

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	42
Attendance AM	57
Attendance PM	32
Wednesday PM	42

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Dollie Jones

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Dollie Jones; Florine Thomas; Mozella Tate

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 13	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
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	R.D. Melson	R.D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry 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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GOD’S LIMITATIONS

Jeff Sweeten

In a discussion with a denominational friend, the issue of God's power arose which caused us to disagree completely. The position I believe firmly states that it is impossible for God's saving grace to reach those who have not been baptized for the forgiveness of sins. My friend objected. "You've limited God," he stated, "God is all-powerful and can do anything, including saving any sinner." This sounded good my friend and may be "very full of comfort," but it isn't true.

No, God cannot do anything! Now, before you accuse me of heresy, read your Bible! In the middle of a thought, appearing to be an incidental comment, Paul says, *"in hope of eternal life which God, **who cannot lie**, promised before time began"* (Titus 1:2). The Bible teaches that God **cannot** do some things; He cannot lie. It does not say He will not lie, it says He **cannot**; it is not in the scope of actions and not a part of His nature. If that is the case, and I do not confess His Son, Jesus, as the Christ, will He lie and confess me in Heaven? Not according to Matthew 10:32-33 which states, *"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."* Now, I ask you: If you deny God in word and deed on this earth, can God save you? Not without becoming a liar, He can't. Therefore, He cannot save any accountable person who is unbelieving (Hebrews 11:6), unrepentant (Luke 13:3, 5), non-confessing (Matthew 10:32-33), ... or has not been baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21).

The reason for God's limitations are founded in the action of acceptance or rejection by His creation. Salvation is open for all, but not all receive Him, therefore, our reception of God's Son is vital to God's ability to save us. After all, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). When God sets conditions that must be met before one can become a child of God, He (since He cannot lie) must abide by His own conditions or He is showing favoritism; and God doesn't play favorites. Peter rightly observed ""In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34).

In the Old Testament, God explained this principle in detail. Israel was disobedient and rebellious, and all the while crying out against God’s silence in regard to their hardships. The old prophet clarified their misconception in Isaiah 59:1-2. *“Behold, Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”*

That God desires to save you is a given; He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). However, He will not, He cannot save you if you refuse to obey. ~

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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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 - Potter Children’s Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

We Call Them Bless That Endure

If you read some people’s social media feeds, you might think that all police officers are racists. They’re not! I know that for a fact! This is one example (and a very blatant one) of assigning the shortcomings of one individual to everyone in a particular group. What if we did that to everybody? Would you like that if it happened to you?

Do you know any teachers who have committed any vile acts? Does that mean that all teachers are like that? Of course not! Do you know any preachers who have behaved in highly inappropriate ways? Does that mean that all preachers are like that? Of course not!

Every individual person is his own person! I thank God for every police officer, every teacher and every preacher I have known! Are they perfect? Certainly not! But each person deserves to be treated as I would like to be treated (Matt. 7:12), and every person deserves the benefit of the doubt (1 Cor. 13:4-7), as much as I want them to give the same to me!

– DS
Sept 2019

Don’t quit!

Some days, as a Christan, are going to be harder than others. Don’t quit! Some days, the devil is going to seem to have the upper hand. Don’t quit! Some days, you are going to feel under attack for standing for truth and Biblical morality. Don’t quit! Some days, fellow Christians are going to let you down and maybe even hurt you. Don’t quit! Some days, a family member (maybe even a spouse or a child) is going to frustrate you and maybe even break your heart. Don’t quit! Some days, you may question your faith, may question God, may question your core values. Don’t quit! Some days, you may feel like giving up and think that you’re just tired of the constant burdens of life. Don’t quit! Some days, you will be filled with grief, loneliness, heartache, and even find yourself weeping throughout the day. Don’t quit! Some days, you will wonder if anyone cares. Don’t quit!

God will not quit...for you! God’s love will not quit...for you! God’s providence will not quit...for you! Lean on Him! Pour your heart out to Him! He will see you through!

Dilapidated faith

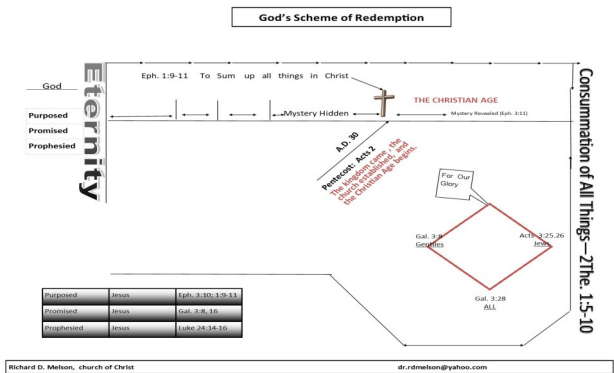


Picture in your mind an old barn out in the country. Can you see it leaning to one side and the roof caving in? You can look right through it, as the walls have mostly rotted away. There is a very faded logo barely perceptible on the side, and the grass and weeds higher than ever.

At one time, that barn was brand new. It was built solid, stood strong, was used confidently for years, and no one would ever have envisioned what it is today. What happened? In one word—neglect. Its current condition was not inevitable. It could have been avoided. But without regular and proper attention and maintenance, it could not stand forever.

Can I ask you how your faith is doing? Did your faith once look like that new barn, but now it resembles that old barn? Is your faith not as strong and dependable and used as it once was? What changed? No matter the condition of your faith, may I encourage you to “add to your faith” (2 Pet. 1:5), to grow your faith (2 Thess. 1:3), to “establish” your faith (1 Thess. 3:2), and to live your faith (Jas. 2:18), that others may see and “know your faith” (1 Thess. 3:5).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Is Baptism Really Required?

Why do some insist that baptism is a requirement for salvation when the Bible simply says, “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21)?

The question assumes that calling upon the Lord's name, and being baptized, are mutually exclusive obligations.

They are not.

Consider the following:

- It is evident that merely “calling” on the name of the Christ is not sufficient to effect salvation since Jesus Himself declared: “Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven “ (Matthew 7:21). Clearly, therefore, “calling” on Christ involves more than a mere verbal plea.
- In Acts 2, the same apostle who promised salvation to all who “call on the name of the Lord, “ also commanded: “Repent ye, and be immersed each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ to obtain the forgiveness of your sins “ (Acts 2:38). Since the “shall be saved” of 2:21 is equivalent to the “forgiveness of sins” in 2:38, it necessarily follows that “calling on the name of the Lord” includes both repentance and baptism.
- Later testimony from the New Testament makes it apparent that the person who submits to baptism, in order to receive pardon, is calling on the name of the Lord. Note Acts 22:16. Ananias instructed the penitent Saul as follows: “And now why do you tarry? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name. “

All who wish to enjoy the remission of past sins will call on the name of the Lord by obeying the gospel plan of redemption. In no other way can one receive pardon.

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

– Wayne Jackson

Resolving Church Conflict

The church is a collection of all sorts of people from varying backgrounds and with different personalities. It is inevitable that such an aggregate of folks will experience conflicts. But the Scriptures can help us deal with these difficult situations.

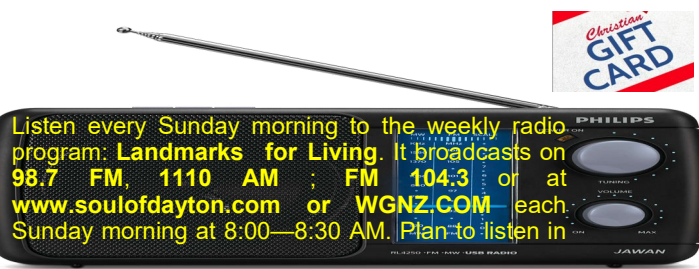
The Lord’s plan for his church is flawless. As individual members of his body, however, we are in the process of growth; we have not reached a state of perfection. There is no such thing as a flawless family or perfect work environment. Nor is there a perfect congregation.

Problems will arise within a church for a number of reasons.

Christian unity is the product of Christianity in practice. Through prayer, and the application of texts like Philippians 4:2-3, God’s people can all work and worship in unity; the bond that holds us together is love (Col. 3:14). We will have a perfect environment in heaven. Until then, the Lord expects us to work out our problems — staying focused on heaven.

—Jason Jackson

☞ 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