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RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE		November 23	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Bible Class	54	Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Attendance AM	81	Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Chris Poole
Attendance PM	36	Lead Lord’s Supper	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Wednesday PM	39	Server 1	James Grigsby	Lyle Cole
PRAYER REQUESTS		Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Prayer for Health: Mary Rutland; Dana Grigsby; Kay Feldman; Mary Sanders; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Phil Tydings; Traveling: Prayers: Repentance: Jaren Sutherlin Baptism: Sympathy: Member Birthdays: November — 14– Ruby Cole; 16– Tally Poole; 26 – Cadence Vance; Anniversaries: November — None Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Dec. 11 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 13 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”		Scripture Reader	Jaren Sutherlin	Jaren Sutherlin
		Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
		Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
		Closing Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
		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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CHECK YOUR “THANKSGIVING LIST”

Dan Jenkins

Since it is Thanksgiving week, let me ask you, what are you truly thankful for? As strange as it may seem, the answer you give is likely the very opposite of the answer Paul would give. Read his words, then read them again, slowly. “*Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake*” (2 Cor. 12:10).

How can anyone take pleasure in infirmities? The word signifies the opposite of strength, it signifies weakness and the inability to produce results. If this seems strange, keep reading. How can anyone take pleasure in reproaches? The word indicates insult, contempt, and harsh treatment. So many of us can hardly go without words of encouragement from others. If this seems those periods in his life where his enemies pushed so hard against him. If this seems strange to you, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in needs? We are living in a time when the cost of what we consider necessities is almost overwhelming. Paul took pleasure in those times when the necessities of life were scarce. If this seems strange to you, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in persecutions? Compare in the previous chapter his list of all he had suffered and compare it to what we have to endure. Paul took pleasure in those periods in his life where his enemies pushed so hard against him. If this seems strange to you, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in distresses? This word is best defined as being pressed on every side so severely that it appears there is no escape. If this seems strange to you that Paul would find pleasure in this, keep reading.

To understand Paul’s “*Thanksgiving List*,” read the rest of the verse. “For when I am weak, then I am strong.” Pay special attention to the words “when” and “then,” for they point to the same time. It is not that “after” I am weak and look back on a situation that I became strong. At the time of his greatest weakness, he had his greatest strength.

When life is easier and we have so many good things for which we can be thankful, we can so easily forget how good circumstances can make us forget about living close to God. However, when circumstances are not “pleasant,” we sense our need for God and turn to Him. He is there, because when we draw near to Him, He draws near to us. James says that such times when trials come, we should count it all joy. He then gives the reason, and it is the same one Paul gives. The results of such trials strengthen us and bring us to spiritual maturity (James 1:4). It might be a good time to look at our lists and see that the best times in our lives is when we are having trials! ✍

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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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- Supporting**
- Christian Courier
 - Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
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 - 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

Devotional Thoughts: At The Ladder's Foot



On a busy street thoroughfare, where the surging throngs of people went their way, stood a ladder guarded by a young man. At the top of the ladder his master was at work painting the building against which it leaned. The young man at the ladder's foot kept a firm hold upon his charge, and the serious look in his face was enough to make the passing crowds careful not to jostle him.

As the ladder was being shifted, a passerby said to the painter: “Your man, who only stands at ease here, looks as if he had a harder job than yours.”

“He has that,” answered the painter. “If he were to allow that ladder to slip I should fall to my death. And beside, look at the stream of people passing here. That heavy ladder coming down upon them, would kill many. Yes, sir, my man has a more serious piece of work than I have there is life in his hands, and an instant of carelessness might make him guilty of manslaughter. The work that seems easy is often the most responsible, and this is a case of that kind. He is not only holding a ladder; he is protecting many lives.”

How great is the number of people who perform very faithfully responsible tasks which seem trivial to the careless observer. But they are not unappreciated by those who know the difference between the easy and the hard duties of life. And “the Master of all good workmen,” seeing their steadfast and earnest devotion to duty, is satisfied that they are doing a great work.

“I get the benefit out of it”

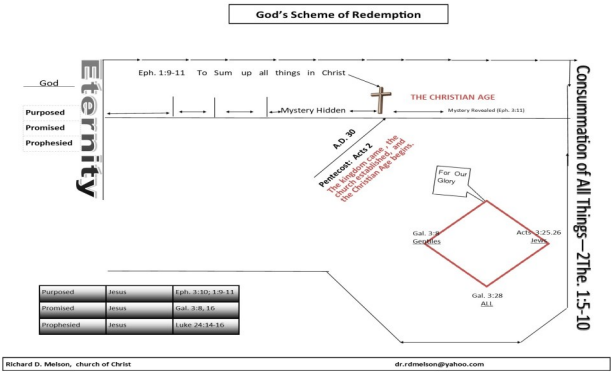


When someone invests wisely and reaches the time for their retirement, they “get the benefit out of it.” Someone else might just want a quiet dinner at their favorite restaurant after a long week, and they “get the benefit out of it.” But, Christians looks at things differently.

Not long ago, there was a Christian who was lending a hand to a fellow Christian and made this comment, “I get the benefit out of it.” Really? We serve and help others so that they will “get the benefit out of it,” because they are the ones who need it. Yet, the way that God designed Christ-like living is that, when done truly out of a humble and agape-love filled heart, “the benefit out of it” is enjoyed by BOTH the receiver and the giver.

The Bible principle states, “Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (Ga. 6:6-7; 2 Cor. 9:6). God works this for us in agriculture as a vivid picture of how it works in our personal lives. Are you serving your fellow Christians? Who “gets the benefit out of it”?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Home Before Dark

I quicken my steps as the deep shadows lengthen
And take the short cut by the bridge through the park
My feet may grow weary, but I stop not or linger
For I want to get home before it is dark.

If I paused to sit down by the wayside to rest
My muscles would stiffen and I could not arise
Then someone would help me and I would go stumbling
Aware only of darkness from cloud-shrouded skies.

I want to go home still upright, and seeing
The way I am going and the road I have come -
Aware of myself and the place I am seeking
Then let it be dark when I have reached home.

Lord, grant that my lot may be to keep serving,
Let not mental blankness deter me from work,
Hold me up in the last wavering steps of my journey
Lord, let me get home before it grows dark.

How brief are the hours of man's mortal senses.
Their portals may close ere the end of the day
And even the mind in monarch dominion
May fall from the throne and go tottering away.

My eyes and my ears are losing perception -
Stern portents that rapidly sunset arrives--
O let not the region of reason be desert
Barren and bleak while the body survives.

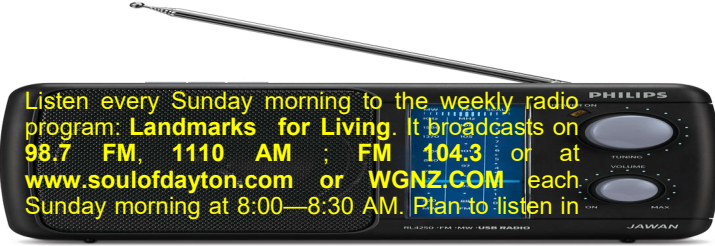
As shadows enclose me and evening draws nearer –
Proof I am approaching life's terminal mark –
Please, Lord, let the summons come calling me quickly
And let me reach home, before it is dark.

- Charles R. Brewer

We Want You in Bible School

1. It is a profitable investment of your time on Sunday morning.
2. It presents an interesting program for your delight and spiritual uplift.
3. It affords an opportunity to serve God and the church.
4. It teaches the Bible, which is the basis for obedience to God.
5. It helps you to learn of Christ who died for you.
6. It provides friendship and fellowship of real Christians.
7. It helps to develop Christian character.
8. It helps you to realize that you must prepare for a life beyond the grave. *✍*

- ☞ Potter Children's Home Coin Can— We have several empty coin cans in the office. Please pickup one to fill.
- ☞ Potter Children's Home—Commodity and Christmas gifts will be picked up Saturday Nov. 29th at 1:00 PM
- ☞ Saturday, Dec. 6 Men's Business Meeting 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