

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	59
Attendance AM	78
Attendance PM	38
Wednesday PM	33

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Karia Sutherlin and Heaven Sutherlin; Mary Sanders; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Naomi Shields

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Michael Blanks, Jr.; Richard Melson, Jr.;

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 September 4 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 10 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”

August 24	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord’s Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Chris Poole	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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THREE FORGOTTEN R’S

Dan Jenkins

There was a time when America led the world in scholarship. But, now we do not rank in the top ten and, in some lists, struggle to be in the top twenty. What is the cause of this? What has changed? Years ago, we emphasized the three R’s of learning—readin’, writin’ and ‘rithmetic, but these fundamental skills no longer seem to be the focus of education. As far as our relationship with God, we have lost sight of three other R’s, and this has resulted in our religious chaos. Consider these three R’s of righteousness.

Revelation

Those who stood at Mt. Sinai heard the voice of God and saw and felt His presence. They knew that God had spoken. Much later, those who were in the presence of Jesus heard His voice and saw the indisputable miracles He performed. They knew that when they heard the voice of Jesus they were hearing the voice of God. Those who received the writing of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, James and Jude knew they held in their hands the words of God from the messengers of God.

Such was true of America in the past. Mainstream “Christianity” believed the Bible was His word. The vast majority of Americans read the Bible and heard it proclaimed as the final authority in the pulpits of the land. So much has changed. Preachers have become, at best, just social philosophers, and few worshippers even bring their Bibles to church. The truth is that we have lost sight of the fact that the Almighty God has spoken! We no longer respect His word. It is as though God has not fully revealed Himself to us in the Bible.

Redemption

Many in our nation no longer realize the reality and consequences of sin. We joke about it. We are entertained by it in movies and television. We do not seek redemption for there is no realization of the final judgment. Morality is defined by what the majority do. There is no standard of right and wrong. There is almost no evil that will separate us from God. We no longer seek redemption, for no longer is there sin.

Restoration

We have lost our way. When the Bible is ignored, ungodliness prevails, and we wander about in a maze of religious division and the darkness where God is ignored. What is our hope? Hear these ancient words given when Israel forgot that God has spoken and immorality reigned. “Ask for the old paths where the good way is and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls” (Jer. 6:16). That’s simple. Return to God; return to a realization of sin; restore our belief in the fact that God has spoken. We must not lose sight of these three R’s! *✍️*

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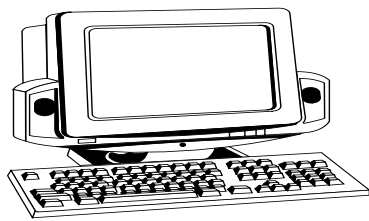
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BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17

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

MATHEW OR MATTHEW?



Spellcheckers are one of the great inventions of our day. Even though I am a good speller, I am sometimes a careless typist. The spellchecker is great for catching those transposed letters that come too often from trying to type too fast.

I just recently made a discovery about my spell-checker, though. It is not always right. Not only will it not flag correctly spelled words which are not the words I meant, it also doesn't catch some variants of words that I expected it to catch. It seems that I have had a problem lately in my lessons in typing Mathew when I meant Matthew. It seems that MS Word is just fine with spelling it "Mathew" instead of "Matthew." I have relied on the spellchecker to proofread for me, but will have to be more careful in the future, knowing that MS Word does not catch this.

This little insight reminds me that we must be careful what or whom we trust. Not everything you read on the internet is correct or reliable. It is not uncommon for us to look to some great preacher of the past or present for wisdom or judgment. There is nothing wrong with this, but whoever it is, we need to be sure that we use our reasoning abilities and we truly search the scriptures. We may too easily accept some things because of who teaches them, but even the best of us are sometimes wrong.

Luke commends the Christians of Berea: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). The Bereans were searching the scriptures daily to consider if what they were being taught by men like Paul and Silas was correct. If it is necessary to check up on Paul, it is also necessary to check up on Wendell Winkler, Foy Wallace or Bob Prichard. And it is also necessary to check on ourselves. Do we believe what we believe because we have really searched the scriptures? And letting someone else proofread certainly won't hurt!

- Bob Prichard

More blessings than burdens

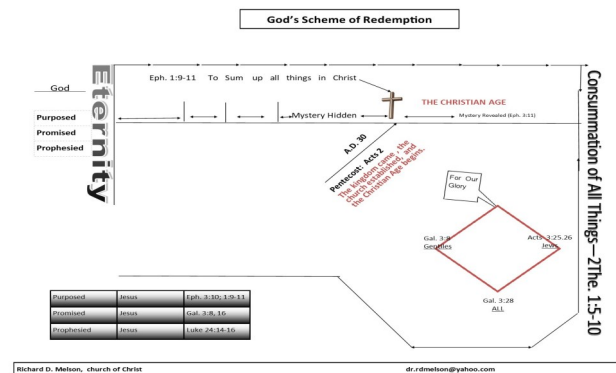


Back in the day, we used small calculators, which could only display a limited number of digits. If you entered a calculation which resulted in a number too large to display, it would display an error.

Speaking of numbers too large to calculate, when was the last time that you counted up all of the struggles and burdens that you're dealing with? Here's a guess—that total is probably not as large as you might think it is.

Now, when was the last time that you calculated all of your blessings that God continues to shower down upon you? Have you experienced "the windows of heaven" being opened to "pour out for you such a blessing that there [is] not room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10)? Have you made a concerted effort to "forget not all His benefits" (Psa. 103:2)? Have you taken time to consider, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Psa. 116:12)? Your human brain will not be able to calculate and display the infinite number of Divine blessings in your life!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



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Melson's Musings ...



A Time For Concern

It is becoming more and more apparent that there is cause for concern for the church for which our Lord died. He was concerned enough to die for it (Eph. 5:25). Paul was concerned enough to care (2 Cor. 11:28). We believe it is surely time for concern now.

1. When open fellowship becomes the norm, it is a time for concern. One would have to ignore the real facts in the case to say open fellowship is not becoming more and more popular. When men see no reason to refuse fellowship to those who use the instrument in worship, it is surely a time for concern. The Bible still says, "worship him in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). That surely means in harmony with the truth. That means with the support of the truth. There is no such support for the mechanical instrument.

2. When worldliness has a field day, it is time for concern. To oppose "social drinking" is an unthought of thing in many circles. When members of the Lord's body can live like the devil every day of the week and then think they can come before the Lord in the "beauty of holiness" on the Lord's day, it is time for concern. We are still taught to "abstain from every appearance of evil."

3. When the plea for moderation is called compromise, it is time for concern. Many of my brethren are well aware of the fragmentation and suspicion that rages in this brotherhood. They are raising their voices in real concern. They will no longer have a part in that which will create pseudo issues nor will they have a part in making a hobby of some issues. They will have no part in opposing something just because some friend happens to oppose

it. The cause of Christ is too big and worth more than this. These men are not about to be intimidated. The cry for "balance" will be heard again and again until we get back to the plea of the Restoration, "In matters of faith, UNITY. In matters of opinion, LIBERTY, and in all things, CHARITY." We refuse to be carried to the right or the left SO HELP US GOD.

- Winfred Clark

Summer Series: Righteousness of God

Date	Subject	Speaker
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