

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE		July 05	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Bible Class	43	Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Attendance AM	68	Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Attendance PM	36	Lead Lord’s Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Wednesday PM	35	Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
PRAYER REQUESTS		Server 2	Steve Washington	Steve Washington
Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Otis Adair (home); Marie Tolley; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; Richard D. Melson; Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Vance family; Mozella Tate Prayers: Repentance: Berdie Oakes Baptism: Sympathy: Member Birthdays: July — 2—Richard Melson, Jr.; 6—Penny Cook; 8—Rachel Blanks; 15– Glenna Adair; 22— Otis Adair; 9—Ruby Nickell Anniversaries: July — 23—Chad and Jennifer Arnett; 30 Norris & Diane Cole Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class July 09 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 9 in “The Begging Place”		Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
		Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
		Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
		Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
		Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
		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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How Can We Save America?

Johnny Ramsey

Yesterday marked the 250th birthday of our nation. The following was penned many years ago by the brother Johnny Ramsey. I want to challenge us to think biblically not nationalistically. I want us to continue that line of reasoning as we consider this great land we live in and love.

Since Jehovah rules in the kingdoms of men (Daniel 4:25) and in His sight “the nations are as the drop in a bucket” (Isaiah 40:15), we must face up to our immediate responsibilities if we are to preserve America. As I said last week – God’s people must Preach the Gospel (Rom. 1:16); Pray for our leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-4) and Practice righteousness (Tit. 2:11-2), instead of voting.

In one of the most familiar statements regarding national concern, the poet James Russell Lowell declared in the lengthy poem: The Present Crisis; "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide. In the strife of Truth and Falsehood, for the good or evil side."

NMR THEME FOR 2026

You know, an impartial appraisal of American degeneracy demands that godly citizens awaken, arise and meet the challenge before us. It was May 26, 1940, during one of his fireside chats, that President Franklin Roosevelt made this monumental statement that is so apropos today,

"We build and defend not for our generation alone. We defend the foundations laid by our fathers. We build a way of life for generations yet unborn. We defend and we build a way of life, not for America alone, but for all mankind, ...".

Those even remotely conversant with the decline and fall of the Roman Empire and the parallels in world affairs today ought to be convinced that now is the hour to stand up, speak out and help save America.

So many people in the world are looking to us for guidance, maturity and leadership in the crises of life. However, presently, America is a great disappointment to many friends of the past due to the rebellion and immorality of a whole generation of our citizenry.

Will it be said of us, as it was of Rome, that “our vicious lives alone have conquered us” and "there is more wickedness being committed than can be counted."

Truly, America is on the verge of committing national suicide even as we race to the stars and beyond!

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STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

One– Minute Meditation

If I may begin with a personal question-How does your face look today? I don't mean in beauty, but is it long and sad or bright and cheery? In the church office, our secretary has placed a mirror with the words beside it: "Mirror, mirror on the wall, do you see Christ in me at all?" One of the characteristics of Jesus Christ was his inner happiness reflected through his pleasant disposition among men. The nine beatitudes which begin with "Blessed" are indicative of the importance of happiness for the disciple of Christ. Doctors tell us that cheerful people resist disease better than gloomy, negative-minded people. As someone expressed it in other words, "The surly bird catches the germ."

Happiness is a possession of the inward man. Paul said "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therein to be content." Happiness is also to be expressed. Thus James asks "Is any among you cheerful? let him sing praise." Definitely the happy person is a better friend and co-worker.

Let me suggest today that you find that which provides true happiness and then, once meditating upon such discovery, reflect the spirit of Christ and the love of God in your face. In this way everyone will say that you are beautiful.

- Leon Sanderson

Compensation

The oak that breasts the winter's storm,
E'en though it bends beneath the blow,
Must stronger grow.
Relentless seems the wind's cold blast.
But when the storm is over-past,
Made stronger by the buffeting
It stands, invincible to all,
That storm may bring.

The life that knows adversity,
That feels the cold world's venom'd stings,
Yet bravely clings
To conscious right, and stands secure
On truth's foundation, firm and sure,
With faith that triumphs over wrong,
Despite its foes, will sing at last
The victor's song.
The heart, sore pressed with grief and pain,
Will, for its sorrow, better know
Another's woe:
And, like the bruised violet,
Will yield a fragrance far more sweet
Because of bruising-that will calm
The troubled heart, and sweetly soothe
Like healing balm.

-Titus

The devil doesn’t stop and neither should you

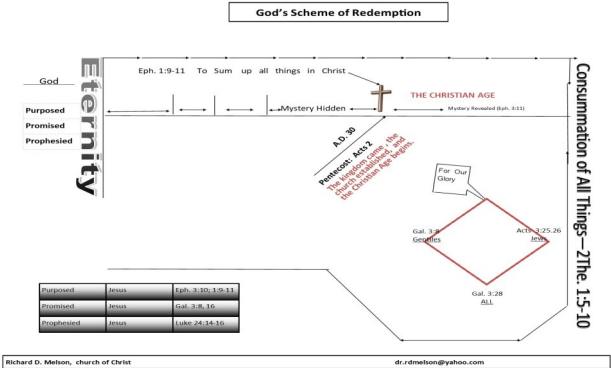


The present tense verb in Greek indicates ongoing, continuous or habitual action. Three of those verbs are used in one verse to describe the activity of the devil. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil WALKS ABOUT (present tense) like a ROARING (present tense) lion, SEEKING (present tense) whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8). The devil is incessant in his efforts to tempt you, deceive you and devour you. When you “resist” him, he “will flee from you” (Jas. 4:7), but you can be certain that when another “opportune time” comes (Luke 4:13), he will be back.

That’s why God tells us to “resist” him (Jas. 4:7), even “resist him steadfast in the faith (1 Pet. 5:9). God tells us to “Be sober” and “be vigilant” (1 Pet. 5:8). The tense of the imperatives in these verses (different from the present tense) emphasizes that every Christian must decisively wake up, stay on guard, take his stand and refuse to yield one inch to the evil one.

Fellow Christian, please “Watch and pray” (Matt. 26:41) for God’s strength to resist and be delivered (Matt. 6:13).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



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What can we do to stem the tide of reprehensible conduct that will eventuate in hell? There are several things we must restore if America is ever to be strong again.

- (1) Godliness In Our Homes
- (2) Respect for Authority
- (3) Bible Preaching
- (4) Evangelistic Zeal
- (5) Personal Purity

In the final analysis, the real salvation of any nation is the personal integrity of individual citizens. There is no substitute for purity and virtue and Christ-likeness. It is in this area that America is suffocating. Our morals are at an all-time low ebb. Can God allow our age of nudity, filth, licentiousness and adultery to long endure? When shall we awaken to the satanic influences we have created, allowed and catered to? There must be a major backlash on behalf of decency and common sense or we shall, as a nation, crumble into the dust. Truly, “a monstrous contest of wickedness is going on" and only the pristine beauty of Christianity can overwhelm its odious charms. Unless a deep spiritual surge comes soon, the carnality of America will bring sudden and sure decay. What a tragedy should our epitaph read, "Here lies America ... a nation that died for the lack of righteousness by its citizenry . . . Where were the Christians?"

But across the centuries and the meandering scenes of time, the voice of the Christ firmly cries, “Follow Me." Our destiny-now and eternally-will depend upon our response to that plea.

Save This Nation

In the days of the Civil War, a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln was a visitor at the White House. “I had been spending three weeks with Mr. Lincoln as his guest. One night I was restless and could not sleep ... from the private room where the president slept, I heard low tones, for the door was partly open. Instinctively I wandered in, and there I saw a sight which I have never forgotten. It was the president kneeling before an open Bible . . . his back toward me. I shall never forget his prayer: `Oh, thou God that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me. I cannot lead these people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without thy help . . . O God, hear me and save this nation.'” -Author unknown

“Righteousness exalteth a nation” -Proverbs 14:34 ~
- Johnny Ramsey, 1981

- ☞ Men’s Business Meeting—July 11 at 9:00 AM
- ☞ Congregation Picnic August 1, 2026 11:00 AM—4:00 PM at building
- ☞ Youth Rally— August, 2026 (date to be determined)



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.tv
- 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