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RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE		October 25	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM	
Bible Class	48	Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock	
Attendance AM	72	Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Patrick Cook	
Attendance PM	35	Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole	
Wednesday PM	38	Table	Steve Washington	Steve Washington	
PRAYER REQUESTS		Table	Tony Moore	Tony Moore	
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) Ruby Nickell		Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Anthony Grigsby	
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.;		Sermon	R.D. Melson	R.D. Melson	
Prayers:		Prayer for Responses	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook	
Repentance:		Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas	
Baptism:		Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas	
Sympathy:		Greeter	Frank Brock	Frank Brock	
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		Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby	
Anniversaries: October — 1— Thomas & Mary Vance		Usher			
Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Oct. 29 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 13 in “The Begging Place”					

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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How Firm a Foundation

Dan Jenkins

Those who attack our faith would have us believe that we have nothing more than blind faith and that we are living in a “dream world” in our view of life and the future. What the world does not understand is that there is insurmountable evidence for our faith. We are not those who have bought into a cunningly devised fable that is without foundation.

Consider one aspect of the evidence for our faith and how it gives substance to all of our lives. That aspect is the many prophecies that were written hundreds of years before Jesus was born and the fact He fulfilled them all. The following is from the writings of Hugo McCord and appears in his book, From Heaven or From Men:

“If only 50 prophecies about Jesus had been made, assuming an equal chance for their happening or not happening, the law of probability against all 50 being fulfilled is that of the 50th power of two to unity; that is, the probability is greater than 1,125,000,000 to one. Then to assume that the 50 events would happen contemporaneously surpasses the power of numbers to express correctly the immense improbability of it taking place. If 100 prophecies had been made, the chance that they would happen to one man is less than the drops of water if the world were completely water. But there are not 50, not 100, but 332 prophecies about Jesus.”

Do you see the force of his words? There is not an equal chance of any of these prophecies happening. For example, the only way for the prophecy of his birthplace being in Bethlehem would be if there were only two villages of equal size with the same numbers of birth. Such was not the case as there were hundreds of towns in the Bible lands. However, just assume there were only two equal possibilities for every prophecy and still there are no numbers large enough to represent that He would be able to fulfill only 100 of them.

Now consider the nature of many of the prophecies and think of how unlikely it would be that any of them would actually happen. God foretold the place of His birth, His virgin birth, the massacre of infants, His flight to Egypt, His living in Nazareth, His riding as a king on a donkey, His betrayal by a friend, the precise number of pieces of silver of His betrayal price, the money to be used to buy a potter’s field, His silence during His trial, His death with the thieves, His hands and feet being pierced, His resurrection, etc., etc.

There is foundation to your faith!

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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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- Supporting**
- Christian Courier
 - Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
 - Memphis School of Preaching
 - Greater Midwest Lectureship
 - 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

Does Jesus Want You to Be Taken Advantage of?

In Matthew 5:40-42, Jesus gave some commands that may seem a little hard to swallow. He said, “If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.” As Christians, we must obey the commands of our Lord Jesus. So, does Jesus expect us to let people take advantage of us? To answer this question, we need to understand the context of these commands.

The first command is regarding a legal matter. Jesus uses the conditional phrase, “If anyone wants to sue you...” It is clear that the only area this command applies to is in legal matters. So, how do we apply it? Christians should not be involved in lawsuits over petty things. It is much harder to mend a relationship after a lawsuit than it is to buy a new tunic.

The second command (we summarize as, “Going the extra mile”) refers to a Roman law which compelled subjects to transport men on a mission for the government. It was known that many Romans often took advantage of this law. Therefore, this command is to be applied in regard to responding to government abuse. Those who abuse their authority have souls, too. If we insist on exercising our rights, we may miss an opportunity to show them the love of Christ. As Paul said in Romans 12:20, “...for in so doing, you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

The third command, “Give to him who asks you...” may be the hardest to accept. In this case, there is no special context in view. This command applies generally. So, how do we apply this command to our lives? Do we have to give liberally to whoever asks of us without exception?

Jesus is very clear here that Christians need to give freely just like He gave freely. So, can we look to Jesus’ life and see how He gave? He said in John 14:14, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” But, does Jesus give us everything that we ask? When Paul asked Jesus that his thorn in the flesh be taken away, Jesus did not remove it (2 Cor. 12:7-9). Jesus regulates His giving based on His wisdom and responsibilities. So, our giving must also be regulated in the same way.

Each of us has a responsibility to provide for his family (1 Tim. 5:8). Each of us has a responsibility to work as he is able (2 Thess. 3:10). But, we also cannot refuse to give in retaliation (Deut. 15:8-10). Jesus wants us to exercise wisdom. Giving does not always help; sometimes it hurts. A drug addict is not helped when they get money for their next fix. And, we do not help by giving to those looking to take advantage.

- Robert Lupu

Spectator criticism



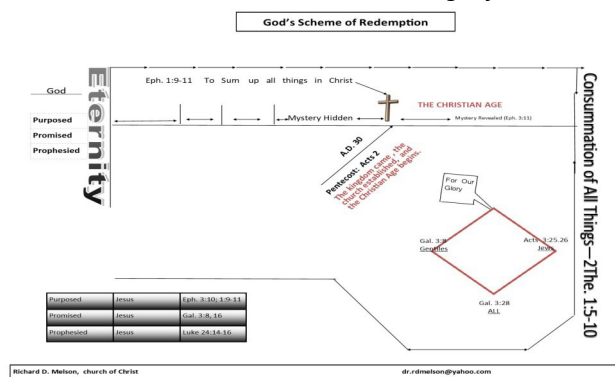
Sports fans criticize the officials, the coaches and the players. Parents criticize the teachers, the principals and the curriculum. And, yes, Christians criticize the elders, the deacons, the preachers, the other members and the church, in general. It’s easy to be a spectator and to lob criticisms at what others are doing (or perhaps, not doing that you think they should be doing).

Jesus had dinner in a Pharisee’s home in Luke 7. That Pharisee did not wash Jesus’ feet or even provide water for a washing. In other words, he wasn’t doing the necessary job himself. Yet, that Pharisee was the loudest critic of the woman who came and washed Jesus’ feet with a fragrant oil (Luke 7:36-39), without offering help himself. Jesus soundly rebuked him (7:40-47).

It is easy to sit back, without actually doing anything to help a situation ourselves, and hurl criticisms at the elders of a congregation for decisions or indecisions, for actions or inactions. It takes a true Christ-like heart to step up and help, serve and personally fill a gap (Matt. 20:28; Ezek. 22:30). What role do you usually play?

David Sproule

A Thought from the Word



Melson’s Musings ...



A Christian Soldier

A soldier’s marching forth today,
A Christian’s marching down the way.
He has a book within his hand;
He’s moving on to take his stand.
His book is but the Word of God
It is his strength and guiding rod.
His greatest victory is a soul
Although the whole world is his goal.
And in the silent realms of prayer
Are all his thoughts invested there.
His battle field is every door,
Even as the tempests roar;
And when day is growing dim
He’s gathering precious souls for Him.
He but rests through every night
That tomorrow he may better fight
The fight of Faith, of Hope, of Love,
To gather medals up above
Where the Master ever rules
Over his unworthy tools.
He wears no uniform or stars,
No golden stripes or service bars.
His obstacles are hate and strife;
His serving time is all his life.
Glory bright is only his;
He a Christian Soldier is.

Standard Equipment On Pony Express

The pony express was a thrilling part of early American history. It ran from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California—a distance of 1,900 miles. The trip was made in ten days. Forty men, each riding 50 miles a day, dashed along the trail on 500 of the best horses the West could provide.

To conserve weight, clothing was very light, saddles were extremely small and thin, and no weapons were carried. The horses themselves wore small shoes or none at all. The mail pouches were flat and very conservative in size. Letters had to be written on thin paper, and postage was \$5.00 an ounce (a tremendous sum those days).

Yet, each rider carried a full-sized Bible! It was presented to him when he joined the pony express, and he took it with him despite all the scrupulous weight precautions.

- Glenn Hitchcock

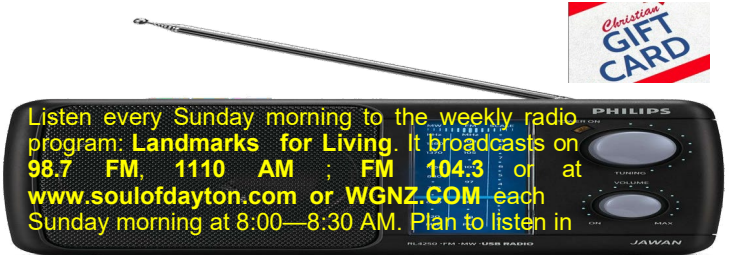
Mark Chapter One: Bible Bowl Questions (KJV)

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

1. The voice that said, Thou art my beloved Son, came from where?
2. Who was put into prison? _____
3. How many days was Jesus in the wilderness?

Daylight saving time will end at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026, when clocks turn back one hour. The annual "fall back" means an extra hour of sleep and a return to standard time. It also means an earlier sunset, with darkness arriving noticeably sooner in the late afternoon and evening.

📅 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