

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	37
Attendance AM	73
Attendance PM	36
Wednesday PM	17

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Mary Rutland; Dana Grigsby; Kay Feldman; Mary Sanders; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Phil Tydings; Schuyler McDaniel

**Traveling:** Richard Melson, Jr. ; Rita and Ryan McGahee

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Member Birthdays: November** — 14– Ruby Cole; 16– Tally Poole; 26 – Cadence Vance;

**Anniversaries: November** — None

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class November 13 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 12 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”

November 02	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord’s Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Server 2	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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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## AS THE END APPROACHES

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**Meeting Location:**  
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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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There is an interesting paragraph in the fourth chapter of Peter’s first letter. While there may be a few things in it harder to understand, there are many lessons each of us can learn and apply to help us in our growth. We tend to harshly judge Peter because of his shameless denial of Jesus at His trial, but the great spirituality of the apostle as he writes this many years later is shown in both of his letters.

The paragraph begins in verse seven where Peter states, “...the end of all things is at hand.” At first glance we might assume that he was talking about the return of Jesus and the final judgment of the world. Another possibility is that he refers to the signs given for the end of the world of Judaism which the early Christians saw and knew the end was near. Jesus shows that these signs could not refer to the final end when He answers the disciples’ question about the end (Matt. 24:3) and says that end would come when the gospel was preached to every creature (Matt. 24:14) and “...all these things would happen” (Matt. 24:34-35).

The purpose of this article is not to determine what “end of all things is at hand” Peter has in mind and was at hand, but to emphasize what Peter sets forth as to our response to the realization that an end is coming. There is an end coming to each of us, as the end of our lives rushes toward us. Whatever Peter urged those Christian to do can help us focus on what really matters.

As the end of our lives approach, should we not be “... serious and watchful in your prayers” (1 Pet. 4:7)? Life in our day is so cluttered that we fail to take any time to reflect that this world is passing away—it has an end. That which clutters our lives is so often so meaningless. As the end approaches, take time for serious reflection and for spending time in praying.

Peter gives a second admonition. “Above all things have fervent love for one another.” The Greek word for love is agape, which emphasizes actions not emotions. As the end approaches, show that you fervently love all of your brothers and sisters, and let love be the basis of dealing with each other—especially those who are hard to love. The results will be showing loving hospitality to one another without grumbling.

The final thing Peter mentions is using what we have for the right purpose. The gifts that were given were likely miraculous gifts from the apostles’ hands, but the application is that whatever God has given us must be used so that “...in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and dominion forever and ever.”

As your end approaches, what should you do? ✍

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

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

## Meditations

The nearness of Jesus depends upon the nearness of His word in our hearts. Our Savior prayed, "Sanctify them by thy truth; thy word is truth" (John 17:17.) True and lasting happiness is possible only in Christ and to receive our Savior's word is to receive our Savior. One of the most beautiful entreaties in all the Bible was not accepted by the church to whom it was directed. Jesus said to the church at Laodicea, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3:20.) Let us open the door of our hearts that Jesus may come in.

One of the darkest passages in the New Testament is found in the sixth chapter of John: "From that time many of the disciples went back, and walked no more with him." However, it serves as an introduction to one of the most inspiring statements in the Bible: Jesus asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" (John 6:67) The reply of Simon Peter will live forever. He said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." (John 6:68).

In that day, in our day, and in all time to come, Jesus our Savior is the only one who possesses the words of life.

### The Bible

Men of history have come to recognize that the Bible is greatest book ever written:

**Daniel Webster:** "If there be anything in my style or thought to be commended, credit is due to my kind parents in instilling into my mind an early love for the Scriptures."

**Thomas Carlyle:** "A noble book! All men's book. It is our first statement of the never-ending problem of man's destiny and God's way with men on earth."

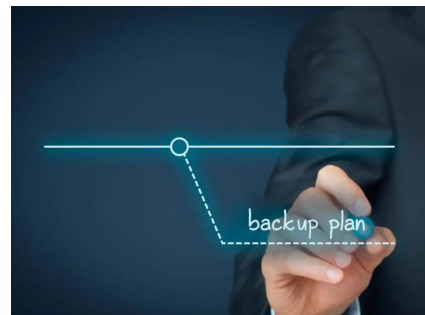
**Edmund Burke:** "I have read the Bible morning, noon and night, and have ever since been the happier and better man for such reading."

**Napoleon Bonaparte:** "Christ proved that he was the Son of the Eternal by his disregard of time. All his doctrines signify one, and the same thing, eternity."

**Benjamin Franklin:** "As to Jesus of Nazareth, my opinion of whom you particularly desire, I think the system of morals, and his religion, as he left them to us, is the best the world ever saw, or is likely to see."

- Frank L. Cox

## What's your backup plan?

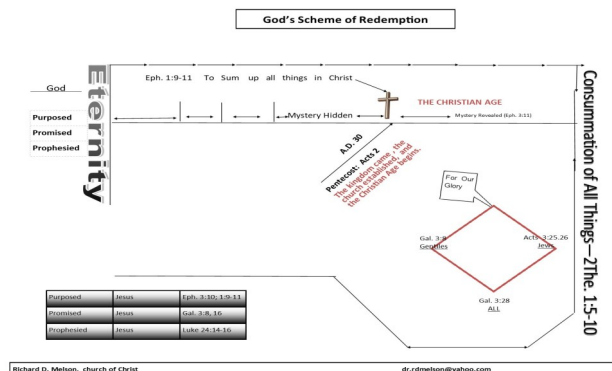


It's always good to have a backup plan! If something happens and you don't have time to make dinner, what's your backup plan? If your printer breaks on the morning when you're presenting an important research paper, what's your backup plan? If you're traveling to be a guest speaker but your car won't start, what's your backup plan? Having a backup plan is important!

However, it is NOT always possible to have a backup plan! If you've been thinking about being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins but you die before that happens, what's your backup plan? If you've been meaning to talk to a friend about his soul but he dies before that happens, what's your backup plan? If you've been telling everyone that you're coming back to the church to be restored but Jesus comes back before that happens, what's your backup plan?

When it comes to your soul and the souls of those around you, STOP waiting! There is no backup plan for eternal matters! Act "TODAY" (2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:7-15; Acts 22:16).

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



### Jesse's Legacy

Jesse was a native of Bethlehem (1 Samuel 16:1) and was of the tribe of Judah. He was the grandson of Boaz and Ruth, and the son of Obed.

Jesse had eight sons, of whom the youngest was David (1 Sam 17:12-14) and two daughters (1 Chr. 2:16). (Jesse's three oldest sons fought with Saul's army against the Philistines (1 Samuel 17:13). The prophet Samuel was impressed with all of Jesse's children (1 Samuel 16:6).

Evidently, Jesse was a simple shepherd. Nothing is written about him being of any importance within the people of Israel. He was not wealthy. He did not have power. David's enemies even used the phrase 'son of Jesse' in a derogatory manner toward him.

But as we have pointed out Jesse's sons were of high character. Some had fought for Saul. All of them impressed Samuel. His son David is said to be 'a man after [God's] own heart' (Acts 13:22). These things show that Jesse was a good father. He had reared his children in a proper reverence of God and His word. Jesse did not serve God because he expected wealth and power to come from such service. Jesse quietly served God because he loved God. He instilled this servant attitude into his children.

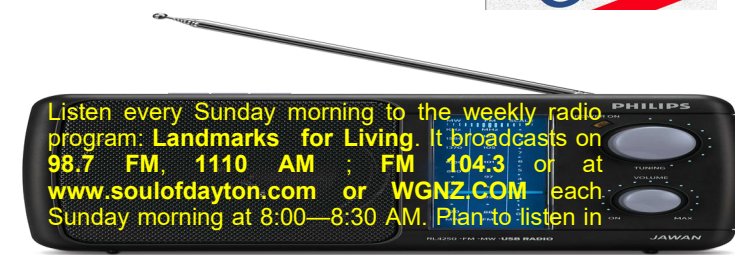
Jesse did not become famous throughout history for his great military, economic, or political success. He became famous because God tells us about his success as a father and because one of his children did become great. God chose David as King because of the character that his father had instilled in him.

Most young men and women will grow up and become parents. Most parents want great things for their children. But the most important and greatest thing that a parent can give to their children is a love of God.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can from it. Apply it to your life, and instill it in your children. ✍

Have you ever considered what you will leave after you die? Have you ever considered the ability to allow the work of the Lord to continue to flourish after you leave this world? Please consider remembering the work of the Lord's church in your will or estate planning. If you do so, it will allow your stewardship to continue even after your death. ✍

- ☞ Potter Children's Home Coin Can— We have 12 new empty coin cans in the office. Please pickup one to fill.
- ☞ Potter Children's Home—Commodity and Christmas gifts will be picked up Saturday Nov. 29th at 1:00 PM
- ☞ Preteens-teens Lock-In Permission Sheets are available.
- ☞ Ladies Day— "Sisters Needing Sisters"—Nov. 15
- ☞ Check out the new tract titles in the rack
- ☞ Take a "**Christian Gift Card**" and give it away to someone you meet.



## NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: [www.wvbs.org](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://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