

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	57
Attendance AM	90
Attendance PM	58
Wednesday PM	36

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Richard D. Melson; Norris & Diane Cole

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 09	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Chris Poole
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Ryan McGahee
Scripture Reader	Frank Brock	Jalen Sutherlin
Sermon	Kevin Berry	Kevin Berry
Prayer for Responses	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
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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AI vs. IAM

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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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- Christian Courier
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 - Greater Midwest Lectureship
 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is truly impacting our lives in ways we cannot begin to imagine. You can never be positive if that telephone solicitation call you get at dinner time is made by a human or an AI "robot." The most powerful application of intelligence knows so much, for it has "read" everything ever written by anyone and seems to know the answer.

I asked AI the question, "Is there anything that AI does not know?" and was surprised at the answer. It suggested there were several things AI could not give a trustworthy answer to guide you.

(1) AI affirmed that it does not have emotional intelligence. It lacks the ability to experience or understand human emotions.

(2) AI affirmed that it cannot accurately deal with questions that require ethical decisions. While it can be programmed with human ethical values, it cannot grasp the complexity of moral reasoning.

(3) AI affirmed that it cannot deal with contextual understanding. It does not have the answer that requires deep contextual knowledge. Answers that depend on specific social contexts or historical backgrounds cannot always be given.

(4) AI affirmed that it cannot give future predictions. It might identify patterns, but accurately predicting future events is beyond its ability.

(5) AI affirmed that it cannot give answers to personal taste or subjective experience. These choices are inherently subject, and AI cannot deal with personal subjective matters. Now look at the title of this article. We know what AI is, but what is IAM? I purposely removed the spacing from IAM; now let me put in the space. AI knows absolutely nothing compared to what I AM knows. When Moses asked God what he should tell the Jews in Egypt if that asked for God's name. The Divine answer is, "I AM" (Ex. 3:14).

I AM is omniscient in that He is all-knowing. He knew the content of every book that has been written or ever shall be written, before they existed.

I AM has total understanding, and because He became flesh, we know He is touched and understands all our feelings (Heb. 4:15). I AM has given a Book that deals with every ethical decision of every ethnicity and has written a Book in such simple words we can understand it. I AM gives simple, perfect instructions as to how to deal with every specific social situation (2 Pet. 1:3). I AM knows the future, He knows the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:10). I AM allows personal choices, but He sets the boundaries.

Never trust AI over I AM. There is no comparison!

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

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

Sparks in the Ashes

Man is not brought into the world a sinner for that which comes forth from the hand of God is pure and right (Gen. 1:31; Matt. 18:3; 19:14), but he brings sin upon himself when he knows right from wrong and does not behave according to that knowledge (Rom. 6:16). Thus he finds himself ruined, his life wrecked, and his ideals and hopes so soon reduced to ashes. He might as well throw up his hands and quit in so far as saving himself is concerned for the way of salvation is not from within (Jer. 10:23).

Although the timbers of purity are now burned the Lord is able to fan to flame the sparks of celestial fire still left in the ruined self if given an opportunity to do so. Do you know what these sparks are? One is capacity for truth. Man was made with a mind to be developed and that mind can reason and decide. The word of God was adapted to man's mind by him who made it, and that word will do wonders to the least spark of thought if it can be applied to it soon and in the right way. Another spark is the power of choice. The Lord endowed man with this when he made him, and he still has it until he is so far gone that he finds no will within to respond to the pleadings of tenderness and love. Another is conscience. This is man's inner sense of right and wrong, maybe improperly established, perhaps almost seared over, possibly with confused standards, but a spark nevertheless, and a celestial one at that. Then, there is honor. There will be found some pride, some self-respect, some deference in the ruined soul as long as there is any exhibition of the presence of life. This is just the heavenly spark that might be needed for God to rekindle the flame. Also, there is the spark of fear. We are threatened with eternal punishment and a presentation of this threat in compassion, and yet in great boldness, will stir some sinners into service.

Hence, although man can do nothing to save himself from his ruined state, from his own ashes, God has done everything that is needful to get him to be aroused to his dangers and to his possibilities. If he will let the Lord have his way, which he can do if he will, he will marvel to see come true God's promise to give "beauty for ashes."

-L. L. Gieger

Keep Away from Children!

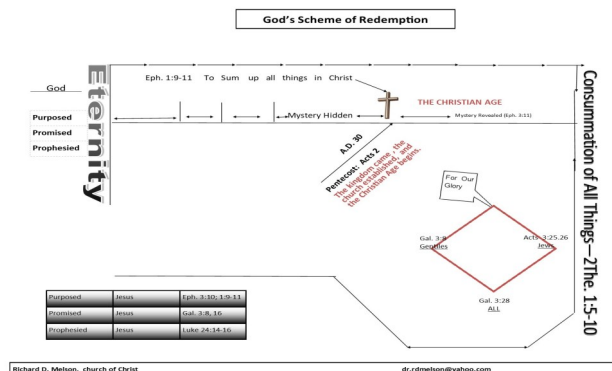


How interesting that within days of each other, two very different Bible story books for children were released! One book, written by two female "Reverends," shares stories from the Bible, some of which they suggest (example: the story of Jonah) the Bible writers "imagined" or "made-up" and should not be taken as "literal." WHAT?! The other book presents "guidance, instruction and wisdom" true to "the Word of God" for families, that they might have "an even greater appreciation for the power of God's Word." Which one of these do you want to bring into your home or the home of your grandkids?

Sometimes we are too quick to see a Bible "resource" that calls itself a "Bible book" and we unknowingly put it into the hands of someone who will unsuspectingly take it as "Bible." That could be the hands of a child, a new Christian or even our own hands.

EVERY book we read outside of the Bible MUST be checked BY the Bible to ensure it is ALIGNED with the BIBLE! If it isn't, KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN (Matt. 18:6; Acts 17:11; Rev. 22:18-19; Gal. 1:6-9; 1 John 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:11)!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Get an Addiction

I am sure that the title of this article got your attention. No matter what country you live in, you know how bad an addiction can be. Many, many people are addicted to drugs or alcohol. Governments all over the world are trying to stop the sale of illegal drugs.

In the United States there are several drug education programs which young people can go through to teach them not to take drugs that cause addiction. They are taught that addiction causes all kinds of problems in a person's life. It can lead to diseases, pain, suffering, loss of possessions, loss of family, and loss of life.

Why does addiction do this? It is because a person only thinks about what he is addicted to. He constantly thinks about how to get the drug. He constantly thinks about how good it will be to have the drug. He has trouble doing anything unless he has some of the drug. In other words, the drug is the most important thing on his mind.

But there is a good addiction. In 1 Corinthians 16:15 we read, "I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first-fruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints)" (King James Version). The word "addicted" means to "set one's mind on" or to "organize one's mind on".

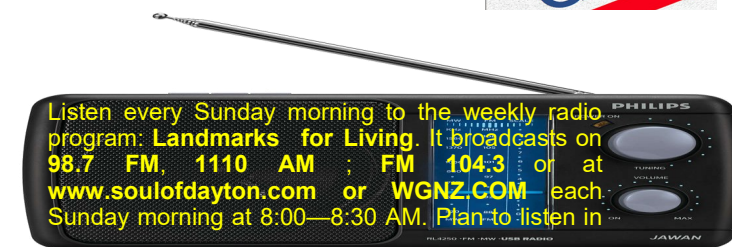
It is not wrong to have our minds set on doing good for other Christians. All Christians are members of the family of God. We should constantly be seeing what we can do for each other. We should constantly be thinking about how we can encourage another Christian. We should not

feel good unless we have been able to do something good for someone else.

This kind of addiction gets our minds off of ourself. Instead of thinking about what we want, we are thinking about what others need. Do not get addicted to the wrong things. Set your mind on helping and doing for others. And of course, what we do for others will be centered on what God wants for everyone.

- Mark McWhorter

- ☞ 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 ; 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