

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	59
Attendance AM	100
Attendance PM	41
Wednesday PM	63

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mary Rutland
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr., Deonna Cole, Norris Cole, II
Prayers: Kim Tydings is under Hospice care at home
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 26 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 9 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

June 22	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthong Grigsby
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Chris Poole	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Lyle Cole
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
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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INTOLERANT JESUS

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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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 All Members

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- Christian Courier
 - Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
 - Memphis School of Preaching
 - Greater Midwest Lectureship
 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

People shape the image of Jesus into what they think is acceptable. If people would read the Bible, they might think Jesus was a very intolerant person—not the all-accepting pacifist they make Him out to be.

Jesus was intolerant of any extra-biblical description of Himself. He is the Messiah (John 4:25-26). He is the Son of God (John 5:17-18). He is the bread of life (John 6:35). He is the light of the world (John 8:12). He is the door (John 10:11-14). He is the good shepherd (John 10:11-14). He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

Jesus is intolerant of any other religious authority. With His "but I say unto" statements from the Sermon on the Mount, the people recognized that He taught with authority (Matt. 7:28-29). He forgave sins to demonstrate His authority on earth (Matt. 9:6). Jesus said to the apostles, "All authority has been given to Me" (Matt. 28:18). There is no room for any other authority.

Jesus is intolerant of any other system of worship. During the temptation Jesus said, "You shall worship the Lord thy God and Him only you shall serve" (Luke 4:8). To the woman by the well He said true worshipers will worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:21-24). We must worship with the right object, God, in the right spirit, and according to truth.

Jesus is intolerant of any extra-biblical way into heaven. Jesus said the way is narrow (Matt. 7:13-14). "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

Jesus is intolerant of a loose idea of discipleship. You can't look back (Luke 9:62). You can't love anyone more than Jesus (Matt. 10:37-38). Jesus said that you can't love self more than Him. We must deny self (Matt. 16:24).

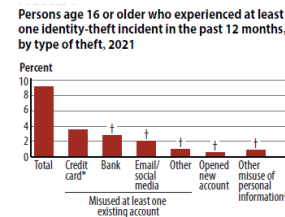
Jesus was intolerant of a loose view of truth. "In vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9). Jesus said that freedom is tied to the right concept of truth (John 8:32). Jesus said the word of God is truth (John 17:17). Jesus said that He is the truth (John 14:6).

There are many other things that Jesus was intolerant of, like a perverted view of marriage, cheap blessings, or various churches. He was intolerant of anything that would cheapen, pervert or contaminate the pure and healthy teaching of the truth. His narrowminded intolerance should be ours (Phil. 2:4). Be warned. To take a stand for anything now is considered to be intolerant of any opposing view. Just taking a firm stand for anything will quickly find you being labeled like Jesus. We need to make sure we are standing up for those things that are important and holding onto the truths of the word. We must not change the real Jesus. *GB*

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

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

Identity Theft !



Because of the recent cyber-attack at Kettering Health Network one of new fears of the day hit close to home, which is identity theft. Keeping a close check on your credit report and your credit card charges are certainly prudent. Those who are trying to steal from us are becoming more and more devious. It used to be that you would only have to be careful of what physical mail you responded to, then it was the phone scams, now it is every form of communication (text messages, emails, etc.). These “phishing” messages are all trying to obtain your personally identifiable information (PII).

In 2021, an estimated 23.9 million persons, or about 9% of all U.S. residents age 16 or older, reported that they had been victims of identity theft during the prior 12 months. Almost 4% of U.S. residents age 16 or older had experienced at least one incident involving the misuse of an existing credit card, and 3% had experienced the misuse of an existing bank account.

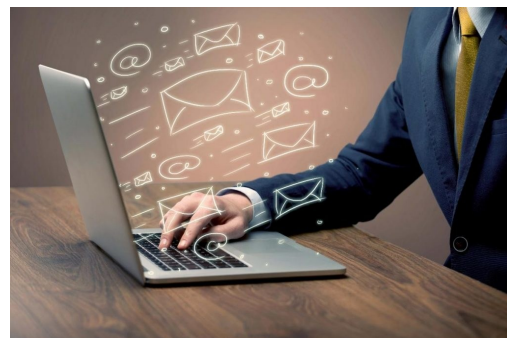
As Christians, are we in danger of having our identity stolen? Churches of Christ have long been known for our distinctiveness in worship and practice, as we well should be. As “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15), we dare not stray from a “thus says the Lord.”

It seems to me that if we are not careful, though, some will steal the most distinctive sign the Lord has given us. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35).

What is the first thought that comes to mind when people speak of the Needmore Road Church of Christ? Is it, “Those are the people who love each other so much”? Let us work to be sure that no one steals our identity away from us!

- Richard Melson

Does it pass His test?



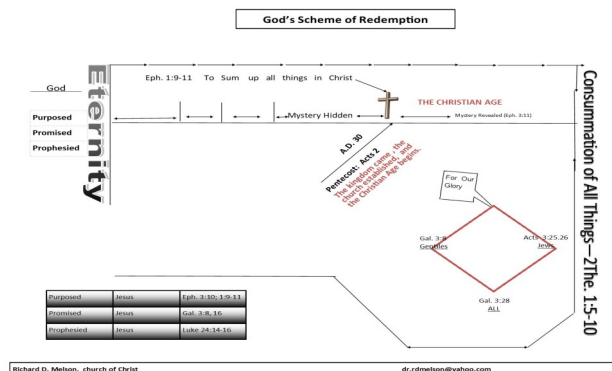
Many years ago, I was given a piece of advice by an older gentleman that I needed to hear. He suggested that before I replied to messages that I pause and take ten deep breaths, and then carefully read over my response before actually sending it (and decide if it needed to even be sent at all). He had noticed that my typical “youthful” practice did not follow that pattern.

Of course, this wise sage was giving me Biblical counsel. The Bible says, “Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak” (Jas. 1:19). “He who restrains his lips [or typing fingers] is wise” (Prov. 10:19). “He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him” (Prov. 18:13).

These days, I’m not perfect by any means, but I like to see if my replies to messages pass the Philippians 4:8 test. Are my words (and my tone) “true...noble/honorable...just/right...pure...lovely...of good report/commendable ... of virtue/excellence...praiseworthy”?

Do they pass the 1 Corinthians 13 test? Are my words (and tone) “patient...kind...arrogant...rude...self-seeking...irritable...resentful...bearing...trusting...hoping...enduring”?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Mini Vacation Bible School

Monday through Wednesday evening of last week was the first Vacation Bible School for the Needmore Road congregation. We purposely planned this as a “mini VBS” due to the short window to make it happen. God truly blessed us during those three days. Attendance- Monday –53, Tuesday -49, and Wednesday-63.

Without naming specific individuals I want to say to everyone who had a part in the preparation of the VBS **thank-you!** The program could not have been the success that it was were it not for each one of you, young and old.

With what we learned with the mini-VBS, it will aid us in making preparations for a full week VBS in 2026 and beyond.

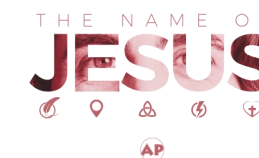


Scary Grandmother

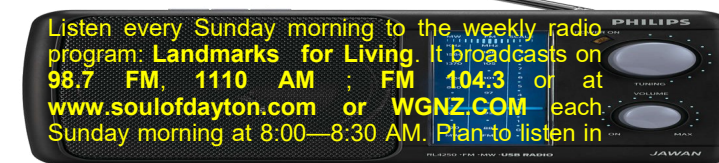
After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. At last, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year old say with a trembling voice, “Who was THAT?”

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

☞ **Adult Class** in the auditorium on Sunday 6/22 - “Jesus The Almighty” and 6/29 , “Jesus The Savior”



☞ Take a “**Christian Gift Card**” and give it away to someone you meet.



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