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Bible Class47

Attendance AM65

Attendance PM45

Wednesday PM30

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health:

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

Traveling:

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr. (Utah); Mozella Tate ; Patrick &Ashley Thomas; Victoria Dudley family; Valerie Melson

Prayers:

Prayers: Jaren and Kari Sutherlin; Tony Moore

Repentance:

Repentance: Tony Moore;

Baptism:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: September

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

Anniversaries: September

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

Ladies Reading Group:

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class October 02 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 12 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”

September 21

BRETHREN TO SERVE AM

BRETHREN TO SERVE PM

Opening Prayer

Chris Poole

Chris Poole

Song Leader

Michael Blanks, Jr.

Lyle Cole

Lead Lord’s Supper

Tony Moore

Tony Moore

Server 1

Anthony Grigsby

Anthony Grigsby

Server 2

Ryan McGahee

Norris Cole

Scripture Reader

James Grigsby

Anthony Grigsby

Sermon

Richard D. Melson

Richard D. Melson

Prayer for Responses

Richard D. Melson

Richard D. Melson

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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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, he 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 of Jews who returned with Zerubbabel was 42,360 (Ezra 2:64). They did not immediately rebuild the city of Jerusalem, 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! 

What happens when men read the Bible determined to find the will of God —(John 7:17)

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

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

The Master’s Touch

Sometime in our lives we have been impressed by beautiful and breath-taking scenes of nature. West of the Mississippi, lay the Rockies, containing the Royal Gorge and the Grand Canyon; to the East, the Smokies, Appalachians and beautiful Niagara Falls. Not only is the Master's touch evident in nature, but it can also be found in the lives of men. One cannot read about Abraham, Moses, and David, nor of Peter and Paul without noticing this great truth. However, not everything the Master touches becomes beautiful. When Jesus cursed the beautiful but unfruitful fig tree, it withered (Matt. 21:19). Which way have you been touched?

THE CHRISTIAN RACE

The Christian life is compared to a race several times in the Bible. This race is a one-man race, with yourself only. In this race the spectators will receive no reward, no benefit. The only way to receive the crown is to enter the race (and this is done by obedience to the gospel) and cross the finish line. In running the Christian race, as in any other race, the person must lay aside anything that will hinder him from finishing the course. The Christian race has rules to be followed and we are to give all diligence in following these rules. After we have run with patience the course set before us we will receive a full reward.

-Ray Myers.

DOING

“Tis one thing, friend, to read the Bible through; Another thing to read, to learn, to do.”

What wonderful words of edification and admonition these few lines give us! They reveal a truth that is universal and forever binding in order to fully appreciate and understand God's word. Yet, how few of us actually acknowledge this! The Bible teaches us that our lives are nothing but vapors which appeareth for a little while, then fadeth away, but God's word shall abide forever. Too many lost souls go through life as if it were they that were going to abide forever and the gospel was going to vanish.

-Jack Pallett

“Fight against those who fight against me”

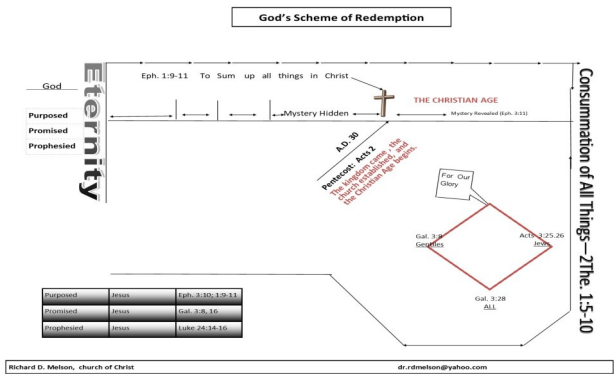


King David faced much opposition in his life. Many times he had to flee and run for his life. His enemies were not always foreign nations, but sometimes his own king (Saul) and sometimes his own son (Absalom). David’s heart is transparent as you read through the book of Psalms, as he lays it open in his appeals to God. Consider this one from the first verse of Psalm 35: “Fight against those who fight against me.”

David makes that appeal because he knows that God had already been doing that, so he has absolute confidence, in the midst of his despair, that God will certainly continue to fight for him.

What about you? Do you know that God will fight for you (Deut. 1:30; 20:4)? Do you know that God is more powerful than any enemy you face, including and especially the devil (1 John 4:4)? Do you know that the strength for your battles comes only from the Lord (Eph. 6:10-18)? Do you know that it doesn’t matter who is “against us” when “God is for us” (Rom. 8:31)?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Beautiful Harmony

What cooperation! What unity! What harmony! I wish I was describing a congregation of God's people, but instead, it was the Prague Symphony Orchestra. We were given tickets to the concert in the Knox Concert Series, and I had the chance to hear and see a great orchestra up close. The experience of hearing the orchestra reminded me anew about the importance of unity and cooperation.

The Prague Symphony Orchestra is composed of some 89 musicians, as well as a conductor, stage crew, etc. Almost a third of the musicians were violinists. It was interesting to see all of those bows moving in unison. Their skill was evident. This great skill means they used their God-given talents, and practiced endless hours. George Eliot said, “‘Tis God gives skill, But not without men’s hands: He could not make Antonio Stradivari’s violins without Antonio.” I wonder what we might accomplish in the Lord’s church if we were as diligent in honing our God-given talents and skills to be used in His service in the same way these musicians did.

All of the musicians were playing the same piece of music, and were “on the same page.” They were playing as individuals, under the direction of the conductor. As we follow Christ and scripture, we also work in unity and harmony.

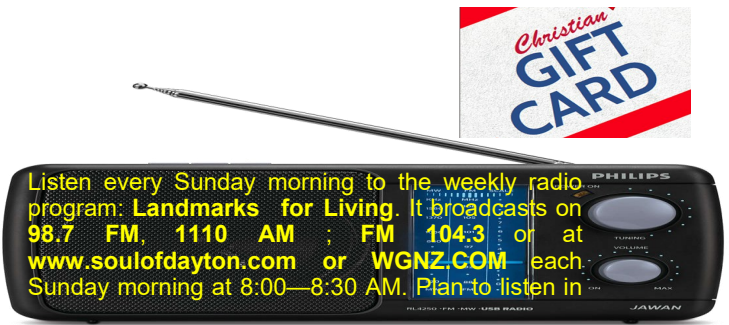
From my vantage point in the concert, I could observe some of the musicians better than others. I was especially interested in the gentleman who played the tambourine during the first piece, Dvorak’s “Carnival Overture.” I never knew that anyone could be so enthusiastic playing the tambourine! It would seem this would not take as

much skill as say a violin, or a cello, or an oboe. Yet he played it with so much energy and vigor, adding to the overall beauty of the piece, providing just the right accent needed. In the Lord's work, there are often “parts” which seem minor—preparing the communion, counting the attendance, turning on the heat, etc., but think what a difference it makes when some of those “minor” jobs aren't done as they should be. As Paul reminded the Corinthians, “For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?” (1 Corinthians 12:14-15). We all have something to contribute to the Lord’s work, and we need everyone!

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

-Bob Prichard

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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