

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	58
Attendance AM	75
Attendance PM	37
Wednesday PM	47

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Mary Sanders; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Naomi Shields; Phil Tydings

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr. (Utah); Richard D. Melson (Gospel Meeting)

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: September — 3 Ruby Holt; 5– Michael Blanks, Jr.; 27 - Christina Barnes; 29 - Florine Thomas

Anniversaries: September — 1– Chris and Tally Poole; 27– Samuel and Dollie Jones

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class September 18 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 11 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”

September 07	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Michale Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord’s Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Server 2	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Sermon	Davion Currie	Davion Currie
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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.

Needmore Road church of Christ
2211 Needmore Road
Dayton, Ohio 45414-9998

Place
Stamp
Here



Visit our website at <https://www.needmoreroadcoc.com>

THE EDIFIER

Volume 06

September 07, 2025

Issue 36

THREE KEYS TO VICTORY OVER EVIL

Dan Jenkins

There may be sections of the book of Revelation which seemingly are difficult to understand, but there is one that can be easily understood and can be such a blessing to every Christian. We might struggle as we read chapter twelve, trying to discover the identity of the woman on the moon (v. 1) or what was meant by those 1260 days in wilderness (v. 5) or that war in heaven (v. 7). However, those who read this section for the first time can easily understand who the Child is who was born on the earth and then ascended into heaven. Even a child knows who He is.

Looking more carefully at this chapter, it becomes obvious who this Child was for He was destined to rule the nations. Those Christians in the seven churches in Asia would have known, because in chapter two, Jesus said that the Father had given Him authority over all the nations to rule them with a rod of iron (v. 26-27). Even the identity of that dragon who was seeking first to destroy that Child (v. 5) and then to destroy those on the earth who keep the commandments of God (17) is specifically explained to be Satan (v. 9). Those saints in Asia were in the midst of the attempt that Satan was bringing against them. Jesus had ascended into heaven, and the devil turned his wrath against them. The greatest question that faced them (and us) is how to defeat Satan’s work in their lives.

Three keys to overcoming Satan are given. The Bible shows how those early saints defeated him and shows us how we can overcome the trials that seek to destroy us today. It would be so foolish for us to overlook these three keys.

The first key is, “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb” (v. 11). Sin destroys man’s relationship with God, but the blood of Jesus forever removes those sins, and God will never remember them. We begin our walk with the Lord by being washed in His blood (Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16), and as we walk in the light, His blood continues to remove those sins from our relationship (1 John 1:7). You are righteous, not by self-righteous goodness of which you might boast about. You are not self-righteous, but you are blood-righteous.

The second key is, “They overcame him...by the word of their testimony.” When Satan brought all the powers of hell to tempt Jesus, he fled from Jesus because Jesus always said, “It is written” (Matt. 4). He will do the same if we use the word to answer every temptation and trial.

The third key is, “They loved not their lives to the death.” Self-preservation is the most motivating force for actions to every man. However, if you love the Lord enough that you will sacrifice your life before you would disobey Him, Satan has no way of tempting you! When we get the greatest commandment foremost in our lives, we can never lose to Satan! ✍

www.needmoreroadcoc.com
Phone: (937) 274-6801
Fax: (937) 999-4949

Meeting Location:
2211 Needmore Rd
Dayton, OH 45414

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.

Preacher
Richard D. Melson
937-321-3973
dr.rdmelson@yahoo.com

Ministers
All Members

- 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

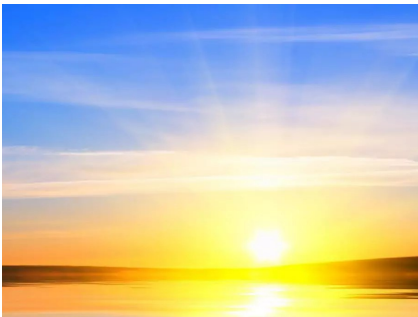
BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17

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

Where Do You Walk?



New every morning



Good day to all,

The song, “These Boots Are Made For Walking”, stirs me to think on a much more important walk. “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”, among other hymns we sing, should challenge us to plot our path toward a spiritual walk.

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, “Isaiah wrote, “yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought peace was upon him, and by His wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:4-5).

The walk Jesus took to Calvary was an historic walk of eternal proportions.

Jesus is with us, his followers, and He understands our suffering and sustains us. This is true regardless of how we feel. We have Jesus when we have no one else. Believers know God is not in some distant place. After all, he became human in the form of Jesus and then suffered and died for you and me. The prophet Isaiah recorded the words in the text above and also calls Jesus, the Messiah, “a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.” When we truly believe that Jesus is who he claims to be we will realize that through suffering, and just plain difficult times, He understands. We know we’re never alone.

He has walked in our shoes. Now it’s our turn to walk in His!

Make a blessed day.

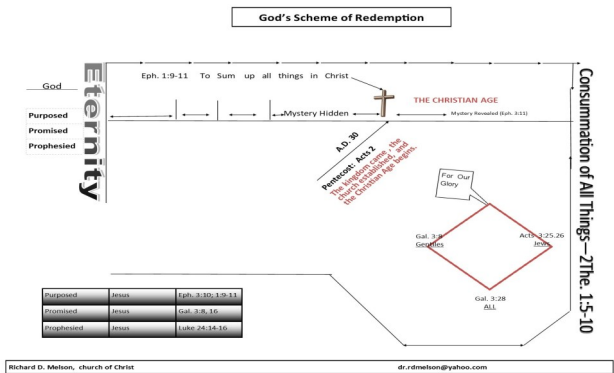
- Mike Bumbalough

The sun rises every morning, as if it had never gone anywhere. It appears to give you a whole new supply of minutes, ready at your disposal in the new day. But there is another supply of “new” for you “every morning.” Perhaps you know the words of the song, which is based upon Lamentations 3:22-23, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness.”

God’s supply of love (or lovingkindnesses, NASB) for you never runs out! God’s supply of mercies (or compassions, NKJV/NASB) for you never run out! By the way, note that both of these are plural. It is not just God’s love (singular) or mercy (singular) that is new every morning, but His lovingkindnessES and merciES. No wonder Jeremiah said, “‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘Therefore I hope in Him’” (3:24).

Every morning, God is ready to bless you and bless you and bless you! How firm is your hope in Him?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Welcome Davion Currie

I am preaching a gospel meeting this week in Miami, FL. Davion Currie, a student from the Central Carolina School of Preaching is here to teach and preach today, and I know that you will receive him well and send him on his journey as Christians should (Rom. 16:2; 3 John 5-8).—RM



My name is Davion Currie and I am a 34-year-old Christian from Buffalo, NY. Maria Elena (Currie) who is from Puebla, Mexico and I have been married for 4 years. I was baptized into Christ in 2001 at the Rockingham Church of Christ in North Carolina. I am a student at the Central Carolina School of Preaching in Sumter, SC as of October 2023 and expect to complete my course of studies next month in October 2025. My tentative graduation date is May 2026.

I have been preaching for roughly 3 years having preached in New York, North Carolina and South Carolina.

There is nothing more important to my household than serving God and though we fall daily, we strive to stand in, through and with Christ.

-Davion Currie

Be A Better Person

A young student approached the famous French scientist and philosopher, Blaise Pascal, and declared, “If I had your brains, I would be a better person.”

Pondering the depth of that statement, Pascal paused momentarily before replying, “Be a better person, and you will have my brains.”

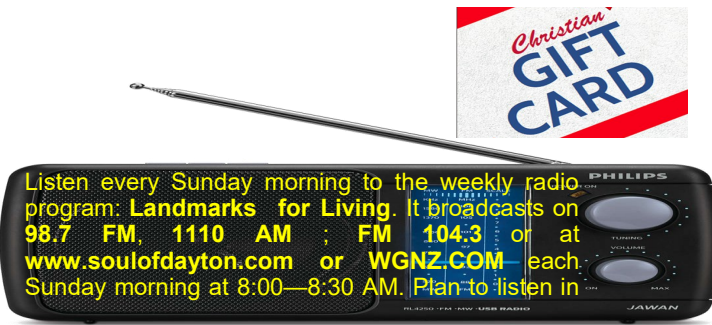
~Unknown~

Proverbs 4:18 – The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Proverbs 16:9 – In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

- Glenn Hitchcock

- ☞ Men’s meeting is being moved to Sept. 13 @ 9:00 AM
- ☞ Check out the new tract titles in the rack
- ☞ Take a “**Christian Gift Card**” and give it away to someone you meet.



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
- 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