

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	57
Attendance AM	79
Attendance PM	40
Wednesday PM	42

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Marie Tolley; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; R.D. Melson;
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Ashley Thomas
Prayers: Jace Vance; Zakaria Diallo
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 16	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord’s Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Server 2	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Frank Brock
Sermon	R. D. Melson	R. D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Steve Washington	Steve Washington
Announcements	R.D. Melson	R.D. Melson
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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All Members

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- Christian Courier
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 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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BULWARKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Johnny Ramsey

The Psalmist challenges the attention of every parent with the words of Psalm 127:1, “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who built it.”

The home was the first divinely instituted organism in the world. God saw that it was not good for man to dwell alone so woman was formed and the first unit of society graced the earth. The law of procreation was ordained by Jehovah and truly: “Children are an heritage of the Lord” (Psalm 127:3).

The poorest children in the world are those bereft of spiritual blessings. A home without emphasis upon the Bible is one built upon shallow ground. How blessed are the offspring of parents like Abraham who "command their children after them: to walk in the footprints of the Lord” (Genesis 18:19; 1 Peter 2:21-22). C.D. Meigs was certainly correct in the following poem:

A Home Without a Bible (Abridged)

*"What is home without a Bible? 'Tis a home where day is night,
Starless night, for o'er life's pathway Heaven can shed no kindly light.
What is home without a Bible? 'Tis a home where daily bread
For the body is provided, But the soul is never fed.
What is home without a Bible? 'Tis a family out at sea,
Compass lost and rudder broken, Drifting, drifting, thoughtlessly.*

We ought to work diligently to produce the kind of homes that will glorify God and save the world. A great home is the bulwark of society. In the Bible we have many passages that give answer to the question of greatness. Let us notice a few. “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked... ” (Revelation 3: 17). “This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth” (Jeremiah 7:28).

Could these words from Solomon, Jeremiah and Christ have application to events in our day? Truly, “It is time to seek the Lord” (Hosea 10:12).

Nations, families, churches, preachers and citizens cannot be great in the sight of God when materialism controls their lives. We must remember, as Daniel said, “The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men,...” (Daniel 2:17,25).

Do you want to be valuable, useful, important? You can be. Just adequately answer these two questions: *What on earth are you doing for heaven's sake?* Is the Lord ruling your home-life today?

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

The Form of A Servant

There was an old rancher who had two sons who helped him on the ranch. One day the boys were out herding cattle and they came upon a dead cow with a newborn calf next to it. The boys rode to the house and told their dad about the cow and calf. The old rancher said, “Well boys it looks like we got us a doggie calf. Get a rope on it and bring it to the barn and we'll bottle feed it till it can get out on its own.”

The boys went back to the calf and tried to rope it, but every time they got close it would get spooked and run through the mesquite and trees. When they backed off, the calf came back and started bawling next to its mama. The boys tried to round it up and drive it to an open spot, but the calf stayed around the bush. When the boys backed off again the calf came to its mama and started bawling again.

The boys finally gave up, went back to the house, and told their dad what they went through. They said, “even if you helped we still couldn't get the calf back to the barn.” The old rancher just smiled and said, “come with me and I'll show you how to get this calf back to the barn.” So they rode out together.

When the rancher and his boys came up to the dead mama cow and her baby, sure enough the calf got spooked and ran away. The old rancher said, “Now you boys get back a piece and watch.” The boys watched as their dad took out his skinning knife and skinned that old mama cow. He then got down on all fours and draped the skin over his back so the front hooves of the cow were by his hand and the back legs were by his feet. Then that old rancher started crawling towards the barn, and sure enough, the baby calf fell in line right behind him, and followed him to the safety of the barn.

Spiritually speaking, Jesus emptied Himself, put on the form of a servant, and showed us the way to Heaven. *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross”* (Philippians 2:5-8).

- Glenn I. Hitchcock

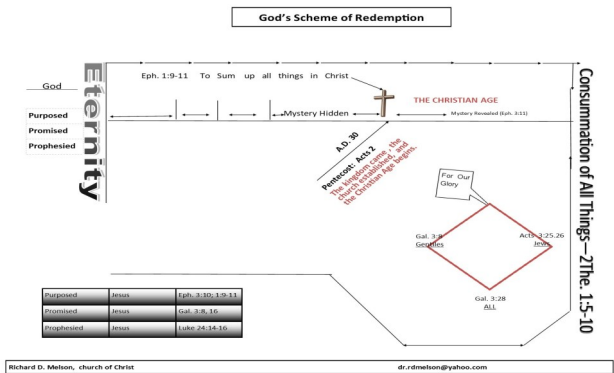
“Hello, devil! Come on in!”



We may not normally think that our actions are inviting the devil to “come on in,” but do they? Eve would have never dreamed of the consequences that would follow eating that fruit. She just saw something that, in her mind, was “good,” “pleasant” and “desirable” (Gen. 3:6). Yet, in so doing, she was inviting the devil to “come on in.” David would have, no doubt, avoided putting himself in a sexually tempting situation, if he knew the long-term damage it would do to his family (2 Sam. 11-12). Little did he realize that night that he was inviting the devil to “come on in.” Judas was a “close friend” of Jesus, whom He “trusted” (Psa. 41:9). He may have thought that he was untouchable or unassailable, walking so closely with Jesus; yet, his love of money invited the devil to “come on in” (Luke 22:3-6; John 13:2, 21-30).

Friends, we must “not give the devil an opportunity” (Eph. 4:27), even a seemingly insignificant one! We must “resist” him (Jas. 4:7) and do so “steadfast in the faith” (1 Pet. 5:9), lest he catch us (2 Tim. 2:26) and “devour” us (1 Pet. 5:8).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



The busy and distracted Christian

I truly appreciate the work of brother Sproule. David is a man who has dedicated himself to the service of the Lord. The following article is very thought provoking. I commend it to your consideration. (R.D. Melson)



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

Distracted Living And One Invitation

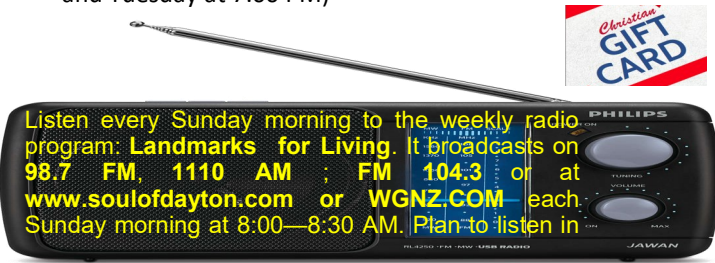
Emily Post, the etiquette expert, was once asked, “What is the correct procedure if one receives an invitation from the White House, but has a previous engagement?” She responded, “An invitation to the White House ... automatically cancels all other engagements.”

If this is true of an invitation to the highest office in the land, how much more so of an invitation to the highest office in the universe—to talk to Almighty God himself! Revelation 3:20-21 - *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

We have all received this invitation: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:16). Now really, do you have anything more important to do? Please do not allow distracted living (1 John 2:15-17) to detour your journey into eternity – your soul and well-being is far too valuable (Matt. 16:26).

~Glenn Hitchcock~

- ☞ Summer Series: Isaiah Leninger, Findlay OH—Hebrews chapter 12
- ☞ 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