

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	53
Attendance AM	73
Attendance PM	41
Wednesday PM	35

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 Sept 03 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 11 in “The Begging Place”

August 23	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord’s Supper	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	James Grigsby	Tony Moore
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Gale Nelson	Gale Nelson
Prayer for Responses	R. D. Melson	R.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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BE ENCOURAGED!



NMR THEME FOR 2026

Gospel Meeting with Gale Nelson of Miami, FL

Sunday August 23, 5:00 PM
Monday August 24 & Tuesday August 25 @ 7:00 PM
Needmore Road Church of Christ
2211 Needmore Road
Dayton, Ohio 45414
(937) 274-6801

Be Encouraged



STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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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

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- Christian Courier
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 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

Things are so different today... right?

In our advanced culture today, with all of the vast improvements we’ve made to society and life as a whole, it is a bit haunting to read what man used to be like. For example, consider this.

At one time men “suppress[ed] the truth in unrighteousness...did not glorify [God] as God... became futile in their thoughts...changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man...exchanged the truth of God for the lie...worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator...women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature...the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another...they did not see fit to acknowledge God...” (Rom. 1:18-32).

It’s hard to believe that mankind could ever be that distant from God and His will! OR IS IT? In all of our “advancements,” mankind hasn’t changed a bit! AND, neither has God! “The wrath of God” (1:18) and “the righteous judgment of God” (1:32) are still certain, and every man is still “without excuse” (1:20). May God help us to “live by faith” (1:17)! – D.S.

When someone takes a long time, he is slow. When I take a long time, I am thorough. When another does not do it, he is lazy. When I do not do it, I am too busy. When the other fellow overlooks a rule of etiquette, he is rude. When I bend a few rules, I am original. Usually we think our way is best. Many of us have become professional critics while expertly guarding our own shortcomings. It is a strong temptation to pick at ,the flaws in others. When we give in to this temptation we miss the joy of Jesus Christ in loving our neighbor as ourselves. *"Do all things without grumbling or disputing: that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation among whom you appear as lights in the world. "* (Phil. 2:14) The wisdom and goodness of Jesus Christ is yours for all occasions. Pray that the God of mercy will supply all that you need to see Him glorified in you.

- Larry Sullivan

Pluck it out!



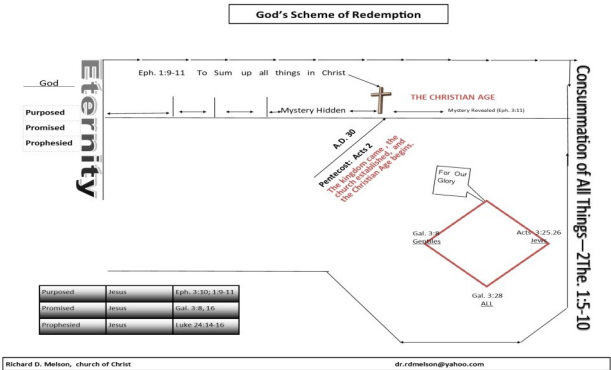
When it comes to dealing with temptation and sin, Jesus does not approach it lightly or use gentle language. Jesus taught that even looking at a woman to lust for her is adultery in the heart (Matt. 5:28). Then, Jesus commands to take aggressive, severe, unyielding measures to eradicate sin and temptation from one’s life.

“If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you...And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you” (Matt. 5:29-30).

Jesus was not demanding that one literally maim his body, but He was calling His followers to pluck out, cut off and completely expunge anything that “causes you to sin.” Too often we minimize sin and temptation.

Too often we have become desensitized to it. Too often we give in to our selfish desires, perhaps thinking one time isn’t so bad. But, Jesus said that yielding to the flesh in this life will lead one “to be cast into hell” eternally. Sin is dangerous! Let us do everything that we can to “resist the devil” (Jas. 4:7) and every “sin which so easily ensnares us” (Heb. 12:1)!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Blaming God

Early in the novel Shogun a band of European sailors fell into the hands of a fierce samurai tribe. After days of misery and fear they were informed to their dismay that the samurais had decided one of the sailors must die. The sailors were to pick the man.

European moral traditions gave the men no basis on which to make such a decision. How do you pick a comrade to die? Finally one sailor, drawing on his meager Bible knowledge, suggested, “We’ll draw lots. We’ll let God decide.”

“Poor God,” another seaman commented. “The stupidities He gets blamed for!”

The man was right. We do give God credit for way too much. Insurance companies speak of hail and flood waters and tornadoes as “acts of God.” Devout Christians weep beside their loved ones’ graves and intone Job’s mistaken words, “The Lord gave; and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

“How could God do this to me, preacher?” one distraught sixty-year-old man asked as we stood at the foot of the bed where his aged mother had just died. I doubted that God was guilty. The Bible plainly says that Satan is "him who has the power of death," but that bedside was not the place for a lesson in the Biblical theology of death.

Why should God get all the credit when I break my leg on an icy sidewalk or come down with lumbago? Just what has God done to deserve such bad press? From the very beginning of the Bible men and women continually sang,

"O, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." But for some reason people forget his goodness and point fingers of blame toward heaven when any evil befalls them.

When we are hurting, we need to give God credit, not for afflicting us but for aiding us. He is “a very present help in time of trouble,” the Bible says. “He is the God of all comfort. “

A preacher once asked a certain man why he had just ceased to attend the services. He replied, “They haven’t treated me right over there.” The preacher asked, “Then why don’t you go home and beat your wife?” The startled backslider gave the preacher a look which questioned his sanity. “My wife hasn’t done anything against me,”he said.

“Well,” replied the preacher, “has the Lord Jesus done anything against you?” Being peeved at the brethren and forsaking the Lord is about as logical as being angry with the dog and kicking the cat. If you don’t believe Christ judges your feeling for Him by the way you treat the church, then try to explain Acts 9:4 and Matthew 25:40.

- ☞ Summer Series: Ben Vick, Indianapolis, IN—Hebrews chapter 13
- ☞ 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