it to a Christ-Mass. The very name is evidence that it was not a celebration known by the early church, but it originated hundreds of years later and was tied to the mass of Catholicism.

Many are so glad He was born because it is so easy to love baby Jesus. The events surrounding the birth of a child are fascinating, but none are more fascinating than the events of Jesus' birth. The baby in the manger and the visit of the shepherds and the wise men are well known, even by those who do not have any faith in Jesus. Baby Jesus is so easy to love.

Many are so glad He was born because babies make no demand of them. It is so easy to love those who do not demand our time or attention. All babies are cute, and others, except their parents or care givers, can enjoy being around them because they can just walk away from infants whenever they like. Baby Jesus is like that. The shepherds and the wise men came to where He was and simply walked away anytime they liked. Baby Jesus is great and so lovable as long as we are in control.

Many are so glad He was born, but that all changes when He gets older. Do you recall how amazed the religious leaders were when young Jesus talked to them in the temple? It was these same leaders who loved young Jesus who later put Him to death. It is rather fascinating that so many today have this same relationship to Jesus. They love talking about Him when He was little, but really have trouble when He is old enough to talk back to them!

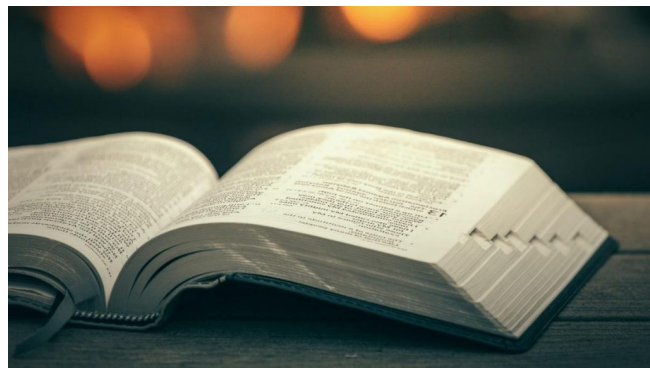
Many are so glad He was born, but lose sight of the real reason He came. The early church did not focus on the birth of Jesus, but on His death and resurrection. Peter proclaimed Jesus as the Lord and the Christ (Acts 2:36). Because Jesus is Lord, Peter commanded his listeners to repent/change in the name of Jesus. Baby Jesus is one thing, but Lord Jesus is another. The only hope this world has is not found in a baby in a manger, but in a Savior on the cross. He left the manger to go to the cross, but He left the cross to go to a throne where He rules the world.

Many are so glad He was born and focus on it, but the early church focused on His cross. They assembled every Sunday to remember Him—not as a helpless, undemanding infant but as an Almighty Savior. Imagine how Christendom would change dramatically if we focused on Him as Lord instead of as a baby! ✍️

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

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

The head of the church lives!



How beautiful is God's design for His church! Everything that we know and need to know about it is found in His beautiful Scriptures! The church was planned by Jesus (Eph. 3:9-11), built by Jesus (Matt. 16:18), purchased by Jesus (Acts 20:28), started by Jesus (Acts 2:22-47), is loved by Jesus (Eph. 5:25), is governed by Jesus (Col. 3:17), is shepherded by Jesus (Heb. 13:20), is overseen by Jesus (1 Pet. 2:25), is ruled by Jesus (Eph. 1:22-23), and will be delivered by Jesus to the eternal reward of heaven (1 Cor. 15:24; Heb. 12:23; Eph. 5:26-27).

Jesus is "THE head of THE church" (Eph. 5:23). There is only ONE church (Eph. 4:4), and that one church has ONE head—Jesus Christ (Col. 1:18), who alone has "ALL authority" (Matt. 28:18). And the beautiful thing to remember is that THE head of THE church already died (and He died for THE church, Eph. 5:25). And, best of all, He rose from the dead, never to die again—"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore" (Rev. 1:18).

How beautiful to know that the head of the church lives!

—David Sproule
Thought for the Day

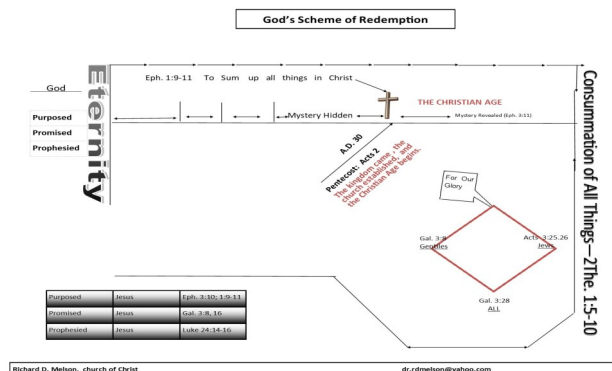
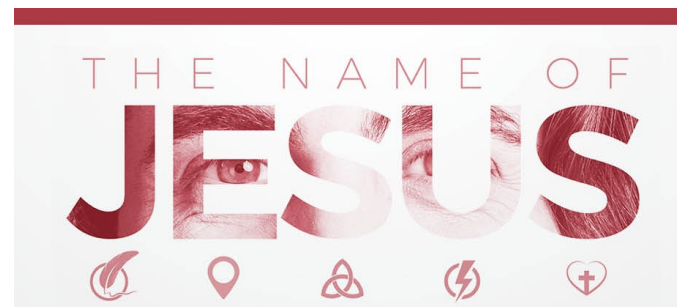
The Confusing World of 'Isms



When it comes to religion today, we live a confusing world that is characterized by schISMS. Think about how many isms surround us—Denominationalism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Pentecostalism, Adventism, Mormonism, Calvinism, Arminianism, Premillennialism, Materialism, etc., etc. The pervasive division leaves many people feeling puzzled, some even hopeless, and many are just "done" with religion, all because of the rampant isms that abound to ad nauseam.

Here's a simple, profound but challenging question/proposal. What if we put aside all isms? What if we put aside all man-made doctrines and man-made churches? What if we came to the Bible without ANY prejudices of what others have believed or what others have taught, and what if we were to only speak where the Bible speaks and to remain silent where the Bible is silent? What if we were to simply call Bible things by Bible names and do Bible things in Bible ways? What if we restored New Testament Christianity precisely as it was designed, established and revealed to us in our New Testaments? Wouldn't that be beautiful!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Bulwarks of Righteousness by Johnny Ramsey

The Psalmist challenges the attention of every parent with the words of Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who built it."

The home was the first divinely instituted organism in the world. God saw that it was not good for man to dwell alone so woman was formed and the first unit of society graced the earth. The law of pro-creation was ordained by Jehovah and truly: "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Psalm 127:3).

The poorest children in the world are those bereft of spiritual blessings. A home without emphasis upon the Bible is one built upon shallow ground. How blessed are the offspring of parents like Abraham who "command their children after them: to walk in the footsteps of the Lord" (Genesis 18:19; 1 Peter 2:21-22). C.D. Meigs was certainly correct in the following poem:

A Home Without a Bible (Abridged)

*"What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a home where day is night,
Starless night, for o'er life's pathway
Heaven can shed no kindly light.
What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a home where daily bread
For the body is provided,
But the soul is never fed.
What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a family out at sea,
Compass lost and rudder broken,
Drifting, drifting, thoughtlessly.*

We ought to work diligently to produce the kind of homes that will glorify God and save the world. A great home is the bulwark of socie-ty. In the Bible we have many passages that give answer to the question of greatness. Let us notice a few. "Righteousness exalteth a na-tion: but

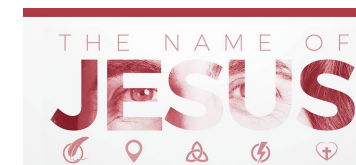
sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked ... " (Revelation 3:17). "This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth" (Jeremiah 7:28).

Could these words from Solomon, Jeremiah and Christ have application to events in our day? Truly, "It is time to seek the Lord" (Hosea 10: 12).

Nations, families, churches, preachers and citizens cannot be great in the sight of God when materialism controls their lives. We must remember, as Daniel said, "The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men."

Do you want to be valuable, useful, important? You can be. Just adequately answer this one question: What on earth are you doing for heaven's sake? Is the Lord ruling your home-life today? ✍

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- 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