

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	39
Attendance AM	70
Attendance PM	41
Wednesday PM	27

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; Valerie Melson; Ashley and Alexandria Thomas; Victoria, Jahmier, David, Aaron and Elijah Dudley

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: January— 5 - Lisa Owens; 15 - Jennifer Arnett; 16 - Valerie Melson; 31 - Krystal Thomas, Chad Arnett

Anniversaries: January— 12—Timothy and Melody Angus

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

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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January 04	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Chris Poole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Server 2	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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Meeting Location:
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

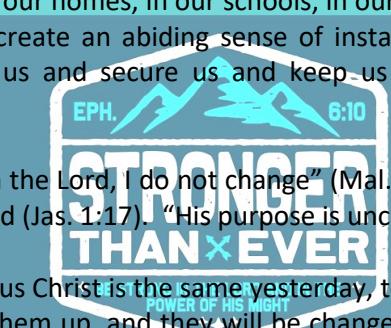
Wednesday
Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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Ministers
All Members

Supporting

- Christian Courier
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
- Memphis School of Preaching
- Greater Midwest Lectureship
- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching



NMR THEME FOR 2026

Wow! There is a lot that is changing around us! Changes are taking place in our government, with our leaders and our system of laws. Changes are taking place in our culture, with what is considered appropriate and what is tolerated. What was once considered a God-fearing nation (to some extent) now seems like a God-hating nation. Changes are taking place in our homes, in our schools, in our jobs, in everything around us. All of these changes sure create an abiding sense of instability and insecurity. Is there anything that can ground us and secure us and keep us calm in the midst of chaos? Consider this.

God doesn't change. "I am the Lord, I do not change" (Mal. 3:6). "There is no variation or shadow of turning" with God (Jas. 1:17). "His purpose is unchangeable" (Heb. 6:17).

Jesus doesn't change. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). "Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail" (Heb. 1:12). Jesus is "Him who is and who was and who is to come" (Rev. 1:8).

The Bible doesn't change. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matt. 24:35). "The word of God...lives and abides forever...All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the Lord endures forever" (1 Pet. 1:23-25). "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it" (Deut. 4:2).

God's plan for man's redemption doesn't change. "You are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another" (Gal. 1:6-7). "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

God's expectations of mankind don't change. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all" (Ecc. 12:13). With so much changing around us, let us be thankful for, focused on, devoted to and sharing those eternal things of God which do not change.

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

David Sproule

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

Edwards's Resolutions

Jonathan Edward's resolutions were these:
 Resolved to live with all my might while I do live;
 Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, but improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can;
 Resolved, never to do anything which I should despise, or think meanly of in another;
 Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge;
 Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were my last hour of my life.

FORSAKING THE BIBLE

A story is told of a minister who taught an old man to read. He proved a proficient scholar. After the teaching had come to an end the minister was not able to call at the home for some time, and when he did he only found the wife at home. "How's John?" said he. "He's canny, sir," said the wife. "How does he get on with his reading?" "Nicely, sir." "Ah! I suppose he will read his Bible very comfortably now." "Bible, sir! Bless you! he was out of the Bible and into the newspaper long ago." There are many other persons who, like this old man, have long been out of the Bible and into the newspaper. They have forsaken the fountain of Living Waters, and have gone about among muddy pools and stagnant morasses to seek something which might slake their thirst.

MOTHER'S SACRIFICE

In a New Orleans cemetery there is a monument which has created much interest and comment. It represents a ship in the midst of a storm-tossed sea; a mother and child clinging together on the vessel. On the base is an inscription saying they were drowned on July 4, 1900. They were the sole survivors of a large estate, and the question was under whose name should the estate be administered, the name of the mother or the baby daughter. The Court finally decided it should be in the name of the child, reckoning she went down last, because the mother would hold her in a place of safety to the end. A wonderful tribute to a mother's love!

- Minister's Monthly

You are not an underdog—stop living like it!

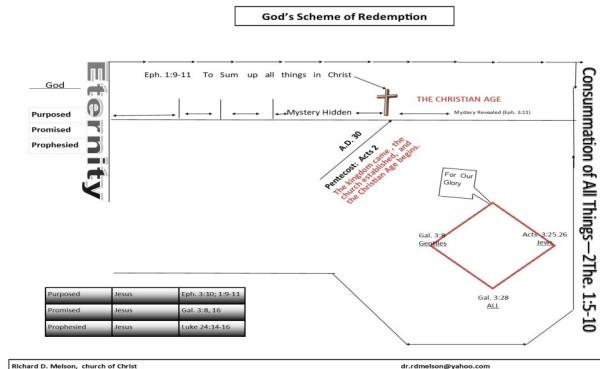


Sometimes there are Christians, for one reason or another, who act like the devil is so powerful and the world is so strong that Christians are just barely going to overcome and win, and that it might be a "close finish." Such could NOT be further from the truth!

Our God is eternal! The devil is NOT! Our God is all-powerful! The devil is NOT! It does NOT matter how imposing or threatening things may seem, such as "death...life...principalities...rulers...powers...present things...future things...insurmountable things...anything else in all creation." Make your list of things that makes you feel like an underdog as a Christian (like these from Romans 8:38-39), and then remember the verse right before this list. "Yet in ALL these things we are MORE than conquerors through HIM who loved us" (8:37).

This verse does NOT say that we are conquerors. That would be great. No! This verse says that we are "MORE than conquerors"! You are NOT an underdog! You are "overwhelmingly" (NASB) victorious, because our "God...is greater" (1 John 4:4; cf. 5:4-5; 2 Cor. 2:14; Rev. 12:11).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



What Will Build a Strong Congregation?

Not sensationalism! Not gimmicks! Nor more committees, nor mere programs, nor a "fun and games" emphasis! These things may be "right-on" for civic clubs, but not for the Lord's church!

What does it take to build a strong church? I believe with all my heart that the following things are essential!

1. Strong Bible preaching and teaching! God's Word, when it is disseminated plainly, forcefully, uncompromisingly, and, yet kindly, will BUILD UP! Paul said, "I commend you unto God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up..." (Acts 20:32).
2. Exemplary leadership! We need men who make themselves "examples to the flock" and who are careful in tending it (1 Pet. 5:2-3). To grow, the church must have quality leadership--men who know how to lead it and will do so.
3. Christian living on the part of every member! Unimpeachable conduct so clearly evidenced in the lives of Christians will illuminate the way for many in the realm of darkness. Read Matthew 5:16 and Philippians 2:15.
4. Congregational warmth and love! The fellowship of the Lord's church should be so sweet and precious that the whole community takes notice, and observes, "See how they love each other!" Without this a congregation will never be what God would have it be!
5. Compassionate hearts! The church of Christ needs to be known as the most tender-hearted bunch of people in all the world. . .ready and willing to help all, and especially those of the household of faith (Gal. 6:9-10).
6. Evangelistic fervor! The emphasis of the early church was soul-winning! The church will grow when we

"teach and preach Jesus as the Christ" every day, wherever we have opportunity! Read Acts 5:2.

7. An "I want to serve" attitude permeating the congregation! People serving the Lord because they love him, and they want to serve, not out of a spirit of drudgery.
8. An atmosphere of happiness, friendliness, cordiality, and hospitality! No stranger should ever come into the midst of the Lord's church without being graciously greeted and welcomed by a happy, friendly membership! We must reach out to others, and not just "visit" with friends only.

It is my conviction that these eight ingredients will build a strong congregation! I pray fervently that all eight will become a reality here, more than ever before.

Think soberly about these words! ↗

- RDM and Maxie Boren

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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