

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	48
Attendance AM	77
Attendance PM	35
Wednesday PM	38

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Kevin Gilbert (home); Otis Adair (Stone Springs); Carlene Harley; Krubo Joplo; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Janis Bland; Rhonda Fox; William Bogan (home)

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: October— 2— Virginia Robbins; 6— Kevin Gilbert; 9— Victoria Dudley; 14— Patrick Cook; 16— Judy Arnett; 17—Dollie Jones; Mozella Tate; Nancy Weimer

Anniversaries: October — 1— Thomas & Mary Vance

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Oct. 29 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 13 in “The Begging Place”

October 18	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord’s Supper	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Table	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Table	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Sermon	R.D. Melson	R.D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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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 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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18 WAYS TO “BUILD UP” ONE ANOTHER IN WORSHIP ASSEMBLIES

David Sproule

There is no better day of the week than the first day of the week! There is no greater blessing and privilege on the first day of the week than to worship the God of all creation, our heavenly Father! And the New Testament emphasizes that this wonderful opportunity takes place when “the church” comes together” each Lord’s day (1 Cor. 11:17, 18, 20, 33, 34;14:23, 26).

One primary purpose for the church to “come together” to worship on the first day of the week is to “build up” one another. That is repeated throughout the fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians (14:3, 4, 5, 12, 17), where Paul concludes: “Let all things be done for building up” (14:26). While we can certainly “build up one another” outside the worship assembly, the “building up” emphasized in this chapter is a “building up” that is particular to the assembly of the church and cannot be given or received outside of it. So, in a practical way, what are some things that we can do to “build up” one another when we assemble together as a church on the first day of the week? Let’s consider just a few.

1. Arrive early, well before it’s time to start.
2. Start by talking to folks while in the parking lot.
3. Don’t just go to your seat; walk around greeting people.
4. Smile.
5. Hug.
6. Shake hands, fist bump, high five, whatever.
7. Have a real, genuine, intentional conversation.
8. Look into their eyes and show sincere interest.
9. Seek out folks you don’t know as well or speak to often.
10. Say something like, “It is so good to see you.”
11. Say something like, “How have you been doing last week?” and then listen.
12. Say something like, “I prayed for you this last week,” or “I will definitely pray for you this week.”
13. Participate heartily in the worship.
14. Sing out with joy, rather than sing silently.
15. Reflect on the cross during the Lord’s Supper, rather than carrying on a conversation or making a grocery list.
16. Engage in the sermon and show real interest, rather than being disengaged, playing on your device or looking bored.
17. Don’t rush off. Stay late, several minutes after dismissal.
18. Take the initiative, rather than waiting for others.

What would you add? Let us make assembling on the Lord’s Day the most encouraging time of the week. *GS*

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

Who Is A Christian?

How do you identify a Christian? In the Bible, the first time the term “Christian” is used is found in Acts 11:26. Here, we see that it is the disciples of Jesus who were given this title. A disciple is a student or follower of another. So, a Christian is someone who follows the teachings of Christ.

Today, there are many people who claim to be followers of Jesus but teach many different things. Are they all Christians? Before Jesus went to the cross, He prayed this about those who would believe in Him, “...that they all may be one as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me” (John 17:21). Here, we learn two things. The disciples of Jesus must be united, and that unity must be in Christ Jesus.

What does it mean to be “in Christ”? According to Romans 8:1, being in Christ Jesus means you have “no condemnation.” In Romans 12:5, being in Christ means that you are part of the “one body.” In Ephesians 2:13, if you are in Christ Jesus, then you “...have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” So, someone who is “in Christ” is someone who is saved from condemnation, is a member of the one body (or church), and has gained admittance by the blood of Jesus. “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power” (Col. 2:9-10).

This next question is very important. How, then, do we get in Him? Look at the next two verses in Colossians 2. “In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands...” How? “...by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh...” How? “...by the circumcision of Christ...” What is that? “...buried with Him in baptism...” How does baptism do that? “...in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead” (Col. 2:11-12).

In order to be “in Christ,” you must be brought into Christ. This passage shows us that this only happens in baptism. Throughout the New Testament, we are commanded to be baptized (cf. Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; John 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:21). It is not a work of man, but as Colossians shows us, it is the working of God.

So, who is a Christian? If you were never baptized into Christ, then you cannot be in Christ. If you are not in Christ, then you were never saved, and you cannot be a member of His church because you never gained admittance by the blood of Jesus. Your salvation is incomplete. A Christian is a disciple of Christ. That means that you follow His teachings. Have you followed Christ into the saving waters of baptism?.

— Robert Lupo

The art of listening

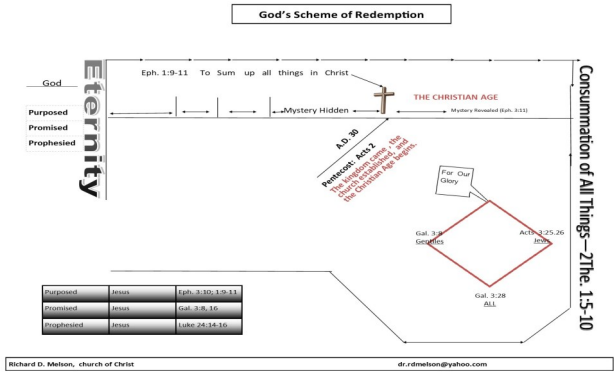


Sometimes we might be eager to make a decision and hesitant to seek any advice. Other times we might be determined for someone to hear our point of view and less inclined to hear theirs. Whatever the reason and the occasion, there are often times in our lives when we are not very good listeners. Yet, the Bible urges us to hone the skill of listening.

The Jews named one of their key Biblical texts (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) the “Shema,” which is a Hebrew word meaning “hear” or “listen.” The first word of that passage is “Hear.” God wanted His people to learn to “hear/listen.” Wisdom, personified in the book of Proverbs, calls out, “Blessed is the man who listens to me” (8:34), and the book promises safety and success to the one who heeds a “multitude of counselors” (11:14; 15:22; 24:6). However, “folly and shame” follow the person who “answers a matter before he hears it” (Prov. 18:13). The New Testament tells us to be “quick to hear” (Jas. 1:19).

Are you a good listener? That’s not, “Are you good at being quiet?” Rather, are you honing your skill of listening?

David Sproule
A Thought from the Word



Melson’s Musings ...



Lifeless Idols or a Living God

The psalmist said of idols, “They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat” (Psa. 115:4-7). What a contrast between them and our living God!

The living God speaks. “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son” (Heb. 1:1-2). What a contrast there was at Mt. Sinai between the golden calf and God whose voice echoed from the heavens and shook the earth.

The living God sees. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and from throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chron. 26:9). Add to this the words of Peter, “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous...” (1 Pet. 3:12).

The living God hears. “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers” (1 Pet. 3:12). He heard the groanings of the Jews in Egypt and sent Moses because He heard them. If He hears every idle word any man speaks (Matt. 12:36), how much more will He hear the sincere cries of His children today? His ears are always open to your prayers!

The living God smells. When Noah exited from the ark, he offered a multitude of sacrifices to God. “The Lord smelled a soothing aroma” (Gen. 8:21) and promised mankind He would never again destroy the earth by a flood. The smell of burning flesh, hairs and feathers might not be pleasing to us, but they are an aroma to God. Remember that your prayers are mixed with incense which comes into His presence (Rev. 8:3).

The living God touches and holds us with His hands. David cried out to God, “Stretch out Your hand from above, rescue me out of great waters” (Psa. 144:7). His hands made the heavens (Psa. 104:2) and how comforting it is to know that He holds us in His hands.

The living God has feet to move and to help. “Yes, He loves the people; All His saints are in Your hand; They sit down at Your feet; Everyone receives Your words” (Deut. 33:3). We must never forget that our God is omnipresent, and His feet are always with us.

Why would any person choose a lifeless idol!

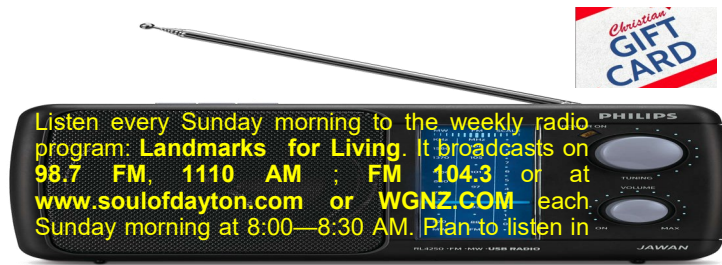
- Dan Jenkins, 2022



If give the correct answer to following questions you will get a Discovery Bible Card.

1. Mark identifies Jesus Christ as _____?
2. Where is it written that God would send his messenger before Thy face? _____
3. John is identified as the _____?

📅 October 28— Bible class will meet at the Central Ave congregation in Fairborn 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 — (we are updating this information—check your provider listing)
- Anchor of the Soul: www.anchorofthesoultv.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