

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	39
Attendance AM	70
Attendance PM	41
Wednesday PM	36

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Mary Rutland (Laurels of Huber); Dana Grigsby; Kay Feldman (home); Mary Sanders; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Phil Tydings; Anthony Givens (LA) (rehab) ; Geri Allen (LA)

Traveling: Chantene’ Gray; Lyle Cole

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: The Bogan family—cousin of sister Naree Poole and William Bogan (brother Willie Lee Bogan, of Erie, PA).

Member Birthdays: December— 5— Herman Farmer; 11—Nina Netherton; 15—Dana Grigsby, Dwayne Eslick, Sr., Richard Melson; 23— Tony Moore; 24— Mia Gilbert; 26 – Theresa Wallace;

Anniversaries: December— 27—Tony & Princess Moore

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Jan. 08 @ 6:00 PM
Chapter 1 in “The Begging Place”

December 28	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Chris Poole
Lead Lord’s Supper	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Server 1	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 2	Jaren Sutherlin	Jaren Sutherlin
Scripture Reader	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
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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DISCOVERING THE BIBLE ON A DESERTED ISLAND

Dan Jenkins


Sometimes great truths can be taught by using the most simple thoughts. This is why both Old Testament prophets and even Jesus employed objects and stories to illustrate great truths. The following story is far from being equal with those, but perhaps it will help us understand the truth about the church Jesus built and the religious division in our world.

Imagine a man, isolated on a deserted island, who finds a Bible which has washed ashore. He begins reading it and is so fascinated. There is much he struggles to comprehend, but he learns what this book taught about the origin of man and the earth. He learns about a holy God who expects His creation to obey Him, punishes those who turn away and rewards those who obey Him. He learns of God making a great nation of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and sending prophets to tell that nation that someday a great One would come to deal with all of man’s sinful disobedience.

An amazing thing happens. These words are powerful, and he begins to believe these truths. He has a simple faith which comes from hearing the simple truth. As he reads more, he finds that the great One came—His name was Jesus. He died. He was raised. He ascended back to heaven and left men on the earth to show a new way and established the church.

The man’s faith grows. He changes his life, and he is immersed so that God will wash away all his sins. He worships like those apostles taught men to worship. He lives by the moral precepts they taught. Because he did what those twelve men taught others to do to become members of the church, he does what they did, and God adds him to that church. This story is not an actual event, but if the Bible is from God and is written in such a way that a common man can understand it, it could happen. That Bible this man found was from God, and God fulfilled the promises He made to those who would seek to find Him, hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

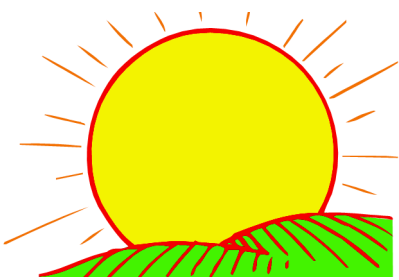
Now imagine that man being rescued and coming into our world. He would learn of churches begun by the Pope, Luther, Wesley, Calvin, Smith, Russell, and other churches based on ecclesiastical hierarchy. He would readily see how different they were from the simple church Jesus started. He would struggle to see the many “faiths” on which these churches were built, but he knew where his faith came from. He had the same faith as those taught by the apostles, and he was so glad the circumstances in his life had taught him the simple truth.

Does this story interest you? Would you like to know more? Let’s talk. We are like that man who seeks to build our simple faith on the One who came years ago. 

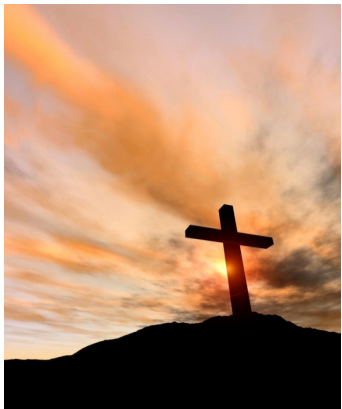
BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17

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

What will you do with today?



Name brand matters



Tram Sessions, who had served in the Alabama legislature, clipped a poem from a magazine and mailed it to Coach “Bear” Bryant. Bryant liked the poem so much that he always carried a copy in his wallet. I think I will do the same. The poem gives us all something to think about as we begin a new year.

*This is the beginning of a new day.
God has given me this day to use as I will.
I can waste it or use it for good.
What I do today is very important because I am
Exchanging a day of my life for it.
When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever,
Leaving something in its place I have traded for it.
I want it to be a gain, not loss—good, not evil!
Success, not failure in order that I
Shall not forget the price I paid.*

—W. Heartsill Wilson

There is a great emphasis in scripture on today. Jesus promised the penitent thief, “Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).

“But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:13).

“We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)” (2 Corinthians 6:1-2).

Today will soon be gone. What will you leave in its place? Why wait to serve and obey Him ?

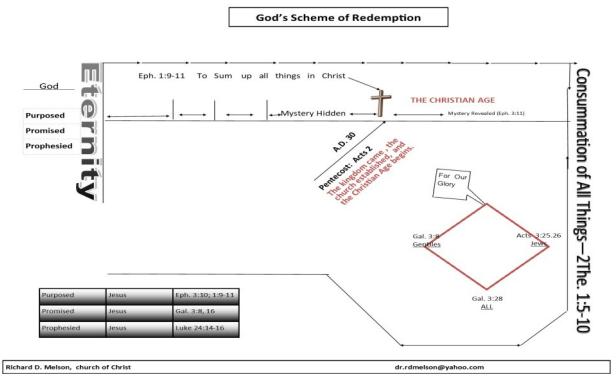
- Bob Prichard

The price of name brand medications today can be extremely expensive, but generic brand often saves a huge amount. The same goes for name brand foods, as the generic brand (or store brand) can sometimes be half the price. This leads many to avoid the name brand as much as possible and just go with the cheapest option.

Unfortunately, this mentality can sometimes creep into one’s religion, as well. We sometimes want the “easy” or “less demanding” religion, or the one that is “closest to where I live,” or the one with “the most convenient service times,” or the one with “the largest number of followers,” etc. We set up our own criteria and satisfy ourselves with the one that satisfies us the most.

The Bible says that “there is no other NAME” than Christ by which “we must be saved” (Acts 4:12), that “all” we do must be done “in the NAME of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:17), and that “every knee should bow” at “the NAME of Jesus” (Phil. 2:9). There is only ONE NAME (brand) that matters and that saves! It’s HIS way or NO way! Avoid cheap imitations!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Are You Concerned About the Future?

There are so many who say that “they are concerned about the future”. Why are they so interested in that which they cannot see or know? Why are we not concerned about today? Dan Jenkins offers insight.

It was Jesus who described the final judgment and discussed the right hand and left hand of the Judge of all mankind. It is truly the most sobering thought that you and I will be there and hear the judgment given as to where we shall be forever and ever.

Every person who has ever lived will be there, for the graves will have been opened. The Judge said, “The hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth” (John 5:28-29). Paul described it, “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body” (2 Cor. 5:10).


The universe, the heavens and the earth will have ceased. Their time of existence will terminate on that day of judgment (2 Pet. 3:7). This is the day “...in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up” (2 Pet. 3:10).

The judgment will take place, and like a shepherd in ancient days separated the sheep from the goats in his flock, so the Shepherd will separate the righteous from the ungodly. You and I will be placed with the righteous “sheep” on His right hand or the unrighteous “goats” on His left hand. The final judgment will happen in this way. “Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world’” (Matt. 25:34). His final message to those on His left hand will be, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire

prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matt. 25:41). You and I will hear one or the other of two sentences— “Come, you blessed of My Father,” or “Depart from Me, you cursed.”

The reality of this time should impact every decision we make and the basis on which we make them. Nothing in this material world will matter, for none of it will exist when time ends. Most people you know think about their future, and they only focus on and value these temporal things. Many have elevated their judgment about how to live each day, but the only truth about the future is the truth from God.

You and I have a view of the future, but we must realize the truth about the future is found in the God of truth. One truth cannot be changed. You and I will without any doubt experience it. “And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal” (Matt. 25:46). Think soberly about the closing words of Peter’s second epistle, “Since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?” (3:12).

Think soberly about these words! 

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- ☞ Take a “**Christian Gift Card**” and give it away to someone you meet.



NEWS AND NOTES

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- 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