

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	53
Attendance AM	86
Attendance PM	56
Wednesday PM	47

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Victoria Dudley (surgery); Kevin Gilbert; Carlene Harley; Marie Tolley; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; R.D. Melson;

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.;

Prayers: Carolyn Johnson; Alyse Poole

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 30	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord’s Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Server 2	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	R.D. Melson	R.D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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- Christian Courier
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WORDS—THE BASIS OF FAITH

Dan Jenkins

Paul’s words to young Timothy were so descriptive of the trials he would have to face. Those verses in 1 Timothy 4 were given to Timothy because of what was happening. The gospel was soon to be preached to every creature under heaven, and the future of the church was so promising.

Paul warned Timothy that the Holy Spirit of God had clearly revealed that some would depart from the faith and begin following false teachers and the lies they taught (1 Tim. 4:1). Their teaching was that Christians must refrain from eating certain foods. What was the truth about this matter? The Holy Spirit revealed through Paul that such was false teaching for “...every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer” (1 Tim. 4:4-5).

Timothy’s task was to take this truth and instruct the brethren. If he did this, he would be a good minister of Jesus Christ, for he had been nourished in the words of faith and had carefully followed them (1 Tim. 4:6). Notice how the truths of God are described. They are based on the words of faith.

Look again at the contrast. Some had left the faith by following those who had departed from the faith. When they spoke, they did not speak the words of truth, but they were “...speaking lies in hypocrisy.” Timothy’s task was to stay faithful to the truth and instruct his listeners to stay in accordance with the words of faith.

Faith is based on words. If there are no divine words to describe what one believes, then his faith is not based on what God said. We express ideas using words. We express heavenly ideas by using heavenly words. If there are no Biblical words to describe one’s faith, then it cannot express an idea which has its origin in heaven.

There is more to be added to these thoughts. Paul instructs Timothy saying, “Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me” (2 Tim. 1:13). The words of faith become the basis of the “pattern of sound words.” A pattern shows what must be done and become the basis of duplicating precisely what was in the pattern. The reason forbidding the eating of certain foods was false teaching is because such teaching does not follow the pattern. This pattern is expressed in words, sound words.

Now make the application. Timothy was instructed to take the things he learned from Paul and deliver them to faithful men who then could deliver them to others (2 Tim. 2:2). Timothy was to take the words of faith and teach as a pattern to be followed by using sound words. This pattern was then to be given to others. God help us to find the words of faith!

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

Lack of wood

Where is God when I struggle with sin?

“For Lack of Wood The Fire Goes Out”

The title and the truths it reveals are found in Proverbs 26:20-28. The subject matter is the ‘Whisperer’. Solomon says three things about the gossip:

First: The contentious man Is to strife what wood Is to fire. He Is the FUEL! The golden silence of unity Is disrupted by the whispers of a contentious man.

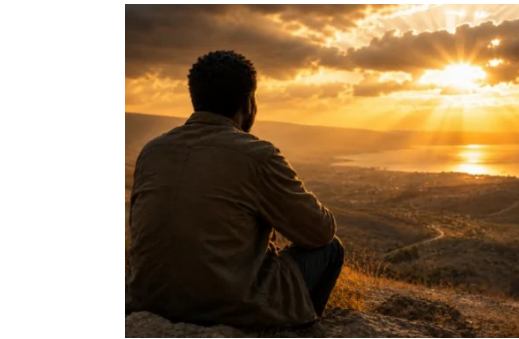
Second: The character of a whisperer Is not all that It Is cracked up to be. A gossip appears to be gracious and even flattering to those he hates, but within he Is full of abominations. He Is like a plain dirt jar covered with the dross from refined sliver. That is, he is a phony! How sad that everyone knows this but the whisperer.

Third: The destruction of the contentious man is sure. His hatred, deception and his wickedness will be found out. The principle of sowing and reaping Is found to be true in this Instance (Gal. 6:7; Hos. 6:7).

Solomon's words provide us with a key to dissipate discord and restore the harmony shattered by whispering: remove the fuel. Where there is no wood, where there Is no coal for the embers the fire goes out. In like manner where there Is no whisperer contention quiets down.

Part of our quest for unity in the local congregations must Include the quieting of contentions. Let us determine never to be party to the whisperers words.

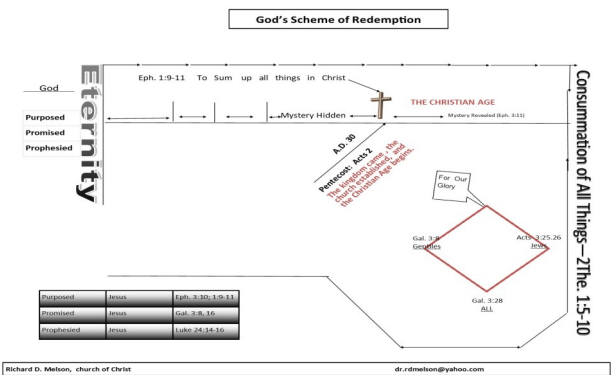
– Ron Bell
Bulletin Digest



Have you ever sinned and felt just horrible for doing it? Have you ever sinned and wondered how in the world God could or would ever forgive you? Have you ever struggled with overcoming a sinful temptation or sinful habit that seemed to afflict you day after day after day? I think we’ve all been at one or more of these points in our lives. Is there no hope?

Meditate on these words of David in Psalm 34: “The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles” (v.17). Stop for a minute. Read that verse again. Rejoice in its message to you and for you. The Lord hears. The Lord delivers. Now, read verse 18, and prepare to find your greatest comfort in those moments of struggle and uncertainty, “The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.” When we react to sin with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, the Lord is near us and saves us. Aren’t you glad you have a gracious, loving Father?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Taking It Out On God

Since my folks are school teachers, for years I have always enjoyed the story of the mother who brought her child to class and then told the teacher, “Now Johnny is very sensitive. So if he gets in trouble, just hit the child next to him and he will get the idea.”

This always brings a smile to my lips but the other day I got to thinking if some members of the church weren’t just like the way this mother told the teacher to be. They get “mad” at someone or another and then of all things, they take it out on God.

To show you what I mean: A man and his wife have a fuss so they don’t come to church. Or someone gets “mad” at the elders, preacher, or someone else and they “quit” the church. Quite frankly, that makes about as much sense as my getting perturbed at George and hitting John! It just doesn’t make sense at all.

Think about it a long time the next time you get upset about something some man has done before you take it out on God. You know, really you won’t be hurting anyone but yourself.

David Roper
via Piggott, AR

What a great time we had with the Youth Rally, Gospel Meeting with Gale S. Nelson. God truly blessed us. We were blessed to have great fellowship. Those who attended heard sound preaching and teaching from God’s word Saturday through Tuesday. Then we ended the Summer Series with brother Ben Vick, studying Hebrews

chapter 13. In the words of the late Robert Taylor, “what a great spiritual feast!”

The goal now is to keep up this energy!

Put into practice the things we learned from brother Nelson—“protect His brand” - Christianity. There is no other.

- RDM

Money Will Buy ...

A bed but not sleep; books but not brains; food but not appetite. Fine things but not beauty; a house but not a home; medicine but not good health; luxuries but not culture; amusements but not happiness; religion but not salvation! (1 Tim. 6:6-10).

THE CHRISTIAN IS NOT RUINED BY LIVING IN THE WORLD, BUT BY THE WORLD LIVING IN HIM.

- ☞ Saturday September 5, Men’s Business Meeting at 9AM
- ☞ Sunday September 6, Noon meal and 1 PM service



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

