

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	56
Attendance AM	67
Attendance PM	33
Wednesday PM	31

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Carlene Harley; Marie Tolley; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; Richard D. Melson; Norris Cole, II

**Traveling:** Richard Melson, Jr.; Blanks family

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Member Birthdays: June** — 1— Stephanie Hoover; 2—Alyse Poole; 4— Janis Bland; 5—James Vance, III; 6— Carlene Harley; 8—Randy Farmer; 10— Berdie Oakes;13— Chris Poole; 17—Deonna Cole; 19—Linda Thomas; 25— Richard Thomas; 29—Anthony Grigsby, Jamie Vance

**Anniversaries: June** — 28—Jerry and Linda Thomas; 30 Larry & Dana Grigsby

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class July 09 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 8 in "The Begging Place"

June 28	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Server 1	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Server 2	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Cook	Frank Brock
Closing Prayer	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Announcements	Patrick Cook	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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## STUDY TO TEACH OTHERS

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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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One of the fundamental laws of teaching is, "You cannot teach what you do not know." Unfortunately, many believe the only criterion for being a teacher is the willingness to teach! This inevitably leads to the blind leading the blind (Mt. 15:14), so that ignorance begets ignorance which begets ignorance. Teaching others carries a great responsibility (Jas. 3:1), and this responsibility includes knowing God's Word well enough to communicate it to others. Thus, diligent study must go hand in hand with those who would teach. The writer of Hebrews said, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat" (Heb. 5:12). How can we avoid having such a denunciation apply to us? Only through studying the Bible.

Every Christian has the responsibility of taking the gospel to the lost (Mk. 16:15; Mt. 28:18-20). Though some may not have the greatest ability and while some may be so young in the faith that they do not know much, neither of these works as an excuse. The responsibility to teach implies the responsibility to study in order to teach. Paul told Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). The gospel is perpetuated by teaching people the gospel and teaching people to teach the gospel. At the very least, every Christian should know how to teach the plan of salvation, the unique character of the church, the nature of true worship, the church's work and organization, as well as a basic summary of Christian morality, also presenting scripture for authority on each subject. Does this seem odd? Does it seem like asking too much? These are the basics that are necessary to carrying out the great commission! If we cannot explain to others why we live, worship, and act the way we do, we are failing one of the most elementary tests of our Christianity (1 Pet. 3:15).

Those who would teach Bible classes are responsible for knowing and discerning truth in regard to the material they are teaching (Jas. 3:17; Jn. 17:17). Preachers must know the word so that they can preach the word, instructing those who should have good knowledge to start with (2 Tim. 4:2). Elders must know the truth enough to teach mature Christians (1 Tim. 3:2), enough to correct those in error (Tit. 1:9ff), and enough to lead a congregation humbly but forthrightly in the practice of truth. It is not enough to know more than the ignorant. We must study so as to be among the knowledgeable.

Bible knowledge is the key to good Bible teaching. Too often, we have come to rely on manuals and commentaries so much that we never really absorb the actual Word. Therefore, we must learn to use these things as a help but never a crutch. It will require effort and time, but if we are to teach God's message, His message must be the one we really know (Ps. 119:11, 97, 105).

**STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10**

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

## Knowledge We Cannot Afford To Be Without!

**"Your word is settled in heaven"**

Mark Twain mused, 'Most people are bothered by those passages of scripture which they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand.' That's probably true of most of us. The Bible can be a mirror for the soul. We can see ourselves as we really are, and it is not always the most flattering image. That may be why many folks aren't reading their Bibles much these days. Ignorance is bliss, or so they think. But, is it?

The prophet Hosea wrote: "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land" (Hosea 4:1). "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children" (Hosea 4:6). "I have written to him the great things of my law and they were counted a strange thing" (Hosea 8:12).

Biblical ignorance can have devastating consequences. It was this kind of ignorance which led to the fall of Israel. In fact, no society can thrive and prosper for long when God is forgotten. It is imperative that men know the word of God, even if they know nothing else.

Much of the art and literature of the past found its roots in the Biblical text. The influence of scripture pervaded society. But that is no longer true, and we are worse for it. Young people especially need the oral and ethical teachings of the Bible as a foundation upon which to build. In fact, knowledge of the Bible is something none of us can afford to be without.

- Roger Rush

### God's Tender Care

When trouble comes, as it does' to us all God is so great and we are so small- But there is nothing That we need know If we have faith that wherever we go God will be waiting to help us bear Our pain and sorrow, our suffering and care- For no pain or suffering is ever too much To yield itself to God's merciful touch!

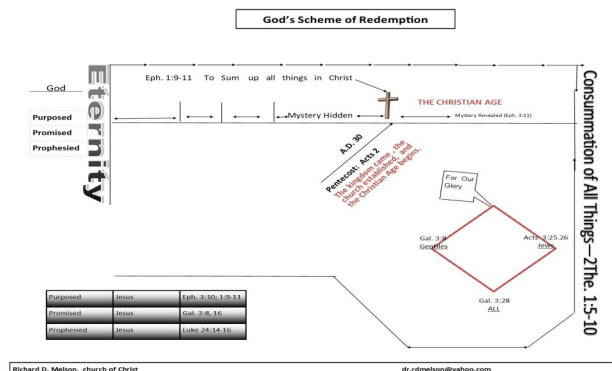


I saw this little shoe in a parking lot all by itself this morning. It made me sad to think about the little toddler who got home without a shoe and for the parent who probably searched the car and bags diligently looking for a lost shoe. All the while, the shoe is here by itself, of no real use to anyone, and will sooner rather than later end up in the trash.

Upon seeing this shoe, my mind quickly went to lost souls all around us. It's as if they are unknowingly left behind in a parking lot all by themselves. Perhaps at one time there were folks looking for them, but ultimately all hope was given up. Out there on its own, a lost soul has no real purpose, and it will, sooner rather than later, end up in an eternal hell.

Do you feel bad for lost souls, out there on their own, not knowing even that they are lost? I wish I could have taken that shoe to its proper home, but I couldn't. Do you wish you could help a lost soul to its proper home? You can! !

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



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## Melson's Musings ...



### On Going to Heaven

A person can go to heaven without being famous. And without being rich. And without being high on the social ladder. And without physical prowess or beauty. And without a lot of other things that folks seem to deem so important.

But NO ONE can go to heaven without Jesus Christ! ". . . in none other is there salvation " (Acts 4:12). He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Again, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved... " (John 10:9).

Even before His birth, an angel said of Him, ". . . it is he that shall save his people from their sins " (Matt. 1:21). This was the very reason Jesus came into this world to save the lost! He declared, "I am come to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19: 10).

God laid upon Jesus, the sacri-ficial Lamb, the sins of the world, and "made him to be sin for us, " that we might be saved! [Read 2 Corinthians 5:21]. This He did that He "might redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:14) and "deliver us out of this present evil world" (Gal. 1:4). He "put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb. 9:26). No wonder the apostle Paul wrote, "Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1Tim. 1: 15).

And we anxiously await the return of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, from the portals of heavenly glory (Phil. 3:20), that He might receive us unto Himself, so that where He is, there we "may be also " (John 14:3).

## Do It for Jesus!

Sometimes Christians allow other people to affect their service TO the Lord and FOR the Lord. Sometimes Christians get frustrated with a preacher or with the elders, so they disconnect from the local congregation and stop serving in the church. Sometimes Christians get hurt by a fellow Christian, so they disconnect from the local congregation and stop being involved.

The nature of human relationships is that we are imperfect, even as Christians. Yet, the Lord, in His infinite wisdom and eternal plan, put these imperfect persons together in Christ and in His church (1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 2:11-22). And the reminder that Scripture continually gives to us is that the church belongs to Christ (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28). Our connection to the church and our involvement in the church needs to be focused MORE on Jesus than on anyone else!

How involved are you in the church? Are you holding back because someone annoyed you, hurt you, pressured you, overlooked you, etc.? How about giving this a try: Jump in and be extremely active in the church—not for yourself or anyone else, but for Jesus! .

— David Sproule



## 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; [www.anchorofthesoul.com](http://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