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PRAYER REQUESTS

**Prayer for Health:** Mary Rutland; Jerry Thomas; Dana Grigsby; Kay Feldman; Mary Sanders; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Phil Tydings; Karia Sutherlin; Anthony Givens (LA) suffered a stroke; Geri Allen (LA)

**Traveling:**

**Prayers:** Carolyn Johnson, Karia Sutherlin, Anthony Grigsby

**Repentance:**

**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”

November 30	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord’s Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	James Grigsby	Chris Poole
Scripture Reader	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
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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## POOR INVESTMENTS

M. Norvel Young (1970)

There is discouragement among investors in the stock market. In some cases, there is despair on the part of those who have lost their life savings. At the same time, some investors are pleased with the profit on their investments.

Long before the sophisticated stock market men were worried about poor investments: “Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor for that which satisfieth not?” (Isa. 5: 5.)

Evidently Isaiah's contemporaries had experience with spending time and money for things that did not satisfy. In our age of affluence, we know what this means, Never have we invested in so many houses, cars, gadgets, and trips with so much spiritual hunger. Isaiah points to our problem. We are using our resources in the wrong way. They are not bringing us the dividends we need for abundant life here and eternal life to come.

Take out your checkbook and see what it reveals about your value system. For example, do you think a new car is more important than spending the same amount in Christian hospitality? Or than a year of education for your son or daughter? Or the support of an orphan, or the support of a preacher for six months? Or again, is it better to invest more in resources than in helping a relative get an education, or to buy stocks rather than radio or television time for the Gospel to be preached in love?

Most of us come to the end of life with more money than time. We invest to ward off poverty when we are old and spend very little “laying up treasures in heaven.”

But the point of Isaiah is that our investments don't bring real satisfaction to us or our families. Is it because our whole value system is askew? Do we really believe that it is more blessed or happier to give than receive? If we do, then we will show it by our investment of time, talent, and money. Once we accept the reality of the joy there is in giving, we will sell our possessions as the early Christians did so that we can enjoy helping our brethren. As we have opportunity, we will be thrilled to do good unto all men, especially those who are our fellow disciples. (Gal. 5.) Many young Christians today see the hypocrisy of Christians who say they love God and invest their time, talent, and money in material possessions. This “turns them off.” They see Jesus as he teaches us to seek first his Kingdom and depend on God to add to us those things we need here.

Many of them are attracted to Jesus who calls on them to sacrifice all for the love of God, to lose their lives in order to find their real selves. But they are often disappointed in the lives of followers who invest in material creature comforts while claiming to follow the One who had no place to lay his head. *GR*

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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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  - 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

## “New Things Make Me Nervous”

The writer recently began a gospel meeting with a preliminary pronouncement that we had not come to bring something new but something old. Everything planned for the proclamation aspects of the meeting will be as old as the New Testament. At the conclusion one of the elders closed the service with a hearty endorsement of the foregoing statement. In essence he said that *“new things in religion make me nervous.”* This should indeed be true of us all. Something which is newer than the New Testament is too new to be New Testament doctrine. It is not old enough to constitute a part of sound doctrine. What we preach should be as old as the New Testament. Sin has not changed.

The solution for sin has likewise remained unchanged. The preacher in the pulpit should be afraid to preach something new. The eternal bound soul in the pew should be afraid to receive something new from the pulpit. Both proclaimer and auditor have a solemn obligation to preach and receive respectively only the old Jerusalem gospel.

-Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

### Nearer Home

One sweetly solemn thought  
Comes to me o'er and o'er,  
I am nearer home today  
Than I ever have been before;  
Nearer my Father's house,  
Where the many mansions be;  
Nearer the great white throne,  
Nearer the crystal sea;  
Nearer the bound of life,  
Where we lay our burdens down;  
Nearer leaving the cross,  
Nearer gaining the crown!  
But lying darkly between,  
Winding down through the night,  
Is the silent unknown stream,  
That leads at last to the light.  
Closer and closer my steps  
Come to the dread abyss;  
Closer Death to my lips  
Presses the awful chrysm.  
Oh, if my mortal feet  
Have almost gained the brink;  
If it be I am nearer home  
Even today than I think.  
Father, perfect my trust;  
Let my spirit feel in death,  
That her feet are firmly set  
On the rock of a living faith!

- Phoebe Carey

## The bitter bite of bitterness

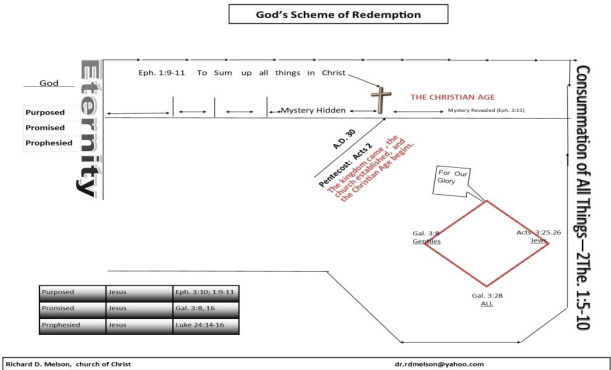


The word “bitter” is defined in English as “angry, hurt or resentful because of a bad experience or unjust treatment.” The Greek word also carries the idea of “animosity, anger, harshness.” This is an emotion that all have experienced and one that feels so natural and justified in the moment. But, it is an emotion that must be controlled (and can be controlled).

Consider the directness and clarity of Scripture. “Let all bitterness...be put away from you” (Eph. 4:31). How much? All! “See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled” (Heb. 12:15). Bitterness causes “trouble” and can lead to being “defiled” and coming short of God’s grace. Sounds serious!

How appropriate that something that tastes “bitter” is an unpleasantly sharp, pungent taste! Watch your attitude! Don’t let an unpleasantly sharp, pungent bitterness spring up in you! It may feel right in the moment, but it will bite in the end.

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson’s Musings ...



## Tragedies !

Tragedies on the highways are horrifying, shocking, appalling. They continue to increase, to mount up as the days come and go. We are bewildered, greatly bereaved. The cause? “Poor streets and highways,” says one. So, the streets and the highways are greatly improved. They are made level and broad and straight. Signals, signs and guide posts are properly placed all along the way.

“Poorly built vehicles,” says another. So, the scientists or mechanics, by diligent effort, improve the vehicles year after year. Marvelous accomplishments are made.

For the improvement of the streets and the highways and the vehicles we are grateful.

But the tragedies continue. Though the streets and the highways and the vehicles are greatly improved, the tragedies continue, even increase. This we learn by means of the radio, television and the daily newspaper.

The chief cause: The man behind the wheel! He is lacking in training, in character, in the precious quality of self-control.

The best way to eliminate tragedies on the **highway of life** is to improve the man-**his heart** and his hand. No matter what the occupation may be, character or the quality of caution or self-control is paramount. We need better roads and highways and vehicles and wheels, but the supreme need is a better man behind the wheel! Son, show thyself a man! -FLC (1971)

(This was written in 1971, but it is still current. We still have the right highway— the Church, Christianity, the Way—Jesus.)

It is the end of the 11th month of the year and almost the start of 12th and last month of 2025!

Thank you Lord for allowing me to make it to this date in this year. Even though it has not been easy and there were days when I wondered, if I would even make it. Thank you Lord for being the God you said you would be. Thank you Lord for challenges sent my way to help be more humble and dependent on you everyday. Thank you Lord for this great land I live in and take for granted everyday. Lord forgive me when I forget to say thank you! ✍

- ☞ Potter Children’s Home Coin Can— We have several empty coin cans in the office. Please pickup one to fill.
- ☞ 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](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://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