

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	52
Attendance AM	87
Attendance PM	29
Wednesday PM	35

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Mary Rutland; Dana Grigsby; Mary Sanders; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Phil Tydings; Candence Lawson (brother Melson’s niece—Lung disease and LMA); Beverly Daughtery –heart issues (MVH/ICU); Delvin Terry (heart attack)
Traveling: Norris & Kelsey Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.
Prayers: Sharnelle Coicous (relocated to Valparaiso, IN)
Repentance: Tena Eslick
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Member Birthdays: October — 2– Virginia Robbins; 5– Rhea Wallace; 6– Kevin Gilbert; 9-Victoria Dudley; 12– Philip Tydings; 13-Norris Cole, II; 14– Patrick Cook; 16– Judy Arnett; 17– Mozella Tate, Nancy Weimer;
Anniversaries: October— 1– Tom and Mary Vance
Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class October 30 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 11 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”

October 26	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord’s Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Server 2	James Grigsby	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
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.

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2211 Needmore Rd
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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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WHEN YOU ARE AS OLD AS METHUSELAH

Dan Jenkins

Can you remember, when as a child, you thought that anyone who was thirty was really old, and anyone over sixty was approaching Methuselah’s age? It’s funny when you turn thirty your whole perception changes. If you are sixty plus, you, unlike those around you, cannot seem to think of yourself as being old.

The Bible has so much to say about getting old, and regardless of our perception of when that is, we would be wise to think about it. God describes the lives of many older people and how aging impacted their physical and spiritual life.

There is that decline of our physical health as we get older. Who has not heard of the failing eyesight of Isaac which allowed him to be deceived by the animal hairs his mother had placed on Jacob’s neck and hands? Later, Jacob himself died as a blind man unable to see because of his old age (Gen. 48:10). When David was seventy, the Bible described him as being “. . . old, advanced in years; and they put covers on him, but he could not get warm” (1 Kings 1:1). Read Ecclesiastes 12 to see the poetical description of loss of hearing, loss of teeth, trembling hands, fear of heights, inability to sleep and the loss of vision.

The Bible also describes the possibility of the decline of our spiritual health as we get older. I am not sure about the early life of the brother of the prodigal son, but I know that as the older brother he was beset with jealousy, bitterness and a total disrespect for his father. Is there any story in the Bible more sad than the description of Solomon? “For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David” (1 Kings 11:4).

On the other hand, there are those verses describing the faithfulness of older saints. Think about Moses, who at the end of his life had a spirituality unmatched in the rest of his life. Think of Caleb, who at 85 was still actively trusting in the providence of God. Then there are those inspiring words of aged Paul, who saw death on the horizon and talked of how he had fought the good fight and run the race to the finish line (2 Tim. 4:7). He saw the crown of righteousness awaiting him and all who are faithful until death.

I especially love the way God described the life of Abraham. “Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age” (Gen. 15:15)—not at an old age but a good old age. There is a difference. As you age think about this. Will you die at a good old age? ☺

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

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

Where God Dwells

God is so great as to fill immensity, yet so condescending as to dwell in a penitent soul (See Isa. 57:15). Like the soul of the prodigal son (Luke 15:18-21), or the soul of Simon Peter (Luke 22: 61, 62), or the soul of the humble publican (Luke 18:9-14). God is never satisfied until he finds a home in the human heart. In all the universe there is only one place where he does not dwell-in the heart of the proud, the impenitent, the self-righteous. Such a person has no room for God in his heart, because he is too full of himself- his own ideas, his own plans, his own purposes. God loves a broken heart, but a divided heart he hates. (Rev. 3:15-16.)

ANIMAL INSTINCT



I have somewhere read that, out in the solitudes of the great dusty desert, when a caravan is in peril of perishing for want of water, they gave one camel its head and let him go. The fine instincts of the animal will lead him unerringly to the refreshing spring. As soon as he is but a speck on the horizon, one of the Arabs mounts his camel and sets off in the direction that the liberated animal has taken. When, in his turn, he is scarcely distinguishable, another Arab mounts and follows. When the loose camel discovers water, the first Arab turns and waves to the second; the second to the third, and so on, until all the members of the party are gathered at the satisfying spring. As each man sees the beckoning hand, he turns and beckons to the man behind him. He that sees, signals; he that hears, utters (Boreham). All who find the “water of life” should beckon to other thirsty souls. (John 4:13-14; Mark 16: 15-16).

The Bible

John Adams: “The Bible is the best book in the world.”
Andrew Jackson: “That book, sir, is the Book on which our republic rests.” (Dying words of the great statesman.)
Patrick Henry: “There is a book worth all other books ever printed.”

Your house of great treasure

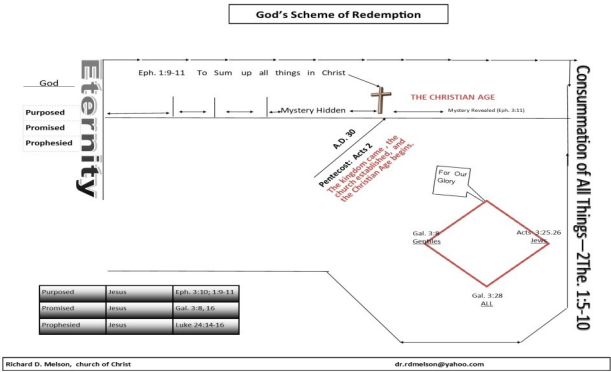


When you think of a house of great treasure, which house comes to mind? Do you think of the Taj Mahal? Or what about Fort Knox? Maybe you think of Willy Wonka’s Chocolate Factory? Is there some reason that your own house doesn’t immediately come to mind?

Proverbs 15:6 states, “In the house of the righteous there is much treasure.” Have you looked around your house lately? God says that if you are “righteous” then you are surrounded by “much treasure.” Of course, we automatically think of material treasure, but there is “much” greater “treasure” than material things!

While every material blessing in your house is from God (Matt. 6:33; Jas. 1:17), of “much” greater value is “every spiritual blessing” (Eph. 1:3) that is yours in Christ, such as: forgiveness of sins (Eph. 1:7), fellowship with God (1 John 1:3-4), mind-surpassing peace (Phil. 4:7), inexpressible joy (1 Pet. 1:8), Christian family (Mark 10:30), reserved home in heaven (1 Pet. 1:3-5). Yes! You have a house of great treasure!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



The Wrong Room

On June 6, 1981, Doug Whitt and his new bride, Sylvia, were escorted into their hotel's fancy bridal suite in the wee hours of the morning. In the room they saw a sofa, chairs, and table, but no bed. Then they discovered the sofa was a hide-a-bed, with a lumpy mattress and sagging springs.

After a fitful night's sleep they woke up in the morning with sore backs. The new husband went to the hotel desk and gave the management a tongue-lashing. “Did you open the door in the room?” asked the clerk.

Doug went back to the room. He opened the door they had thought was a closet. And there, complete with fruit baskets and chocolates, was a beautiful bedroom! How often we miss out on life's greatest blessings because we are looking in “the wrong room.” We often look for happiness and fulfillment in the world. But we're looking in the wrong place!

The world offers many pleasures. Some are acceptable to God; some are not. A beautiful sunset, the majesty of mountains, brightly colored flowers, and inspiring music are great blessings to man. But some, such as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, are sinful in God's sight (1 John 2:15-17).

The greatest blessings in life-things like peace, love, forgiveness, and hope are not found in the world; they are found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). And Jesus is the door through which we must enter to receive these truly great and lasting blessings (John 10:7-9). Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by through me” (John 14:6).

Have you been looking in the wrong room? Enter through the Door of Life on God's terms and you'll find, by God's grace, the greatest blessings of all.

-David A. Sargent

- ☞ Potter Children’s Home Coin Can— We have 12 new empty coin cans in the office. Please pickup one fill.
- ☞ Potter Children’s Home—Commodity and Christmas gifts will be picked up Saturday Nov. 29th at 1:00 PM
- ☞ Fall Harvest Event for Kids! Sat. Nov 1, @ 4-6 PM
- ☞ Preteens-teens Lock-In Permission Sheets are available.
- ☞ Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday November 2, because at 2:00 AM Sunday November 3, daylight Savings Time ends. **Fall Back One Hour**
- ☞ Ladies Day— “Sisters Needing Sisters”—Nov. 15
- ☞ 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