

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	52
Attendance AM	69
Attendance PM	47
Wednesday PM	45

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 20 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 10 in “The Begging Place”

August 09	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	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	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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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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OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS HEAVEN

Glenn I. Hitchcock & Richard D. Melson

A wise sage once said, “It is good to have an end to a journey: but it is the journey that matters, in the end.” Friends, we are on a journey that will one day come to an end (Heb. 9:27). The eternal direction of our journey will depend upon what we do in this life (John 9:4; 2 Cor. 5:10). What are you looking for at the end of your journey?

As a congregation of God’s people our journey together must be towards heaven. The activities we do (Col. 3:17; Eph. 5:20), and the example we demonstrate (I Cor. 11:1; I Pet. 4:16). It is so true that each and every one of God’s children must be united in our purpose to realize heaven. Heaven is the incentive that empowers the Christian to cope in a world bent on destruction (I John 2:15-17).

There are always key indicators to remind us of our progress eternally. In 2026 numerous Bible studies were conducted. There were several precious souls baptized in Christ at Needmore Road. A couple of new members placed membership while at least one family departed. During this same period, many have been restored to faithfulness. Now on the surface of these key indicators many are looking towards heaven. What a tremendous blessing it is to be associated with a growing church! Yet, while these indicators may not represent the entire story (Only God knows what might have been and what can be) they beg the obvious. Can’t we all improve our personal walk and focus with God and each other? This was a prayer of Paul for the Philippians (Phil. 1:9). This was a challenge issued by Peter to the brethren (2 Pet. 3:18). Why can’t we (individually and congregationally) claim the spirit of our first century counterparts and seize the world for our Maker and Master? It begins with self (2 Cor. 13:5). The journey toward heaven continues with the Savior (John 11:9-11; John 14:6).

What are the really important things in your life? Will these priorities for your present life be pleasing to God at your journey end? Remember, it is never too late to redirect (in this life) towards heaven. No person should ever desire to die outside of the Lord. You can’t die in the Lord unless you’ve lived in the Lord. You can’t live in the Lord until you get in the Lord (Gal.3: 26-27; Eph. 1:3).

While we are now half way through this year there remains much to do individually and congregationally (rdm) - none of us have arrived, so let’s focus on heaven. We really can get there together.

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” (Rev 22:12-14).

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

Mixed Together

“ ... all things work together for good to them that love God...” (Romans 8:28)

When painful things come how can we conclude that they are good? When severe reversals hammer at us how can we believe they are good? Is it true that all things are good for the person who loves God?

No! Many things happen which are not good. This much-loved text does not say everything that happens to us is good. It says all things “work together” for good for the lover of God. God can mix trying circumstances into eventual blessings.

Have you ever watched your wife make a cake? She sifts some flour. Flour is dry and un-appetizing. Then she adds a cup of sour milk. Yuk! Then plop! She drops in a raw egg. By this time you may not be too sure if you like cake.

She adds the remaining ingredients and pops it into the oven. At dinnertime there it is-a beautiful cake. Delicious! A second piece, please.

How can it be? There's not one of those ingredients you'd be willing to eat by itself. But mixed together they form a tasty, nourishing delight.

In every life, even the deeply committed ones, there are tasteless times when life is as uninviting as a cup of flour. And there are even a few raw deals when mistreatment comes. But God can take these experiences, permit us to endure the oven of affliction, and come out with a sweet and beautiful result.

Don't pass judgment on God until the final results are in. He will make good his promise. All the unpleasant and uninviting things of life he has the power to “mix” until blessings.

- Joe R. Barnett
Bulletin Digest

Would they know?

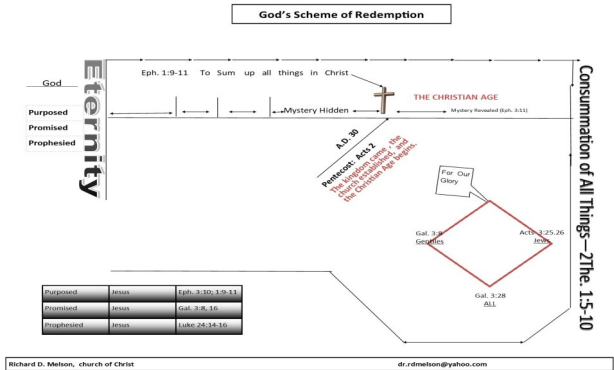


Social media is an enjoyable way to keep up with our family and friends and all the fun, interesting or just random things that they are doing. Friends can see their friends on vacations, at celebrations, with their relatives, in selfies with random people, hanging out and eating at various places, etc. And your friends can see you doing the same kinds of things. They can know lots of things about you.

While your friends know a lot about you from your social media posts, would they know that you are a Christian? Would they know that you go to church? Would they know that you have a church family? Would they know that you read your Bible and do various activities because you are a Christian? Would they know that this (yes, this!) is the most important part of your life?

God expects His children to allow the world to “see your good works” (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:11-12). Do we do that on social media? God expects His children to be identifiable by their love for their brethren (John 13:34-35). Do we do that on social media? Would people know that you are Christian?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Be Encouraged by a Fish !

There was once an old codfish dealer, a very earnest and sincere man, who lived prayerfully every day. One of the great joys of his life was the family worship hour. One year two other merchants persuaded him to go into a deal with them by which they could control all the codfish in the market and greatly increase the price. The plan was succeeding well, when this good man learned that many poor people in Boston were suffering because of the great advance in the price of codfish. It troubled him so that he broke down in trying to pray at the family altar, and he went straight to the men who had led him into the plot and told them that he could not go on with it.

Said the old man: “I can't afford to do anything which interferes with my family prayers. And this morning when I got down on my knees and tried to pray, there was a mountain of codfish before me high enough to shut out the throne of God, and I could not pray. I tried my best to get around it or over it, but every time I started to pray that codfish loomed up between me and my God. I won't have my family prayers spoiled for all the codfish in the Atlantic Ocean, and I shall have nothing to do with this market control business, or with any money made from it.”

--Unknown

Three-Fold Duty Of A Good Steward

There is a three-fold duty of a good steward:
(1) Make all he can. (2) Save all he can. (3) Give all he can.

I heard of an old miser hearing a preacher discuss these three points. The preacher made his first point. “Make all

you can.” The old miser smiled and said, “Amen.” The preacher said, “My second point is, “Save all you can.” The old miser almost shouted and said, “I never heard a man who knows so much, and who can tell it with such a pleasing personality.” The preacher said, “My third point is, “Give all you can.” With that the old miser fainted.

A standard linear measurement is built into the -walls in the House of Parliament at London. It is there to be freely examined by all. It remains constant, unchanging, and infallible . . . a sure standard by which other materials may be tested.

Built into the house of our humanity, there is but a single example of perfect manhood. The life of Jesus stands as a towering, commanding example of man unscathed and unscarred by any sin. Here is perfection without a parallel. Here is character without a challenger. Here is a life without flaw or failure.

~Avon Malone~

- ☞ Summer Series: Tim Hatfield, Alkire Road, Grove City, OH—Hebrews chapter 11
- ☞ 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