

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	56
Attendance AM	92
Attendance PM	37
Wednesday PM	41

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mary Rutland; David Johnson

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr., Lyle & Ruby Cole, Norris Cole, II

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Phil Tydings and family; family of Anna Earley

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 July 10 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 10 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

June 29	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Lyle Cole, Sr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Tony Moore
Server 2	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
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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FAITH VS. CONVIVENCE

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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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Americans are confusing faith with convenience. Many have already turned their backs on religion because it makes them uncomfortable, and those that remain are doing everything they can to make believing as effortless as possible. We hear about plush pews, innovative worship services, and drive-thru communion services. Church is no longer looking like, well, church. The growing sentiment is illustrated by a line that appeared in the Washington Post regarding its search for a new religion editor: "The ideal candidate is not necessarily religious nor an expert in religion."

We are not the first to confuse faith and convenience. When Jesus was speaking with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, he told her he could give her "living water." He continued saying, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn. 4:10-14).

We know the Lord was speaking about the gospel. When the gospel is believed and obeyed, it reaps eternal life. But you can understand this principle only if you are searching for spiritual answers. Unfortunately, the Samaritan woman was not thinking on a spiritual plane when Jesus first encountered her. Notice what she said: "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water" (Jn. 4:15). She wasn't looking for eternal life at the moment; she wanted Jesus to give her convenience, not faith.

Jesus was able to teach the Samaritan woman that there was more to life than convenience (see Jn. 4:16-30). If he could break through to a woman who had been through five broken marriages and who was about to enter into her sixth, we can make breakthroughs with people today. Don't be discouraged if at first someone seems to be looking only for convenience. Deep down the soul knows what it needs.

At the same time, the Lord's church cannot get caught up in the trend of exchanging convenience for faith. There is a vast difference between the two. One seeks comfort here on earth, only to find unrest in the world to come; the other may experience "inconveniences" now, but in the afterlife it rests for eternity. "There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). Let's not cheapen it in the name of convenience. *✍️*

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

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

Good News About Death



Mike Strobe reports (Anniston Star, April 20, 2006, p. 3A) some good news about death from the National Center for Health Statistics. There were almost 50,000 fewer U.S. deaths in 2004 than in 2003, a 2 percent decrease. (These type statistics always seem to be late in coming). A 2 percent decrease is significant, because ordinarily the number of deaths increases slightly each year. In addition, the National Center for Health Statistics projects that a baby born in 2004 could expect to live to nearly 78, an increase of over half a year from 2003.

While we rejoice that the death rate has decreased, we are sobered by the fact that, barring the return of Christ, the ultimate death rate is always 100 percent.

Moses in his prayer, offers these words about time and life: *“We spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”* He then advises us, *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”* (Psalm 90:9-10, 12).

Of course, the really good news about death is that Jesus has prepared a place for us when this life is over. “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:1-3).

You may have many years to live, or you may not. The key is to make sure that your days are used to serve God. Let us “apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

- Bob Prichard

[While this article was in 2007, it remains true and relevant, in 2025. RDM]

The way to God's heart

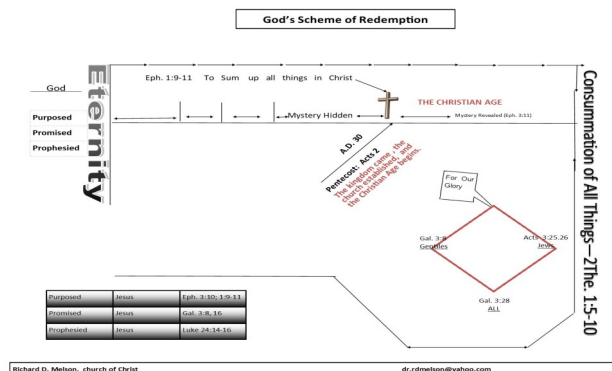


It has been joked that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach and the way to a woman's heart is through flowers and diamonds. (It's a joke!) Of course, every person is different, so “the way” to each person's heart is also different.

Have you ever wondered what is the way to God's heart (if such a question could be asked)? Another way of saying, “the way to a person's heart,” is to talk about what truly “pleases” a person. With that in mind, consider this.

The way to God's heart is to have true “faith” in Him (Heb. 11:6), to “please” Him rather than man (2 Tim. 3:4), to “do” and to “speak” those things that please Him rather than man (Gal. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:4), to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12-13), to “do good and to share” (Heb. 13:16), to “do His will” in “every good work” (Heb. 13:21), to “keep His commandments” (1 John 3:22), to “sacrifice” yourself for His cause (Phil. 4:18), to “walk worthy” of Him (Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 4:1). Have you found “God's heart”? ?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



The Quality of Abraham's Faith

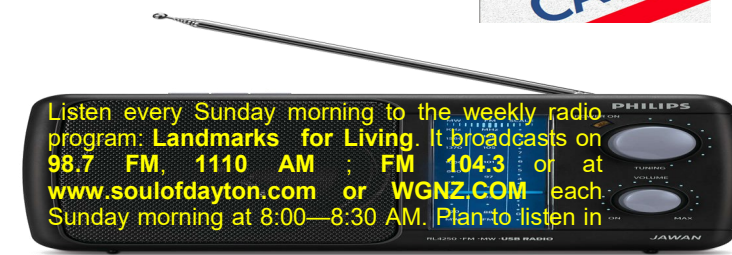
Wayne Jackson wrote concerning **Romans 4:18-25** the following which has significant meaning for us today. *RM*

The nature of Abraham's faith is now characterized: (a) Though his situation seemed hopeless, the patriarch believed God's promise, namely that he would be the "father of many nations," though doubtless at that time he did not understand the nature of that "seed." (b) Even though both he and Sarah were reproductively "dead," he did not permit his faith to be "weakened," but trusted the promise of the Lord. (c) The fact is, he became stronger through his faith, glorifying God. (d) He was confident that if God promised something, he was "able to perform" it. (e) On account of this steadfast faith that pursued obeying the divine will in spite of seeming insurmountable odds—he was credited with being righteous.

What is the application of this character sketch? The data regarding Abraham, as to his being credited as righteous, was not recorded in Scripture for his sake alone. It is for our sake as well—namely to those who yield to obedient faith in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. Christ was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification. This was a manifestation of divine grace. But as Paul is about to affirm: it is not a non-conditional faith. This point must be emphasized repeatedly in this book that is so abused in the matter of faith and grace. *GR*

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

- ☞ We aware of a technical issue with our live stream audio feed and are working to correct this problem.
- ☞ Adult Class in the auditorium on Sunday 6/29 , “Jesus The Savior”
- ☞ 1st Sunday Fellowship Meal—July 6
- ☞ 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