

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	38
Attendance AM	68
Attendance PM	35
Wednesday PM	38

PRAYER REQUESTS

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.;

Prayers:

Repentance:

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 23 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 9 in “The Begging Place”

July 12	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Chris Poole
Lead Lord’s Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Announcements	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Greeter	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
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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Meeting Location:
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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All Members

- Supporting**
- Christian Courier
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 - Greater Midwest Lectureship
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 - Midwestern School of Preaching
 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

DO NOT FLEE AS A BIRD TO THE MOUNTAIN

Dan Jenkins

In Bible times, birds were hunted and served as delicacies for food. There were skilled archers whose arrows took the lives of those birds that fled. Their only hope was to run from the places of safety and flee to the mountains where they might escape. The psalmist, in the eleventh psalm, saw all of this and then used this illustration to affirm that God’s children do not need to flee. He said that it was folly for the enemy to chide the righteous and tell them to flee.

David’s answer to those who told him to flee was that his trust was in God (verse 1). Let the ungodly bring any “arrow” against him, but God’s children do not need to flee. We already have the surest foundation. David then speaks of four foundations which cannot be assailed. How timely these truths are in our day when the foundation of faith is being assailed.

We will prevail because God is in His holy temple.

The ruling of the courts of our land redefining marriage has changed nothing. The real Supreme Court is not found in Washington. Nothing has changed about sexual orientation. It is God who is supreme and He alone has all authority—truth is determined from that throne where He sits in His holy temple (verse 4). We do not need to flee as a helpless bird. The foundation of truth is established by the Lord who abides forever.

We will prevail, for godly people see “arrows” as tests from God. David did not need to flee as a helpless bird from those things hurled at him from the ungodly. They were simply tests from God (verse 5). He saw adversity, not as a curse, but as that by which he would be strengthened. The truth is that the trying of our faith is one of the ways God helps us to mature in Christ and become perfect and lacking in nothing (see James 1:2-4).

We will prevail, for God will bring judgment on those who assail us. “Upon the wicked He will rain coals; fire and brimstone...” (verse 6). This is the big picture. When foundational truth we hold so dear is attacked, we must remember that God sits on His throne and His holiness will prevail. Fire and brimstone await those who oppose righteousness.

We will prevail, for God loves righteousness. David urged men to stand fast and not flee to helpless mountains when they were assaulted. Because of God’s nature, His violence awaits the ungodly, but “He loves righteous-ness, and His countenance beholds the upright” (verse 7). Every fiery dart of the Devil has been quenched by the shield of faith we have. He knows us; He knows our enemies; He sees us and His ears are open to us.

So when faith is attacked. Do not flee! Take time to fortify your faith! 

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

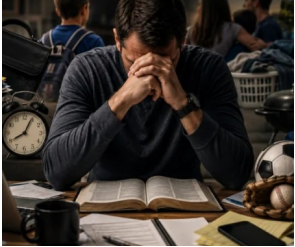
Only in America

- Only in America ... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance
- Only in America...are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink
- Only in America ... do people order double cheeseburgers, a large fry and a diet coke
- Only in America ... do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters
- Only in America ... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollar in the driveway and leave useless things and junk in boxes in the garage
- Only in America...do we use voice mail to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place...
- Only in America...do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight
- Only in America ... do we use the word “politics” to describe the process so well: “Poli” in Latin meaning “many” and “tics” meaning “blood-sucking creatures”...

“Everybody Does It”

How often have we heard this phrase? This is one of the devil's favorite expressions. We have lived in a democracy so long that we think that the majority is always right. Moses long ago said, “Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil.” (Ex. 23: 2.) Anyone can follow the crowd; it takes courage to stand against popular opinion. When the founders of our country chose a bird to represent the things for which we stand, they didn't pick a bird like the sparrow, crow, or robin, that flies in multitudes. They chose the majestic eagle. Remember, eagles don't fly in flocks.

The busy and distracted Christian

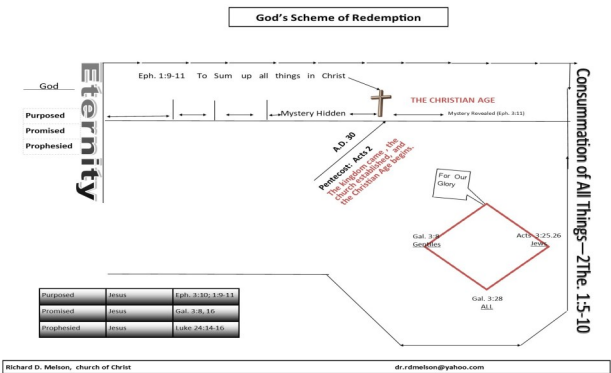


Does your work have you busy? Maybe now more than ever? Nothing wrong with having a job (2 Thess. 3:10). But what if my work dominates my schedule and keeps me too busy and distracted to actively serve my Lord, which is my whole purpose in living?

Does the schedule of your kids’ activities and hobbies have you busy? Maybe busier than you used to be? Nothing wrong with raising kids (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4). But what if the school, sports and extracurricular activities dominates my schedule and keeps me too busy and distracted to actively serve my Lord, which is my whole purpose in living?

Broaden that out. What about my personal hobbies? What about my friendships? What about my extended family? What about my need for space? What about my bucket list? What about me? Brethren, many of us are missing and even neglecting the “one thing” that matters (Luke 10:41-42; Phil. 3:13-14). The devil has convinced us that it’s no big deal—and he’s very effective. Fellow Christian, we need to be honest—are we too busy and distracted?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



“That Ye May Find Joy”

Don't worry, be happy! The words of a familiar song so well describe the will of God for the lives of men. The psalmist writes, “happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God: “ (Psa. 146:5).

John wrote that his great joy was fulfilled in hearing the voice of the Lord (John 3:29). Truly the Son of God came into this world to turn sorrow into joy (John 16:20).

It had always been sin which separated people from God (Isa. 59:1,2). When the joy of Christian living is absent we are in imminent danger for only in God's presence “is fullness of joy” (Psa. 16:11) . When God's people are not a happy people sin is at the heart and root of the problem. When Jerusalem fell as a result of the stubborn sinfulness of the nation Jeremiah wrote “the joy of our heart is ceased” (Lam. 5:15). When the Jews ceased to be God's own peculiar people as a result of their sinful ways, the joy had truly gone and would be gone for many years to come. The spoiling and violence in Jerusalem surely brought tears to the eyes of God's righteous servant.

In His day, Jesus prayed that all might have his “joy fulfilled in themselves” (John 17:13). Jesus “for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2).

Jesus, through His faithful obedience to His Father's will, found joy and became the source of it. If we do His will, there will be joy now and evermore.

- Jay Winter

WHEN THE PICTURE IS MARRED

Almost all lovers of art are familiar with Leonardo da Vinci's great picture, “The Last Supper.” His biographer tells us that while at work on his great masterpiece the artist quarreled with a man and vowed to take vengeance upon him. While in this vengeful mood he sketched the face of Judas, but when he started to paint the face of the Master he found that he could not give it the expression he so desired until he had gone to the man against whom he vowed vengeance and sought his forgiveness. When this had been done, he was able to finish the picture. Love in the heart gives skill to the hand and that power to paint pictures of beauty. ✍

- ☞ Summer Series: Ron Thomas of Rio Grande, OH—Hebrews chapter 7
- ☞ Congregation Picnic August 1, 2026 11:00 AM—4:00 PM at building
- ☞ Youth Rally — August, 21-22, 2026 with Gale Nelson of Miami, FL



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