

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	44
Attendance AM	87
Attendance PM	41
Wednesday PM	43

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Naomi Shields

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Mozilla Tate ; Alyse Poole; Diane Cole; Chantinae' Gray

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: August — 10 – Diane Cole (Norris); 11– Ashley Thomas; 20 - Ryan McGahee, Marie Tolley; 21 - Naree Poole

Anniversaries: August— 7– Dwayne &Tena Eslick; 25– Richard & Valerie Melson; 31— Patrick & Penny Cook; Patrick & Ashley Thomas

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class August 21 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 10 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

August 10	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Server 2	Michael Blanks, jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Scripture Reader	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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A MARKED MAN

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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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You have heard this statement at some time in your life. It could mean that such a person would bear a stigma of reproach for the rest of his life. It could mean he had done something or said something that he would never be able to escape.

There was a man in the New Testament who was also a marked man. You know him as Paul and he will tell you that he bore in his body "the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Gal. 6:17). These marks were borne gladly. He was not ashamed of these.

I. HE IS MARKED AS A SERVANT OF CHRIST

Paul was not ashamed to call himself a servant of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:1). To him, this is a thing of great honor and privilege (I Tim.1:12). His service to the Lord was not a burden to be endured but rather a privilege to enjoy. That is the reason he would put all that he had into the task. He was concerned about pleasing his master. What about you and me; are we marked in this way? Can people say, "those folks will serve the Lord"? Does pleasing Him mean as much to us as it did to Paul? It should.

II. HE IS MARKED AS A SOLDIER OF CHRIST

There is absolutely no doubt about Paul being a soldier of the Lord. He refers to Epaphroditus as a fellow-soldier (Phil. 2:25). If Epaphroditus was a fellow-soldier, by implication, Paul is a soldier. He would encourage Timothy to be a good soldier (II Tim. 2:3-4). As a soldier, Paul would bear in his body some of the scars of battle. Take a look at his list in II Corinthians 11:23-25. He was beaten and bruised. Yes, he is marked as a soldier.

III. HE IS MARKED AS A SUFFERER FOR CHRIST

Wasn't it Paul who said, "all they that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12)? How well Paul knew this to be true. He would be a living demonstration of the fact that such was true. He could become a living commentary of this fact. But this did not deter him from the task that was before him. He would not falter. His only objective was to finish the job he had been assigned no matter what suffering was before him (Acts 20:24). He was unmoved by the obstacles and would press on no matter what the price might be. HE WAS MARKED FOR ETERNITY! *W*

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

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

HABIT



“Honesty is the best policy !”



HABIT. The only way to get rid of a **bad** habit is to stop it at once. If you try tapering off, this is the result. You drop the “H” and you still have . . .

A BIT. You think you are getting over it by dropping a little bit of the evil thing, so you go on and drop the “A,” but you still are . . .

BIT. That is to say, you are deceiving yourself. You are where you were. You are still bitten by the evil thing. However, you think you are progressing, so you drop the “B,” but you still lack. You still have . . .

IT. And “it” is the sting of habit. “It” has been the trouble all along. You are where you started. Even when you drop the “I” you still have . . .

T. Which stands for temptation. And temptation is a longer word to get rid of than habit. Better do the thing wholesale and drop all the letters at once.

“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11).

Why is it that opportunity always knocks, but temptation feels free to walk right in? —Anonymous

It is interesting to try to figure out where certain sayings and phrases originated. According to multiple sources, the famous proverb, "Honesty is the best policy," was first stated by Sir Edwin Sandys in 1599. Sir Edwin Sandys was (get this!) an English politician and one of the founders of the first English settlements in Jamestown, Virginia. Kind of ironic (don't you think?) that the person who first said, "Honesty is the best policy," was a politician. Equally enlightening is that this was mindset of one of the earliest founders of civilization in America.

Of course, Sir Edwin Sandys was not saying anything new or revealing some ground-breaking insight. 2,500 years before Sandys even lived, God's wisdom declared, "The truthful lip shall be established forever" (Prov. 12:19). The "God of truth" has always had this "policy"!

Want a policy that can change America today? Want a policy that will improve your workplace? Want a policy that will fortify your home? "My mouth will speak truth" (Prov. 8:7)!

Melson's Musings ...



If you, my reader, are a genius, you may skip the rest of this article. If you, as a teacher or preacher, always have on the tip of your tongue an unlimited supply of profound arguments, Bible illustrations, and illustrations from life, if you are never at loss for material on a moment's notice, you will not profit by the following suggestion. If, however, you are an ordinary specimen of the humanity who sometimes, with a feeling of futility, thinks of giving up his work of trying to teach and turning it over to someone else, and if you do not mind work, let us make a suggestion.

Secure for yourself a large note book and an ample supply of paper. You will need dozens of notebooks later if you continue this, but one will suffice for a beginning. Head the pages in order with such subjects as accountability, angels, anger, apostasy, apostles, authority, baptism, Bible, Bible study, and so on through your notebook labeling a page for every Bible subject you can think of. You need not try to make this exhaustive for you will miss some, and you can add easily at any time. Now you are ready for work. Read your Bible periodically. If a certain Bible story would well fit under the subject of anger, or envy, etc., place that reference on the proper page with any fitting comments you wish to remember. Read incessantly, the comments of good men, and sermons of good preachers. Never hear a preacher without having paper and pencil handy. When a good illustration is read or heard, jot it down. If a gem of wisdom, or forceful argument is heard, put it on paper. Then, WITHOUT DELAY, INSTANTLY, IMMEDIATELY, transfer it to its proper place in your notebook under whatever might be its subject. Soon, when material is needed on a certain

Bible subject, you will not have to trust to memory, but you can go to the subject in your notebooks for a wealth of accumulated material. Do not hesitate to read the writings of others. You may be able to learn in three minutes, what it took them forty years to learn. Will this not take a lot of time? Yes, it cannot be done without work. In fact, it would probably take time and labor in an amount hardly ever conceived by the average teacher and possibly many preachers. It will leave little time for movies shows and television, but you will be a blessing to your class and an honor to the Lord. Are you willing to pay the price?

- L.D. Harless, December 1957

Summer Series: Righteousness of God

Date	Subject	Speaker
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

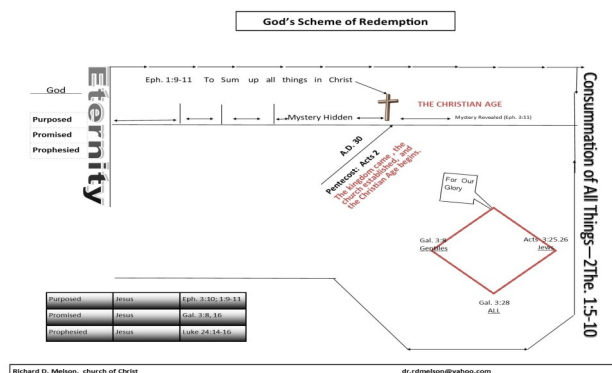
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Just for Fun Word Search, Psalm 23

R	F	R	U	B	T	B	P	C	P	The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want.
Z	E	O	V	N	A	G	O	B	A	He makes me to lie down in green pastures ; He leads me beside the still waters .
N	F	S	I	M	M	Q	T	S	He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.	
H	I	O	T	E	F	B	J	N	T	Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
S	N	W	R	O	R	B	Y	N	U	You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
A	V	C	R	E	R	Y	R	N	R	Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever .
L	Y	T	X	A	V	E	J	A	E	
Y	G	O	O	D	N	E	S	S	S	
K	W	A	T	E	R	S	R	Q	U	
S	D	R	E	H	P	E	H	S	I	

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



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