

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	29
Attendance AM	55
Attendance PM	24
Wednesday PM	31

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Rhonda Fox (back surgery); Marie Tolley (knee & heart); Carlene Harley; Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Glenna Adair; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); ins; Janis Bland; Naree Poole; Chris Poole; Desiree Butler (Plainfield, NJ)

Traveling:

Prayers: Al Washington and family; Central Carolina School of Preaching students; Linda Thomas' sisters and brother-in-law in Colorado Springs (especially Karen)

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: May — 2—April Gilbert; 4—Patrick Thomas; 19—James Grigsby

Anniversaries: May — None

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class May 14 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 6 in "The Begging Place"

May 03	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Scripture Reader	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Announcements	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
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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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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 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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OUR LOVING GOD DOES GET ANGRY

Dan Jenkins

The view many have of God as being one whose very nature is anger and judgment is so perverted. They fail to see the truth in those Old Testament stories. "All these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition..." (1 Cor. 10:11). "Whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we...might have hope" (Rom. 15:4). Those who read them and reach a perverted understanding of God should read them again. It is in these stories we learn how our holy God responds to the evil in our world.

To see this truth, we should see how all mankind should discover the nature of God in the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. Those who lived in these two cities were given over to the pleasures of sin. Engraved about the gates into those cities should have been the words: Whatever Happens in This City Stays in This City. They were so given over to sin that when those heavenly guests entered the city, they demanded that His messengers be given to them to force on them their selfish pleasure.

What is overlooked in this event is the nature of God described by Ezekiel. "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). Is there any evidence of this in the account of Genesis? Absolutely! He would have spared the entire sinful city had there been just ten righteous people in it. God came down; He entered the city; He came to verify that they had done all the great and very grave sin had come up to Him (Gen. 18:20-21). This event is recorded as an example of the vengeance of our holy God sending eternal fire against fornication (Judg. 1:7).

Jesus believed this and added a further truth to those who have been saved from His judgment when He said, "Remember Lot's wife" (Luke 17:32). These words, like all the other words about this event, were written for learning that we might have hope.

His holiness demands judgment. Think about how a family would respond who finds great pleasure with that cuddly puppy they just got. Now imagine that as it grew it became viscous attacking every guest and roaming the neighborhood creating fear. Imagine how the parents would feel if that dog then violently attacked and actually killed their children. If you understand this reaction, you have begun to comprehend how God feel and deals with evil.

Those who see Jesus different from God fail to understand that Jesus is God. He turned over the tables of evil men and announced the coming of the worst tribulation ever. God longs for the world to be saved, but He does not force them to obey. Understand His holiness. He longs for your salvation!

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

No Fair Peeping

We all know what B.C. means but some of you maybe don't understand B.A.C. If you went to country churches back in the 1940's and 50's you know that meant Before Air Conditioning.

It was customary to have the revival in July and August and very ingenious methods to be used to keep cool. Many churches had rotating fans around the church building, and cardboard hand fans on sticks from the local funeral homes were in abundance.

At one church there was a big attic type fan directly over the pulpit stand, which was a big oversized stand. A little short deacon one night was making the announcements in the beginning of the service and called on a soft spoken mumbler for prayer and then knelt down behind the big pulpit stand during the prayer.

As he was kneeling, with the loud fan above his head, he realized that he couldn't hear a single word of the prayer, and began to wonder how he was going to know when the prayer was over.

He waited a little longer, still hearing nothing and so decided he was going to have to find some way to peep around the pulpit stand to see when the people raised their heads.

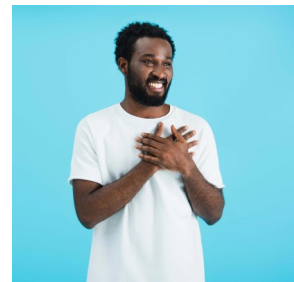
Slowly and cautiously he began to creep around the edge of the pulpit stand, still in a kneeling position. Carefully he then peeped around the edge of the pulpit stand only to find out to his chagrin the prayer was already over and 400 eyes were looking straight at him in great amazement and wonderment.

THE STORY OF TWO BEARS

In a village there lived an old couple who often had sharp quarrels. Everybody in town knew how much they quarreled. Suddenly they quit quarreling, and they were never heard to dispute again. The townsfolk wondered what made the change. Finally one brave woman asked and was told: "Two bears did it," said the wife. "Two bears?" ". . ." "Yes, two bears we found in the Bible . . ." Bear ye one another's burdens (Gal . 6:2), and Forbearing one another in love (Eph . 4:2)' "

*Knight Arnold Bulletin
Memphis, TN*

Worship that feels good can't be wrong! Can it?



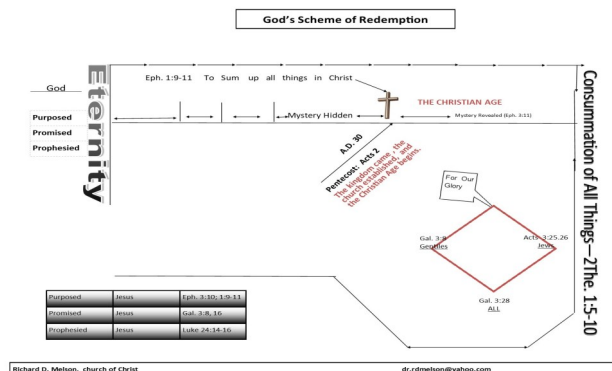
The Israelites' archnemesis—the Philistines—"gathered together to fight with Israel," having troops "as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude" (1 Sam. 13:5), and the Israelite "people were distressed" (13:6). Saul "waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel" (13:8), who was going to come and "offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings" (10:8). But, when "Samuel did not come," Saul "offered the burnt offering" himself (13:9).

When Samuel asked this king from the tribe of Benjamin (not of Levi) why he had offered sacrifices, Saul replied, "I felt compelled" (13:12). Read that again—"I felt compelled." Are feelings a safe guide in our worship of God? Samuel said to Saul,

"You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you" (13:13).

God draws a sharp line of distinction between keeping His commandments and doing what feels right. The first is right and acceptable. The second is foolish and unacceptable. There is only one acceptable way to worship God, and feelings do not determine what that is! !

*David Sproule
Thought for the Day*



Melson's Musings ...



No Sinful Nature

When you hear the words choice, decide, choose or option, what do they suggest to you about man?

When you read Bible passages beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation which speak of God giving man an option, a choice, what do these suggest to us? Do they not suggest that man has volition, free will, the ability to make a choice?

The inspired record declares " And God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:10,12,21,25). Further at the end of the creation process or week, the Bible says "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day" (Gen. 1:31).

Many things are discussed in Genesis and with all that God created it was "good" even man was created. When the first pair (Adam and Eve) sinned, that is they made the choice, decision to disobey God's instruction they sinned (Gen. 2:16-17) cf. 1 John 3:4). With this transgression came consequences for them and all humanity thereafter. But note this carefully, we do not inherit Adam's sin. We are not born into sin; we do not have a "sinful nature" as some suggest. We are born innocent, pure, but having the ability to learn to choose. The technical terms are volition or the propensity (to sin) but one is not totally depraved nor does one have a sinful nature. It is regrettable that the NIV translation makes this statement in three passages to promote their theological view of Calvinism; but this is faulty translation (Rom. 7:5, 18, 25).

It is incorrect to speak of all humanity as "fallen man", for this implies a doctrine which is the antithesis to the word of God. Yes there was fall, but it was Eve and Adam who transgressed God's law thus sinning. It was Adam and Eve who sinned and their sin had personal and far-reaching consequences- that is now sin is a reality in all the world along with death.

Jesus said that the nature of children is innocent, pure, good and we should desire to be as they are (Mt. 18:1-5).

Man's nature is **not** sinful nor inherently evil, one learns how to disobey. *GR*

GR **Singing School** with Andy Baker: Every member should mark these dates and plan to attend. **May 29-31**. It is not just for the song leaders but for everyone who loves to sing



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; www.anchorofthesoul.com
- 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