

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	42
Attendance AM	70
Attendance PM	33
Wednesday PM	43

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Marie Tolley; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; Richard D. Melson;
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Mozella Tate; Norris & Diane Cole; Richard D. Melson
Prayers:
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Member Birthdays: August— 10— Diane Cole (Norris); 11- Ashley Thomas.; 20— Ryan McGahee; Marie Tolley; 21—Naree Poole; 27—LaMont Cole
Anniversaries: August — 07—Dwayne and Tena Eslick; 25—Richard and Valerie Melson; 31—Patrick and Penny Cook; Patrick and Ashley Thomas
Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Aug 6 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 10 in “The Begging Place”

August 02	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord’s Supper	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Steve Washington	Steve Washington
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 Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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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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WHY I’M NOT A CHRISTIAN

Derek Gentle

Every now and then someone will say something to the effect that “I’m not a Christian because...” and they will give some reason or the other. Perhaps one such someone is you. If so, might your reason be one of the following?

There are hypocrites in the church.

Of course, there are! Jesus said there would be—and that He would wait until judgment day to sort them out from sincere believers (Matt. 13:24-30). Besides, isn’t it interesting how hypocrites do not keep us from doing anything else we want to do? Allowing the presence of those who are not all they pretend to be is like refusing to go to the doctor because, in the waiting room, there may be people who pretend to be sick to get attention (hypochondriacs).

“I really need to, but I’ll wait until later.”

I wonder if people who say this really understand what they are saying to God. “God, I’m going to continue practicing those sins that Jesus suffered for on the cross. And since I really love my way better than Your way, You can just wait until I get good and ready. Besides, just who do you think You are—demanding that I live my life at Your beck and call?” Do you believe God is at your beck and call and that you can come to Him at the time of your own choosing? The Bible says, “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2).

“I’m not so bad.”

I wonder if your spouse and children would agree. The Bible says that one must be perfect to enter heaven (Rev. 21:8, 27); and that our best, that is “all our righteousness, are like filthy rags” (Is. 64:6). The Bible says also, “If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and that truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8) and, “The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?” (Jer. 17:9).

“I’m too bad. I’m beyond hope.”

Do not flatter yourself! Do you really believe that you are more powerful in your sin than the blood of Jesus is powerful to save? In a perverted way, you proudly imagine yourself stronger than God. However, the Bible says, “But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more” (Rom. 5:20).

“I would have to give up too much.”

I can see their point. Selfishness, hangovers, painful child custody battles, guilt, etc. are all hard to give up. And to think you have to miss hell with all its suffering and regrets forever and ever. Well, what is the love, peace, and joy of God compared to all that? Jesus asked, “For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?” (Matt. 16:26).

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STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

Coursework For Children



A parent’s instruction is important (Deuteronomy 6:6–7; Exodus 12:26–27). What is the curriculum? What did the wisest man teach his son? Follow “my son” through Proverbs:

- ☞ Listen to and obey your parents (1:8; 4:20; 5:1; 6:20; 7:1).
- ☞ Stay away from sinners (1:10), especially thieves (1:11 –19), drinkers, and the party crowd (23:19–21; 28:7); do not walk with sinners (1:15).
- ☞ Fear and find God (2:1–5).
- ☞ Do not forget what I said (3:1; 4:10).
- ☞ Do not despise God’s discipline (3:11).
- ☞ Keep God before your eyes (3:21).
- ☞ Do not commit adultery (5:20).
- ☞ Do not mortgage property for another’s debt (6:1–5).
- ☞ If you misspeak, correct it immediately—mend your fences and save your friendships (6:1–5).
- ☞ Work hard while there is opportunity; do not be lazy (10:5).
- ☞ Foolish sons lose their inheritances to wise servants (17:2).
- ☞ Do not listen to bad advice (12:5).
- ☞ You please me—your wise behavior gives me joy (23:15).
- ☞ Follow my example (23:26).
- ☞ Enjoy the good things in life (24:13).
- ☞ Fear the Lord and the king; do not meddle with those given to change (24:21).
- ☞ Others will judge me by your behavior (27:11), so remember my instructions.

“Train up a child.”
Proverbs 22:6

- House to House—Heart to Heart

A briquette and a Christian

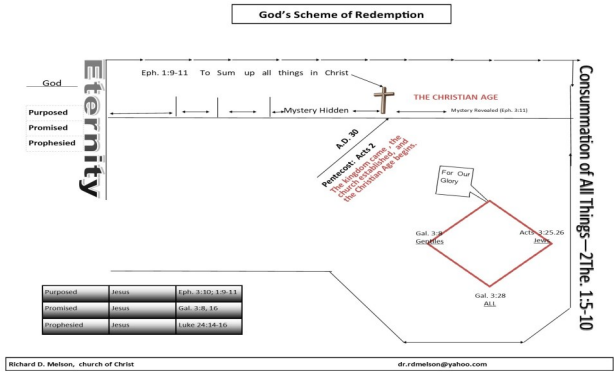


A man was dealing with a very cold winter and no heat in his home, so he decided to go to the store and buy a bag of charcoal. When he got home, he wanted to spread the heat out in his home, so he placed one briquette in his bathroom, one in his bedroom, one in his closet, one in his kitchen, one in his dining room, one in his living room, one in his laundry room, one in his garage, etc. He spread them out everywhere. But, to his surprise, he was still cold.

The reason that didn’t work is that charcoal briquettes are not designed to be spread out. They only work properly and fulfill their purpose when they are kept together.

Christians are the same! We have been designed by our Savior to work together and fulfill His purpose side-by-side together (Phil. 1:27; 1 Cor. 12:12-27). When we keep ourselves apart from the group, we defeat our God-given design and weaken our God-given capabilities. Fellow Christian, as “members of one another” (Rom. 12:4-5), we need each other to do His work most effectively.

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



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“My friends would make fun of me.”

This reason is not usually put into words but it is a thought that enters the mind of a person confronted with the gospel. Just remember: your friends may laugh you into hell, but they cannot laugh you out. The Bible says that Moses was a man of faith, “Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches...” (Heb. 11:25, 26). God promises, “. . .they shall not be ashamed who wait for me (Is. 49:23)

“I’ll have to work this out in my own way.”

Again, another arrogant attitude, telling God that He must accept you on your own terms. It forgets that our “own way” is what got us into this fix in the first place. The Bible says, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Prov. 14:12); and Jesus told us, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

Of course, these are not reasons, but *excuses*. I hope you are not trying to use one. If so, you are missing out on too much!

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Cor. 6:2 NKJ)

Sunday evening through Wednesday I will be at the Toledo Road congregation in Lorain, Ohio attending their 27th annual North Central Ohio Bible Lectureship. I covet

your prayers. Brother D. J. Hatfield from the Central Avenue congregation in Fairborn will lead the Summer Series class on Wednesday (Hebrews 10).

Bits of Wisdom

- You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- Do not cry because it is over; smile because it happened.
- Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.
- A happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Happiness sometimes comes through doors you did not even know you left open.
- Once over the hill, you pick up speed.

“Meditate on these things.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

- House to House-Heart to Heart

- ☞ Summer Series: D.J. Hatfield Fairborn, OH—Hebrews chapter 10
- ☞ Youth Rally — August, 21-22, 2026 with Gale Nelson of Miami, FL
- ☞ Mini Gospel Meeting w/ Gale Nelson—Aug 23-25 (Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 PM)



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