

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	55
Attendance AM	87
Attendance PM	39
Wednesday PM	54

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Kim Tydings; Dana Grigsby; Krubo Joploh ; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Nina Netherton;

**Traveling:** Richard Melson, Jr.

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Member Birthdays: June** — 1- Stephanie Hoover; 2- Alyse Poole; 4- Janis Bland; 5- James Vance, III; 6-Carlene Harley; 8- Randy Farmer; 13- Chris Poole; 17- Deonna Cole; 19- Linda Thomas; 25- Richard Thomas; 29- Anthony Grigsby, James Vance

**Anniversaries: June** — 20- Philip and Kim Tydings; 28- Jerry and Linda Thomas

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class June 12@ 6:00 PM Chapter 8 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

June 08	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Server 2	Norris Cole, II	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Announcements	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
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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## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE FATHERLAND?

Mark McWhorter

Have you ever traveled to another city? Did you start missing all the things that were at home? After a very short time did you start wishing you could be back home?

I have traveled to foreign countries and been away from the United States for several weeks at a time. After a short time away, I started missing my country. I wanted to go home to my "fatherland". The country you have citizenship in is usually your homeland or known as your "fatherland".

You have great feelings of joy and happiness about your fatherland. You feel at home there. If ever away from there, you desire to return. Many people all over the world have been forced from their fatherlands. Rulers make them leave their home country. And no matter how long they are away, they want to return someday to their fatherland. No matter how long they live in another country, they still feel that they are strangers. They want to go home to their fatherland.

In the Bible we read of another type of fatherland. Hebrews chapter eleven is about many of the very courageous and faithful people who followed God. This chapter is known as the chapter of faith. Read what helped keep them faithful.

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city" (Hebrews 11:13-16).

The word for country is the word "patris" in the Greek language. It means "fatherland" or "a country of their own". All the faithful who are mentioned in this chapter were looking for Heaven. It is our true fatherland. Our great God and Father is there waiting for us to join Him. But we must be faithful to obey Him if we want to go there and live. We must look toward our fatherland with joy and happiness.

Until next time, keep reading and studying your Bible. Get the wisdom of God so that you will know what to do to get to the true "Fatherland". And if any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you. ✍

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

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

## Lane ends, merge left



Driving down the highway, a merge sign appears, and we must blend with the traffic without bending fenders. It takes practice to do that just right!

“Merge” is also an important business word. Companies are merging right and left, and some are merging right out of business.

The most important merger, however, will be that last-minute merging of our physical lives with eternity. We have no control over when that will happen or how it will occur. We know that it will happen, because we read in Hebrews 9:27, “It is appointed unto man once to die ....” Our appointments are already made, and eternal destiny will ensure we're there! At that appointment, each of our lives will merge with eternity. The ultimate question is whether it will be a happy and joyous occasion with God's angels carrying us through the merge-point on life's expressway before the very presence of Jesus!

Merge we must. One of the dictionary definitions of the word merge as “being swallowed up.” For Christians, that should ring a bell in our minds, as we recall, in 1 Corinthians 15:54b, the words of Paul: “...death is swallowed up in victory.” Now that's a statement worth repeating: Death is swallowed up in victory! This is because the victory is in Jesus, the merge sign at the end of our lives for those in Christ holds not terror but triumph.

For those in Christ, every time we come to a merge sign on the highway, we can rejoice and thank the Captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10). Have you made plans for eternity?

~Edited and adapted From Homespun Homilies, 2000~

—Richard Melson

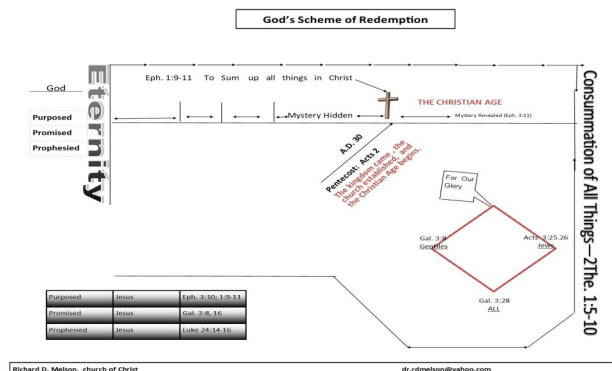
## Do others see what they should see?



Do the people you work with OR go to school with OR hang out with at the gym OR see regularly during your week OR see periodically as you “do life”...do they know that...you are a Christian...and happily so? That you go to church regularly...and happily so? That you believe in God, Jesus and the Bible...and happily so? That you are married (if you are)...and happily so? That your home abides by Biblical values and principles...and happily so? That you are striving in every way to be faithful to your God, your church, your Christian walk, your spouse, your family, etc.? AND that you will not compromise on any of these things? Our lives are to be “a living sacrifice” for Christ (Rom. 12:1), and others should know that. Our lives are to be “hidden with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3), and others should know that.

Our lives are to be about our “Father's business” (Luke 2:49), and others should know that. If Christ truly has “preeminence” in “all things” in our lives (Col. 1:18), then others should see it in all we do (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:12).

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



### The Righteousness of God

The specific phrase “righteousness of God” is found in the New Testament (NKJV) seven times with five of these in the book of Romans (1:17; 3:5; 3:21; 3:22 and 10:3), the other two times are in 2 Corinthians 5:21 and James 1:20.

The Roman epistle makes it clear that “Within the gospel of Christ ((and nowhere else)) the ‘righteousness of God’ is revealed. The righteousness of God’ is the divine pattern whereby sinful people may be ‘credited’ (cf. Rom. 4:3ff, NIV) as righteous. Such is not on the basis of meritorious, humanly devised works (Tit. 3:5), but by means of the sacrificial death of Jesus, when accessed by obedient faith, as indicated later in this letter (3:21-26; 5:1;6:3-4).” (Wayne Jackson)

“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).

During this summer series take good notes, add to your religious home library. While we will not be able to exhaust the study of this book, it is our intent to help build your spiritual understanding and specifically enhance your knowledge in God's great plan of redemption.

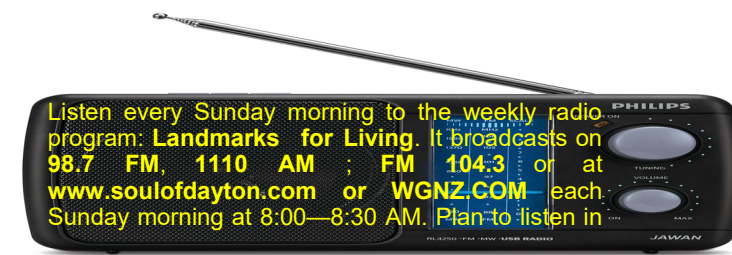
The key verses in the book are Romans 1:16-17. Commit these to memory.

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

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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