

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	49
Attendance AM	97
Attendance PM	28
Wednesday PM	47

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Traveling Prayers: Norris Cole, II, Lyle & Ruby Cole; Norris Cole

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: July — 2— Richard Melson, Jr.; 6- Penny Cook; 8 - Rachel Blanks; 9 - Ruby Nickell; 20 - Glenna Adair; 27 - Otis Adair

Anniversaries: July — 18— Michael and Brenda Mamula; 23— Chad and Jennifer Arnett; 30— Norris and Diane Cole

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class July 24 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 10 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

July 13	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Chris Poole
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	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
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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REDEMPTION IS FREEDOM

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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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REDEMPTION is both a series of God's saving acts on man's behalf and a profound Biblical doctrine. Christ's death signaled divine redemption's greatest moment of agonizing deliverance (Titus 2:14). Christ's return promises redemption's most powerful consummation (Ephesians 1:13-14).

For Old Testament Israel God's redemption spelled freedom from the human bondage of Egypt; from a false identity as slaves; and from a warped purpose and destiny (Exodus 6:6-7; 15:13; 2 Samuel 7:23-24). To be redeemed meant that the Israelites would be free men with dignity and purpose.

The New Testament world understood redemption in the light of widespread slavery. When anybody heard the Greek word for "ransom," Adolph Deissman has pointed out, ". . . it was natural for him to think of the purchase money for manumitting slaves" (pp. 331-332, Light from the Ancient East). "Redemption" was not difficult to understand in Paul's day, Deissman suggests in another of his works. "It was closely associated with slavery, the common social institution of the, ancient world" (p. 172, Paul). Redemption, in the New Testament, "is the emancipation of the slave" (p. 173, Ibid) . , from the slavery of sin (John 8:34,36), from the slavery of death (Hebrews 2:14-15), from the slavery of idolatry (Galatians 4:8-9), from the slavery of an alien world system and its unique life-style (Ephesians 2:1-3), and from every form of degraded personhood (John 10:10), Christ redeems us (Matthew 20:28).

Redemption's freedom is not without its cost. It cost God his son (John 3:16). It cost Jesus his life (Philippians 2:5-8). It will cost you total renunciation of all forms of self-worship and service (Luke 14:26-33).

Redemption is not the "free" life of moral and spiritual license! (Galatians 5:1). It is freedom to "glorify God therefore in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:20). It is power never again to be dominated by the false and the fleshly (1 Corinthians 7:23). It is that relationship with Christ that envelopes both life and death with confidence and direction (Romans 14:7-9). It is the successful repudiation of all that, demeans my life with the consequential putting on "as God's elect" a life of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, and love (Colossians 3:5-14).

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This was written 56 years ago at a time when brother Chalk was still preaching and teaching the truth. I commend this article to you as it truly represents God's word correctly. (RDM)

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

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

Husband Wanted



To what lengths would you go to find a spouse? Helen Zhou, of Sydney, Australia, spent \$3700 on a "Husband Wanted" billboard. She specified the age range (up to 45), financial and lifestyle qualifications, as well as the qualification that the prospective groom must have a good sense of humor. She said she was looking for a frugal man, "An old-fashioned kind of guy, not one who spends every cent and doesn't worry about tomorrow" (World, November 6, 2004).

I don't know the outcome of Miss Zhou's advertising campaign. Perhaps this is "the wave of the future" in finding a spouse. Although it seems strange (and expensive), it is probably no worse a method than those that most people use today to find a spouse.

I found it striking that with all of the specific qualifications that Miss Zhou set out, there were none with a spiritual dimension, when that is the most important factor that she should be considering. She did say that she wanted an "old fashioned kind of guy," one who "doesn't worry about tomorrow." But what kind of tomorrow will there be for the man who is outside of Christ?

Marriage is God's idea, not man's. As God looked down on the first man and woman in the garden, it was God who brought them together. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). Notice that a man cleaves to his wife.

Paul tells wives, "submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22). How can a wife do this if she does not know the Lord? He tells the husbands, "love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). How can a husband do this if he has not obeyed Christ?

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1).

- Bob Prichard

Are you on summer break?

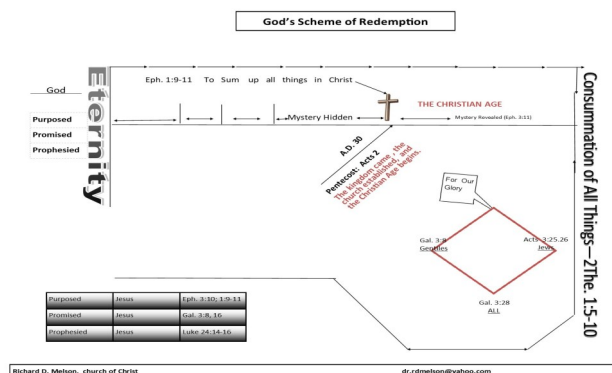


School teachers love summer. They get a break from the kids, the stress and the challenges of the school year. Summer allows them to get recharged and ready to make a difference in the lives of a whole new batch of kids. I wonder...give this some thought...are some of us...as Christians...on a "summer break"? Have we stepped away from our "job" as Christians of being a teacher into an indefinite lull?

Fellow Christian, God calls us and expects us to be teachers! Each of us has been given the "gift" of teaching; therefore, we need to be "teaching" (Rom. 12:6-7). We need to be "teaching" what Jesus has "commanded" (Matt. 28:20), "teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:28). Failing to teach others of the love, gifts and expectations of Christ can indicate that a Christian himself is yet "a babe," floundering in his walk with the Lord (Heb. 5:12-14).

God doesn't have "summer breaks" for Christian teachers! Let's get recharged today and make a difference today by teaching what we know to those who need it!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Minute Mediations

There was once a man who was terribly busy with his farm and his store and his shop and a few other things in which he had a hand. But every now and then he would say to himself that he must give more time to the Lord. Several times he reached the point where he felt that "tomorrow for sure I shall read my Bible and pray and fashion my life in accordance with the Savior's life." But tomorrow never came. The words of Jesus come winging down the centuries, addressed to all who are caught up in the pretty whirl of daily activities: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9: 4.)

The restoration of sight to Bartimaeus is one of the most dramatic of all the miracles performed by Jesus. That which makes it so is the question asked by our Lord, "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" The answer of Bartimaeus must have come from the very depths of his being, "Lord, that I may receive my sight!" He did receive his sight and the first thing he saw was the face of the Lord Jesus! Hundreds of years later George Scruven wrote, "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see."

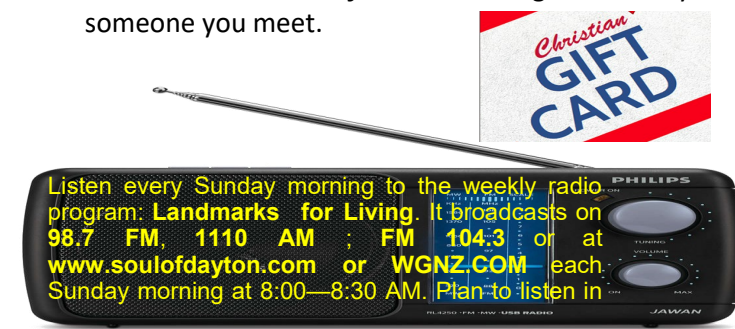
- L. D. Harless, July 1957

Men continue to place themselves above God and His word. At recent the "religious support symposium" held at Wright Patterson Airforce Base (WPAFB), the theme was "religious liberty as a basic human right and the role of religious communities in tackling social issues in the local community". The group openly rejected Jesus'

design for unity based an obedient faith in Him (John 17:17-21), and His affirmation that He is the **only** way to heaven. (John 14:6). As a matter of fact the Bible was made to be on par with the Quran. Those who rejected these views were told that this forum might not be the place for you. At least they were honest. One speaker bragged about the real goal is reaching "religious pluralism".

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 Gear
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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- 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