

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	33
Attendance AM	66
Attendance PM	32
Wednesday PM	42

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Kim Tydings; Dana Grigsby; Krubo Joploh ; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netherton; Shelia Dixon; Andre' Horton; DeAnte' Horton; Richard Melson

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

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

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 25	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Chris Poole	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGhaee	Lyle Cole
Sermon	Marico Benson	Marico Benson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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LISTEN TO WHAT YOU SAY TO OTHERS

Dan Jenkins

He had no idea how he spoke to his family, and the attitude shown by his words was impacting his wife and kids. He would never curse or use profanity, but the tone in what he said really hurt. His wife wondered how to deal with this. So, she secretly recorded what he was saying, and then let him hear the impact his words were having. When he listened to the recording, he was shocked. He had no idea how what he said and the way he said it sounded to others and the impact it was having on his family.

Think about how you treat your family and whether or not what you say and the tone you use would ever be used in a public way when talking to people you hardly know.

Have you thought of what the Bible says about these matters? Let me urge you to read the following verses carefully, and let them impact what you say to others, especially those closest to you.

"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Eph. 4:29).

"But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints, neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather the giving of thanks" (Eph. 5:3-4).

"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor (a rarely used English word, the Greeks indicates "loud quarreling"—dj), and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:31-32).

"For every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words, you will be condemned" (Matt. 12:36-37).

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell" (Jas. 3:6).

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps...who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Pet. 2:21-23).

That wife who recorded her husband's words listened to that recording and discovered her tone and her words were part of the problem. Tragically, we feel justified about our own actions and are worse to our family than to total strangers. Think about this.

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!



Anthony Seldon, headmaster, of Wellington College, a boarding school in Crowthorne, England, is proud of a new class about happiness being offered to his 14-16 year old students. "I can imagine this taking off in British Schools," he said. "We have been focusing too much on academics" (World, April 20, 2006).

Certainly it shouldn't hurt students to have a class on happiness, but they should be taught that happiness is more of a byproduct than something that can be sought directly. The Declaration of Independence said we have the right to the "pursuit of happiness," not happiness itself. Henry David Thoreau said "Looking for happiness is like clutching a shadow or chasing the wind."

Do you remember those cartoons that used to appear in the paper called "Happiness is _____"? What appeared in the cartoons was often trite, but it is true that happiness is often found in the smaller things of life. What is important, however, is the focus of life. If we want true happiness, it will be found in loving the right thing. Bo Matthews said, "Joy is a flower that grows only in the soil of love. Love gold and gold will give you joy. Love pain and pain will give you joy. Love God and God will give you joy. Love God more than anything else, and He will give you more joy than anything else."

"And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39). How did the Ethiopian eunuch find joy? He obeyed the gospel of Christ, and knew that his sins were forgiven, he had fellowship with God, and that heaven would be his home. Having served the disciples, Jesus said, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you ... If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13: 14, 17). Follow in His footsteps!

—Bob Prichard

"Isn't everybody related?"

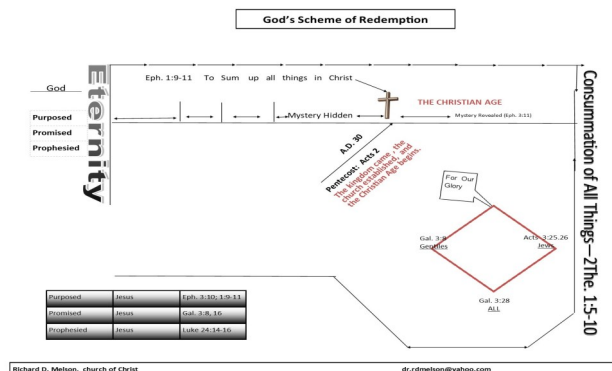


What a smart girl! Instead of listening to what so many in the world would have her to believe, the 9-year-old young lady used the brain that God gave her and figured it out on her own. She came out of worship on Sunday and said, "If Adam and Eve were the first people, and they had children, and then those had children, then isn't everybody related?" Ding, ding, ding, ding! Yes!

Our society wants us to draw lines of division all between us, separating us into "this category" of people and "that category" of people, and then wanting us to be suspicious of those in the other "categories." The Bible says that God "made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26). The word "man" is in italics, as it is supplied by translators. The verse literally says that God made every person on earth "from one."

Yes, we are all related! We are all distant cousins of each other! Even better, because of Jesus, we can all be related as "one" family in Christ (Gal. 3:28).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



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Melson's Musings ...



Welcome Marico Benson

Marico Benson is from Detroit, Michigan. He started his teaching preaching in late 2010, Brother Benson holds a degree in Criminal Justice and works for the State of Michigan in the criminal justice field. He has made the decision to attend the Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP) fulltime beginning in June. Read in part what he wrote:

"After much prayer... I decided that the time is now for me to go school and become more diligent in terms of winning souls to Christ with effective preaching. I am diligent in study and look forward towards the work of serving and becoming a preaching servant of the Lord. I have decided to live out the rest of my days preaching the gospel and teaching the lost. I would like to emphasize that being a servant in God's kingdom is a passion and drive that I do not apologize for having. I would love nothing more than to just totally live out the rest of my days preaching the gospel."

Marico attended this years MSOP lectureship, and took part in the Perspective Student session, visited with current students, toured the school and came away convinced that he made the right decision.

I know that after you meet him today you too will say that we have made the right choice in supporting Marico as a student at MSOP.

I am in Sumter, SC at the Central Carolina School of Preaching Lectures and will be back on Thursday.

2025 Summer Series: The Righteousness of God—Studies in The Book of Romans will begin on June 4 with Bob Vincent. What a great book to study and a grand subject. "Righteous is the state or quality of being right. (a) Only Deity is righteous in the absolute sense (Rom.

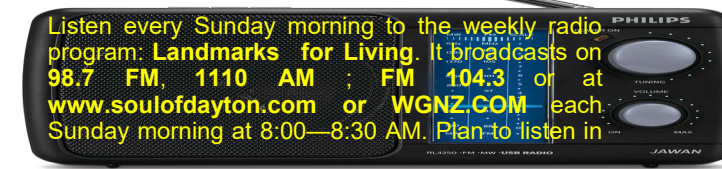
3:10). To speak of the righteousness of God is to affirm his absolute morality, and the expectation he entertains for purity in those fashioned in his image (Gen. 17:1; 1 Pet. 1:15). God will judge consistent with his own character (Psa. 9:4), and he will always do that which is right (Gen. 18:25).

Date	Subject	Speaker
6/4	Romans 1	Bob Vincent
6/11	Romans 2	Richard Melson
6/18	Romans 3	Tim Hatfield
6/25	Romans 4	Richard Melson
7/2	Romans 5	Mark Phillips
7/9	Romans 6	Phil Grear
7/16	Romans 7	Sabin Johnson
7/23	Romans 8	Kevin Berry
7/30	Romans 9	Sabin Johnson
8/6	Romans 10	Richard Melson
8/13	Romans 11	Richard Melson
8/20	Romans 12-13	Patrick Powers
8/27	Romans 14-15	Richard Melson
9/3	Romans 16	Richard Melson

Mini VBS—June 15-18, Theme: The Name of Jesus



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- 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