

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	34
Attendance AM	51
Attendance PM	36
Wednesday PM	30

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Chantenae' Gray; Valerie Melson; Dollie Jones

Prayers: Carolyn Johnson; Alyse Poole

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: September— 3— Ruby Holt; 5— Michale Blanks, Jr.; 27 Christina Barnes; 29 —Florine Thomas

Anniversaries: September — 1—Chris & Tally Poole; 27— Samuel & Dollie Jones

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Sept 17 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 11 in “The Begging Place”

September 06	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Chris Poole
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	R.D. Melson	R.D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	R.D. Melson	R.D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
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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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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BAPTISM IS ALWAYS BEFORE SALVATION

Steven Wallace

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Mark 16:16

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

Acts 2:38

“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 22:16

“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

Wallace, Steven J.

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Romans 6:4

“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

I Peter 3:21

“There is also an antitype which now saves us, namely baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

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STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

We Call Them Bless That Endure

Just recently I preached for the Sunday morning service of the Avalon Road congregation. As I stood at the door greeting those who attended, I saw my longtime friend Oscar Huddleston with his wife and a guest of theirs. Huddleston built several of the church buildings in Albuquerque and some of the nearby towns. He has served as an elder and Bible teacher and song leader for a number of congregations in this area. His parents moved to the Estancia valley many years ago and were instrumental in planting New Testament Christianity there. From there many other works have been started. Several years ago, many of us celebrated, with the Huddlestons, their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

In a time of so much change and uncertainty for the Christian home, it is refreshing to find those who "stick it out," "make it work." Too many today have the grasshopper outlook—"for the summer only." There is no winter endurance, planning ahead for a lifetime together. So these two, the Huddlestons, have been an inspiration to many of us in the church for a long time.

But now let's meet their guest. She greeted me and said, "I enjoyed the good lesson." Huddleston said, "Harvey, do you remember my mother?" I had held several meetings in Estancia over seventeen years ago when she was a member there. She then spoke up and said, "I am one hundred and seven years old, and I have been a Christian since I was eleven. I have not missed many services of the church, except when I was sick."

I was speechless! I felt the urge to "take off my hat," to do something to show profound respect to one who "had been there." I'm sure she saw some "church fusses" in her time; heard some poor preachers; sat through some dull Bible classes; wasn't spoken to by some church members; was neglected by some who knew better; but through it all she was still there.

I thought of the words of Polycarp who said, "Eighty and six years have I served him, and he has never done me wrong; how can I blaspheme him, my king, who has saved me? I am a Christian." Mrs. Huddleston has said, "I am a Christian" for ninety-six years!

— Harvey Porter
March 2023

Fret Not

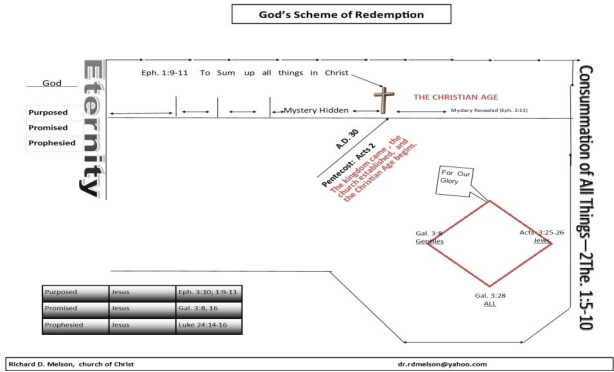


Three times in Psalm 37, David calls upon followers of God, “Do not fret.” “Do not fret because of evildoers” (37:1). “Do not fret because of him who prospers in the way” (37:7). “Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret” (37:8). The choices of others and their negative impact on us can often distract us, discourage us and distress us. So, God says, “Don’t fret about it.” That’s easy to say but not always easy to do. How can that be done?

Read the surrounding verses and digest each of these thoughts separately for a moment. “Trust in the Lord” (37:3). “Do good” (37:3). “Delight yourself in the Lord” (37:4). “Rest in the Lord” (37:7). “Wait patiently for Him” (37:7). “Wait on the Lord” (37:9). If I am doing all of that, what do I have to “fret”? And, after saying it the third time, David added, “Do not fret—it only causes harm” (37:8).

Now read the last verse of the psalm: “And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him” (37:40). **What a promise!**

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Baptism: God’s Dividing Line

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1. Slavery and freedom with the Israelites (Exodus 14:30);
2. Leprosy and good health with Naaman (2 Kings 5:13-14);
3. Sin guilt and remission of sins under John (Mark 1:4).

Baptism is the dividing line between:

1. Sin guilt and remission of sins under the great commission (Matthew 28:18 20; Mark 16:15 18; Luke 24:46 49);
2. The unsaved and the saved (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21);
3. Those whose sins have not been washed away and those whose sins have been washed away (Acts 22:16);
4. Those without (John 14:17) the gift of the Holy Spirit (the guarantor of heaven, Ephesians 1:14) and those with the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; 5:32; Galatians 4:6);
5. Those whose father is the devil (John 8:44) and those whose Father is the God of heaven (II Corinthians 18);
6. Those who are not in Christ and those who are in Christ (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27);
7. Those who are not in the kingdom of God and those who are in the kingdom of God (John 3:5; Colossians 1:13);
8. Those who are not in the "one body" ("the church", Ephesians 1:22-23) and those who have been "baptized into the one body" (I Corinthians 12:13);
9. Those for whom God does not work all things together for good and those for whom God does work all things together for good (Romans 8:28);
10. Those who do not have "all spiritual blessings" and those who do have "all spiritual blessings" (Ephesians 1:3);

11. Those who do not have "life more abundantly" and those who do have "life more abundantly" (John 10:10);
12. Those who do not have a "never fading inheritance reserved in heaven" and those who do have a "never fading inheritance reserved in heaven" (I Peter 1:4).

"Be not foolish, but understanding what is the Lord's will" (Ephesians 5:17).

THE SPIRITUAL BEAUTY OF BAPTISM

The act of baptism is a beautiful picture painted by every penitent believer as he is admitted to the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3: 27). No other act can do it. The Lord’s church is open only to those who will paint the whole picture in baptism without leaving out any of the details. When the details of the baptismal picture are left out, then the act is invalid and ineffective. The spiritual beauty of baptism is seen only when it reflects the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The picture is complete. Just as Jesus was crucified on the cross outside of Jerusalem, one who is baptized crucifies the old man of sin (Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20). Just as Jesus was buried in the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, the one who is baptized is buried in the waters of baptism (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12). In the burial he becomes united with Jesus in his death (Rom. 6:5). Then he is raised to walk with the Lord in a new life (2 Cor. 5:17).

—J. Jividen.

☞ Gospel Meeting at Tipp City 9-13-16 with Randy Baker. Our 9/16 Bible Class will be moved to Tipp City to support the meeting.



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