

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE		July 27	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Bible Class	47	Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Attendance AM	77	Song Leader	Chris Poole	Patrick Cook
Attendance PM	34	Lead Lord’s Supper	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Wednesday PM	38	Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
PRAYER REQUESTS		Server 2	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mary Rutland; David Johnson; Mary Sanders; Naomi Shields Traveling: Norris Cole, II, Richard Melson, Jr. Deborah Crane Prayers: Repentance: Jarren Sutherlin Baptism: Sympathy: Member Birthdays: July — 2– Richard Melson, Jr.; 6- Penny Cook; 8 - Rachel Blanks; 9 - Ruby Nickell; 15 - Glenna Adair; 27 - Otis Adair Anniversaries: July — 18– Michael and Brenda Mamula; 23– Chad and Jennifer Arnett; 30— Norris and Diane Cole Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class August 7 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 10 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”		Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Anthony Grigsby
		Sermon	Kevin Berry	Kevin Berry
		Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
		Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
		Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
		Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
		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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AN UNCHANGING CHURCH IN A CHANGING WORLD

Dan Jenkins


When Jesus prayed that all who believed in Him would have the same unity that He had with the Father (John 17:20-21), He revealed that having many denominations would create unbelievers! A simple computer search will show that in America there are between at least 20,000 different denominations. It shows just how little unity exists in “Christendom” today. There is no way this situation is like the unity of Jesus and His Father.

One of the reasons such division is a commonly held practice is to change the church to fit into the mold in our world. Denominations are in great turmoil over the acceptance of transgenders, appointing homosexual clergymen, and the basic organizational structure of the various religions. It is even divided over how to be saved from our sins.

However, the world in which the church entered was even more diverse than our own. Every Gentile region had its own gods and how each god was to be worshiped and served. Even Judaism, which worshiped God, was in turmoil. The Sadducees had decided that God did not want men to believe in angels, eternal souls or the resurrection. The Pharisees had changed ancient Judaism and added their own rules so much that Jesus said they had made God’s commandments void (Mark 7:9). The Jewish nation had failed to follow God as He had revealed and because of them “...the name of God was blasphemed among the Gentiles” (Rom. 2:23-24). They exalted their own religious ideas above what God said.

How did the church adapt to change the first century world? They did not change the church Jesus established. It did not make any difference if they were in Africa, Arabia, Turkey, Asia, Rome, Corinth, Europe or anywhere on the earth. Paul, who traveled and established churches in so many places, said he preached the same doctrine in every church (1 Cor. 4:17). Corinth had changed the Lord’s supper to be more like pagan feasts, and Paul said they were no longer partaking of the Lord’s Supper but your own Supper (1 Cor. 11:20-21).

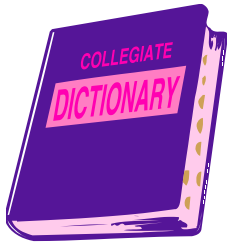
Paul established the church at Ephesus and preached there for three years. What happened when he left? They drifted so far away from what he taught them that Jesus was about to remove His recognition of them as the church of Christ (Rev. 2:1-5). What solution did He give them? It was not to change the church to fit better into the society at Ephesus! It was to repent and return to what they had been taught.

The church in every place should be no larger than what the faithful preaching of the gospel will bring. We are not to change the church but to change the world! 

BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17

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

Do We Know What It Means?



Merriam-Webster, the dictionary company, has an online dictionary. In 2005, some of the most often looked up words included filibuster, refugee, and tsunami. An old word, however, topped the list of the most looked up word. Over 200,000 people looked this word up in the online dictionary in 2005. The online dictionary defines it as “firm adherence to a code,” and “incorruptibility.” The word is integrity.

What has happened, so that many of us don’t know what a word like integrity means? Is it that we just so seldom see integrity today that we have forgotten about it? Surely there is still a place for integrity. It has to be more than an empty claim in a political advertisement.

Integrity is one of the great themes demonstrated in the book of Job. First and foremost, Job was a man of integrity. Having lost his family and fortune, Job was still faithful. In the heavenly council, God said to Satan, “Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause” (Job 2:3).

With the further calamity of the loss of his health, Job’s wife said, “Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die” (Job 2:9). To his credit, Job replied, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?” (Job 2:10).

It would have been so easy for Job to give in to the pressure of his four friends, and admit he was the sinner they accused him of being, but he said, “God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me” (Job 27:5).

What an example for us! We should say with him, “Till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me”

- Bob Prichard

Bent on being bent out of shape

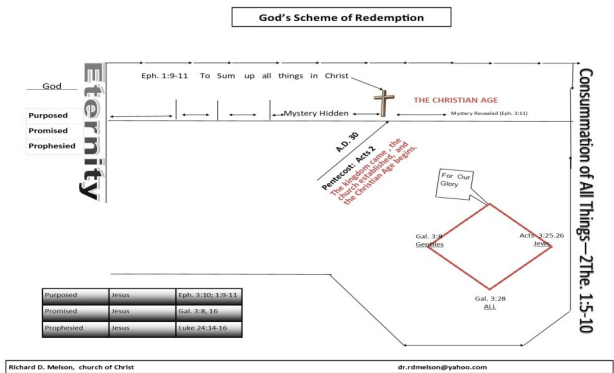


How would you describe your disposition? How would you describe your general attitude? Are you generally a positive or negative person? What is your standard mindset? Is your default to find fault? Are you bent on being bent out of shape?

If anyone had a right, from a human perspective, to be bitter and bent out of shape because of circumstances, it was Paul while imprisoned in Rome. And, yet, when one reads the book of Philippians, he finds just the opposite. Paul was devoted to “prayer” (Phil. 1:3-4). He found “peace” in prayer (4:6-7). In the midst of his suffering, he wrote, “I am glad and rejoice with you all” (2:17). So much of this is the mindset that one sets out to develop and flourish. When one “meditates” on things that are “true...noble...just...pure...lovely...of good report” (4:8), instead of the opposite of those things, it defines his perspective on all things.

What if we were bent on rejoicing in the Lord, regardless of what’s going on around us (4:4)? Could we find enough reasons to be filled with “joy” (2:2) and “thanksgiving” all of the time (4:6)?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Minute Mediations

Wanted—A Man

- ♦ A man like Timothy-A Bible student. (2 Tim. 3:15.)
- ♦ A man like Daniel-A man of prayer. (Dan. 6: 10.)
- ♦ A man like Paul-Loyal to Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 2:2.)
- ♦ A man like Enoch-A man of faith. (Heb. 11: 5, 6.)
- ♦ A man like Caleb-A whole-hearted man. (Num.14:24)
- ♦ A man like Gideon-A courageous man. (Jud. 7:16-20.)
- ♦ A man like David-Jealous for God's honor. (1 Sam. 17: 26-36, 45.)

Resolution: Suppose there were to be but one man in the world at a time in all respects what a Christian should be, shining in all the graces and excellencies of true piety. Resolved, by the grace of God, to be that man.

- Jonathan Edwards, 1957

Slandering a Preacher

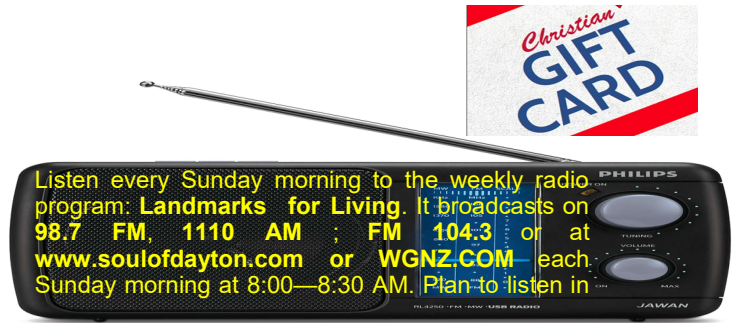
An instance of slander of astounding proportions is reported in the columns of a church paper. As is often the case, this slander was leveled against a minister. It was said that his wife was attending a certain meetings, that he went there in a rage, that he by violence dragged her from the hall, and that he by force compelled her to go home with him. He allowed the tale to circulate for a few days, then riddle it in the following manner:
*“In the first place, I never attempted to influence my wife in her views nor her choice of a meeting;
Secondly, my wife did not attend the meeting in question’
In the third place, I did not attend the meeting myself;
To conclude, neither my wife nor myself had any inclination to go the meeting, Finally, I never had a wife.”*

Knowing the remarkable feats slander has accomplished, one cannot say this instance reported from a large city is unbelievable. When slander once lays its tongue to a task, it can accomplish anything which the most harebrained imagination can conceive.

- Frank L. Cox, December 1957

	Date	Subject	Speaker
✍	6/4	Romans 1	Bob Vincent
	6/11	Romans 2	Richard Melson
	6/18	Romans 3	Tim Hatfield
	6/25	Romans 4	Richard Melson
	7/2	Romans 5	Mark Phillips
	7/9	Romans 6	Phil Gear
	7/16	Romans 7	Sabin Johnson
	7/23	Romans 8	Kevin Berry
	7/30	Romans 9	Sabin Johnson
	8/6	Romans 10	Richard Melson
	8/13	Romans 11	Richard Melson
	8/20	Romans 12-13	Patrick Powers
	8/27	Romans 14-15	Richard Melson
	9/3	Romans 16	Richard Melson

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- View: In Search of the Lord’s Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- 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