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RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE		January 11	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Bible Class	38	Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Attendance AM	74	Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Attendance PM	43	Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Wednesday PM	35	Server 1	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
PRAYER REQUESTS		Server 2	TBD	TBD
Prayer for Health: Mary Rutland (Laurels of Huber); Carlene Harley; Dana Grigsby; Kay Feldman (home); Mary Sanders; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron and Virginia Robbins; Phil Tydings; Anthony Givens (LA) (rehab) ; Geri Allen (LA); Ronald Moore Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr (Knoxville, TN) Prayers: Sutherlin family; Tony Moore family Repentance: Jaren Sutherlin 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”		Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Patrick Cook
		Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
		Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
		Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
		Announcements	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. 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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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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- Christian Courier
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THE CHALLENGE— CHOOSE JUST ONE!

Richard D. Melson

I thank God for faithful members of the Lord's church who have the ability to write well. When a thoughtful article sent my way I cannot help but share it's contents with you. This article, because of it's simplicity, yet is one that drives home what we are trying to do here at the Needmore Road congregation.

The background to what I am writing is from Neal Pollard, who penned his article in 2007 but it remains valuable in 2026. I have adapted it to Needmore Road.

Neal Pollard took a look at resolutions Christians should consider for the new year. Consider his suggestions.

- ◇ Bring just one non-Christian to church services with you.
- ◇ Focus on one quality in the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control—Gal. 5:22-23) where you most need to grow and work on it throughout the year.
- ◇ Focus on one quality among the beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-12) that you need to incorporate to be more like Jesus.
- ◇ Mend fences and build bridges with one person with whom you are at odds.
- ◇ Find at least one way to be involved in the church's work (options include visiting those who come to our services, those hospitalized, those in nursing homes, shut-ins, transporting those in need to services, assisting in Bible studies, teaching a class, volunteer with the youth, serving at dinners, etc.).
- ◇ Spend time this year trying to master just one Old Testament book and one New Testament book.
- ◇ Hospitality: Share your home by inviting just one new family every month.
- ◇ Increase the amount you give to God this year by at least one percent.
- ◇ Help your family “adopt” just one shut-in and make their life happier in 2026.
- ◇ Spend at least one more hour each day with your family—choose board games over TV, plan activities that allow quality time with them.
- ◇ Go on at least one date with your spouse each month, more if you don't have children.
- ◇ Enrich your prayer life by expressing more gratitude to God, and praying specifically for certain people—the lost, the preacher, our civil leaders, your enemies, etc.
- ◇ Find a way to offer heartfelt, helpful encouragement to at least one person a week.

I challenge you to look at his list and then choose just one of them and make it a reality!

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

“Forgettory”

It was said that Percy Crosby, the cartoonist, had in his yard a small house called a “Forgettory.” That is good spiritual architecture. Much of our misery comes from remembering the wrong thing: Stinging words whipped out by careless friends; honeyed praises, making us arrogant; glamorous past which cannot be recovered. Let us go into the “Forgettory” and there prayerfully submit to God the mistakes of yesterday; let our forgiveness heal the old wounds of stinging words; let the confession of sins humble unearned praises; and be sure that the past holds no good things which cannot be ours in God’s tomorrow.

“Everybody Does It”

How often have we heard this phrase? This is one of the devil’s favorite expressions. We have lived in a democracy so long that we think that the majority is always right. Moses long ago said, “Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil.” (Ex. 23: 2.) Anyone can follow the crowd; it takes courage to stand against popular opinion. When the founders of our country chose a bird to represent the things for which we stand, they didn’t pick a bird like the sparrow, crow, or robin, that flies in multitudes. They chose the majestic eagle. Remember, eagles don’t fly in flocks.

-J. Ancil Jenkins

Thank you teachers !



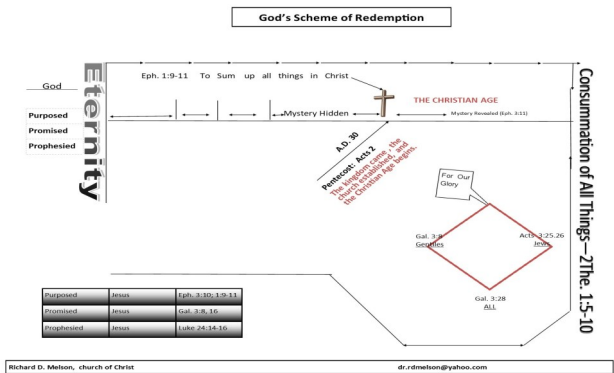
To get from my office to almost anywhere in the church building, I must walk through the hallway of the children’s Bible classes. It is a rare day (if ever!) that I do not reflect on the great folks who teach in that hallway and thank God for them.

Teachers, thank you! Thank you for saying “Yes” to teaching! Thank you for every minute that you spend in preparing your lessons and thinking through every part of your class time! Thank you for giving up your Sundays and Wednesdays, when instead of being fed in a Bible class for you, you are feeding others in a Bible class for them! Thank you for having the heart to serve!

For those who are teaching our children, thank you! Thank you for the investment that you are making in eternity! Thank you for the influence for Jesus that you are having on young souls! Thank you for helping our kids love God, love Jesus, love the Bible and love the church!

Please know that what you are doing down that hallway is regularly noticed, deeply appreciated and richly blessed by God!

Richard Melson & David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Be Stronger Than Ever in the Lord!

I once read something that is in principle true. I do not know of the veracity of the illustrations, but they do hit home.

Real success or genuine prosperity belongs to those in Christ. There is a prosperity which belongs to the world, but we are not seek for it (1 John 2:15-17). Our problem is we continue in allowing the devil to rob us of our joy which we have from God in Christ and hindering the reception of divine blessings.

The story is told of “an undernourished boy that was found on the city street and taken to a hospital. After the nurses had bathed him and dressed him, they put him to bed and brought him his dinner tray. Conspicuous on that tray was a large glass of milk. The boy’s eyes lit up as he reached for the glass, but then he paused and, looking at the nurses, asked a question that broke their hearts: “Can I drink all of it?”

It was obvious that back home there was never enough of anything. It makes me think of the woman who stood watching the Atlantic Ocean and said, “It sure is good to see something that there’s plenty of!”

Too many Christians are living like paupers when Christ has made us rich! Isn’t it time we stopped ... living on substitutes (even religious substitutes) and started drawing on the riches we have in Christ? BE RICH!” (Warren Wiersbe)

As you navigate 2026, live daily in such a way that reflects the relationship you have been blessed to now have in Christ. You are that new creation (2 Cor. 5:17) therefore

live as such. Standing on the great blessings which God our Father has so richly bestowed upon you (Eph. 1:3).

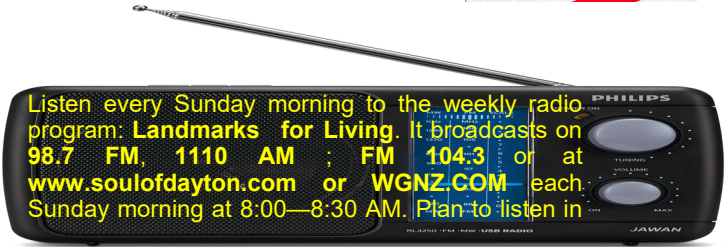
Study Questions:

- To what king did Isaac go? (Gen. 26:1)
- This king ruled of what people? (Gen. 26:1)
- Where did this king and his people dwell? (Gen. 26:1
- What happened that caused Isaac to travel to land of Philistines? (Gen. 26:1)

- Bible Bowl— Study Genesis 26-50
- Potter Children’s Home Coin Can— We have several empty coin cans in the office. Please pickup one to fill.
- Take a “**Christian Gift Card**” and give it away to someone you meet.

To what king did Isaac go? (Gen. 26:1) *Abimelech*
This king ruled of what people? (Gen. 26:1) *Philistines*
Where did this king and his people dwell? (Gen. 26:1) *– Gera*
What happened that caused Isaac to travel to land of Philistines? (Gen. 26:1) *- A famine*

Answers to study questions



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

"Have you heard the voice (words) of Jesus
Whisper, I have chosen you?
Does He tell you in communion
What He wishes you to do?
Are you in the inner circle?
Have you heard the Master's call?
Have you given your life to Jesus?
Is He your all in all?"

(Unknown)

- Minister’s Monthly