

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE		August 17	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Bible Class	50	Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Attendance AM	84	Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Attendance PM	36	Lead Lord’s Supper	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Wednesday PM	46	Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
PRAYER REQUESTS		Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Rachel Blanks; Mary Sanders; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Naomi Shields Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Michael Blanks, Jr.; Richard Melson, Jr.; Chantinae’ Gray; [PTP—Norris & Diane Cole, Lyle Cole, Dollie Jones, Valerie Melson, Alexandria Thomas, McKinley Blanks, & Sharnelle Coicous] Prayers: Repentance: Baptism: Sympathy: Member Birthdays: August — 10 – Diane Cole (Norris); 11– Ashley Thomas; 20 - Ryan McGahee, Marie Tolley; 21 - Naree Poole Anniversaries: August— 7– Dwayne &Tena Eslick; 25– Richard & Valerie Melson; 31— Patrick & Penny Cook; Patrick & Ashley Thomas Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class September 4 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 10 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”		Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
		Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
		Prayer for Responses	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
		Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
		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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SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BIBLE IS READ

Dan Jenkins

The return from Babylonian captivity is truly one of the least known parts of the history of Israel but marks one of the most remarkable periods in the lives of God’s chosen people. When Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, left the city of Jerusalem, he left nothing but ruins behind. The walls were gone and no longer was there a temple, a priesthood, an altar, an ark of the covenant, two tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments inscribed on them—there was no city—it all lay in ruins. It was destined to stay this way for seventy years, for God had promised a return of a righteous remnant to restore the great city.

The return was not immediately completed nor was Jerusalem rebuilt quickly. When the seventy years of captivity ended, Zerubbabel brought the largest number of Jews with him back to the city. The population of Jerusalem during the celebration of its feast days before the captivity had to be hundreds of thousands. The number who returned with Zerubbabel was 42,360 (Ezra 2:64). They did not immediately rebuild the city but they first built the temple. True worship was not restored until Ezra and those who came with him brought that about. Nehemiah came later and the city was still devastated, and he brought about the rebuilding of the walls so the city could be safely repopulated. God had promised and it had happened!

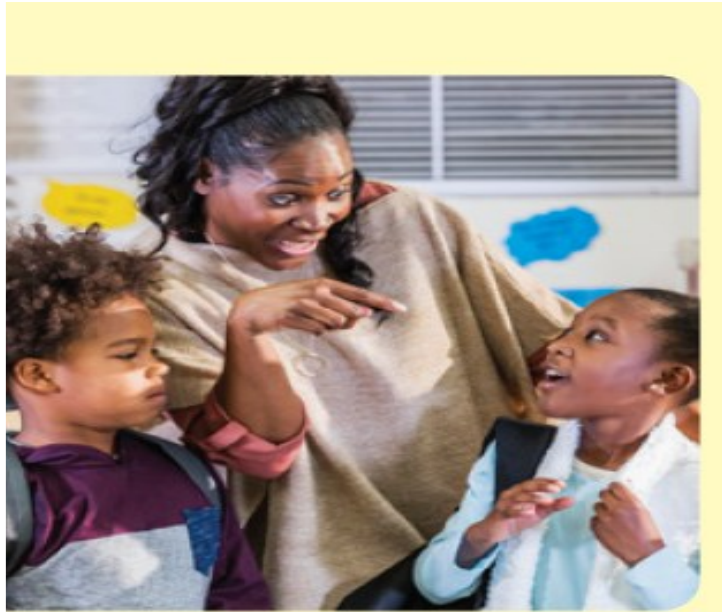
With the temple, the priesthood and the walls completed, all the Jews—all the men, women and children who were old enough to understand—assembled in an open square. Ezra stood on a large podium and brought the copy of the law of God with him. The Bible described it this way: “So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading” (Neh. 8:8). He began at daylight and finished reading the Word of God at noon.

The results were amazing. “All the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law” (Neh. 8:9). They listened to the reading of the Word of God for the next seven days and there was a great revival (Neh. 8:18). When they found they had not been worshiping God in the right way in keeping one of the feast days, they immediately did what they had learned from simply reading the Bible. They did it the right way. “For since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness” (Neh. 8:17).

This is precisely what respecting the Bible brings about. Read the book. Make it simple enough so even children can understand it. Let the listeners’ hearts be humbled and determined to do His will and change their lives to do it God’s way. What would happen if America had this kind of heart!? ~

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

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



Kid Wisdom
A teacher was giving a lesson on blood circulation. Trying to make it clear, she said, “Class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.” “Yes,” the class said. “Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood does not run into my feet?” A little fellow shouted, “Because your feet aren’t empty.”

“Rejoice with me.”
LUKE 15:6

Wasting My Time
A little girl had just finished her first week of school. “I’m just wasting my time,” she said to her mother. “I can’t read, I can’t write, and they won’t let me talk!”

Internet Humor
My brother-in-law has a great e-mail. It starts PS81_10b@, to represent the second half of Psalm 81:10, which states “Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.” He is a dentist. —submitted by Jeanne Warsing, February 2005 edition of Reader’s Digest

“Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing.”
PSALM 126:2

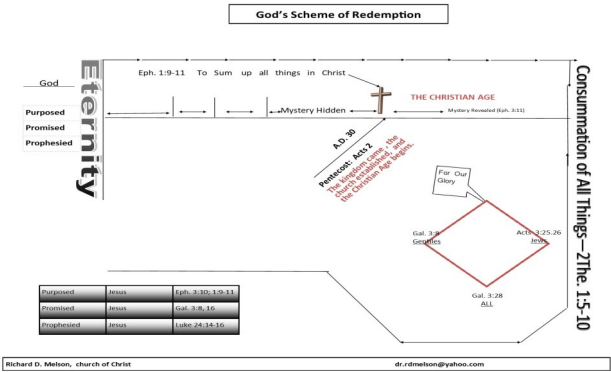
Doing what’s best for the church



Most preachers live by a guiding principle that they will strive to make decisions and take whatever actions are necessary to do what is best for the church. Removing self and being truly determined to put the needs of a congregation above one’s own personal desires is essential to the betterment of the Lord’s people and the Lord’s purpose on this earth. Most elders live by that same guiding principle. Most deacons long for that, as well.

But, here’s something to consider. Is that only a life principle that someone like an elder or a preacher are committed to follow? Or is that not a determination that God wants all of His people to have, regardless of their place in His church? Seeking “first” God’s church (cf. Matt. 6:33) is not just about “being at church on Sunday.” That’s merely a small part and a natural outgrowth of having Christ as “Lord in your heart” (1 Pet. 3:15, NASB), because doing what’s best for the church (read that as, “doing what’s best for Jesus’ body and Jesus’ bride”) is doing what’s best for Jesus Himself. Read the second sentence in the first paragraph again. Is that you?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Just Suppose

As you read the record of the visit of the wise men recorded in Matthew 2, you find a number of things that show some real wisdom on their part. Their efforts are surely to be commended. This we would not doubt for a moment. But just suppose.

I. THEY CAME A GREAT DISTANCE
We would conclude that they did indeed come from quite a distance, since it is said they came from the East. How far from the East we do not know, but it surely was not East Jerusalem. They traveled miles to get there.

II. THEY INQUIRED EARNESTLY
They were asking, “where is he that is born king of the Jews?” They really wanted to know. It was not curiosity on their part. They were honest about the matter.

III. THEY LISTENED CAREFULLY
As you read verses 5 through 8, you will see them listening for the directions they needed. This would be of vital importance to them.

IV. THEY FOLLOWED GLADLY
This is found in verses 9 and 10. They would take the information they had and the star before them as a guide. They followed with great joy. But wasn’t that what they wanted to do? It sure was.

V. BUT SUPPOSE THEY HAD NOT WORSHIPPED WHEN THEY FOUND HIM

That would have been tragic indeed. All the distance they had traveled, all the questions they asked, all the time

spent in listening and all the steps they had taken to get there would have been wasted.

But, aren’t you glad they did worship. This convinces you even more that they were WISE MEN INDEED.

- Winfred Clark

Summer Series: Righteousness of God

Date	Subject	Speaker
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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NEWS AND NOTES

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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