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RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE		January 18	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Bible Class	51	Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Attendance AM	76	Song Leader	Chris Poole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Attendance PM	38	Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Wednesday PM	35	Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
PRAYER REQUESTS		Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Ryan McGahee
<b>Prayer for Health:</b> 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; Leon Berry (rehab) ; Geri Allen (LA); <b>Traveling:</b> Richard Melson, Jr (Knoxville, TN); Dollie Jones <b>Prayers:</b> <b>Repentance:</b> <b>Baptism:</b> <b>Sympathy:</b> <b>Member Birthdays: January</b> — 5 - Lisa Owens; 15 - Jennifer Arnett; 16 - Valerie Melson; 31 - Krystal Thomas, Chad Arnett <b>Anniversaries: January</b> — 12—Timothy and Melody Angus <b>Ladies Reading Group:</b> Zoom Class Jan. 22 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 1&2 in “The Begging Place”		Scripture Reader	Jaren Sutherlin	Jaren Sutherlin
		Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
		Prayer for Responses	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
		Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
		Announcements	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
		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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**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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## IF WE WOULD BE STRONG IN THE LORD

Winfred Clark

There is no doubt in the mind of the child of God about his being strong. Time and time again, the Christian is commanded to be strong (Eph. 6:10; 2 Tim. 2:1; 1 Cor. 16:13). This is not an optional thing. It is something required.

But why is it so important to be strong? Are there sufficient reasons given? Let Paul tell us. Listen as he says, "that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11). Again, "that ye may be able to stand in the evil day" (Eph. 6:13). If there were no such enemy as the Devil, nor the days of evil did not abound, we would not have to be strong. But does he tell us how to be strong? Are provisions made to help us? As you read the writings of Paul, you will find a number of things to help us be strong.

- I. WITH THE TRUTH WE ARE GUIDED**
- That is what is meant when he speaks of "having the loins girt about with truth". That means a person's life will be guided in every department by the truth. Such a person will live a life of righteousness (Titus 2:11-12). That person will do what is right in every circumstance of life. Wasn't this true of Daniel in far off Babylon (Dan. 4:7-8)? His loins were enclosed with the truth.
- II. THERE WILL BE THE PROTECTION OF FAITH**
- One will be protected from the darts of the Devil by the shield of faith. This was surely the case with the early disciples. They faced the storms and struggles of persecution. Take a look at the situation in Acts 4. They had been threatened and told not to speak or teach any more in the name of Jesus. Such darts are calculated to discourage and defeat the people of God. But what did they do? Did they give in or were they strong? You will remember they would meet together and pray. They kept their faith (Acts 4:32).
- III. THERE WILL BE CONFIDENCE IN THE WORD OF GOD**
- As one goes to battle, he will have in his hand and heart the Word of God. But if a man does not have the confidence he should in the Word, he is apt to seek a substitute. That will weaken such a person, and Paul knew that. He would not say take "the sword of the Spirit" if he did not have total and complete confidence therein. If we are going to be strong as we should this is an absolute must. There is no reason for us to lose the battles. We can be strong. *W*

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

## Does God See You Dingy?

Have you looked at your car lately? Really looked at it? How does it compare now to when it was new? Look at the headlights—do they still sparkle in the sun, or are they dingy? Look at the paint—do the metallic flakes still glitter across the hood, fenders and doors, or is it dingy?

After a while, every possession we have, including our cars, begins to look dilapidated and dingy. So, how does God see you? Are you not as bright, sparkly, glittery and pristine as you once were? Over time, have you begun to look less impressive to the Lord?

The refreshing reality about forgiveness is that it makes us “new” every time. When a sinner is baptized, he arises to walk in “newness of life” (Rom. 6:4)—clean and pristine. When a Christian sins, repents and asks the Lord for forgiveness, the same blood of Jesus “cleanses” (1 John 1:7, 9) as it did in baptism and makes him “renewed” in the eyes of God (Col. 3:10)—as clean and pristine as he ever was. When God looks at his forgiven child, after forgiving him/her for the four-thousandth time, the child is bright, glittery, clean and pristine—not dingy!

-David Sproule (2013)

### In The Upper Room



To the child of God all portions of the holy scriptures are sacred, but when we come to those portions wherein are recorded the words that were spoken and the deeds that were done by our Lord in “a large upper room,” on the night of his betrayal, we seem to arrive at “the centre of all the sanctities.” These words and deeds, clarified by the prospect of his death, are expressive of the Master’s deepest thoughts and emotions. (See Matt. 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-38; John 13:1-17: 26)

- Minister’s Monthly

## Keep Away from Children !

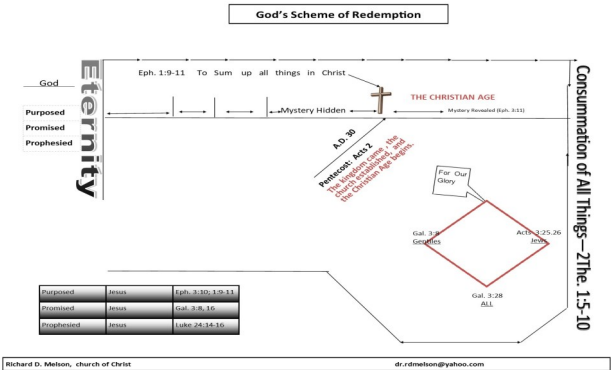


How interesting that within days of each other, two very different Bible story books for children were released! One book, written by two female “Reverends,” shares stories from the Bible, some of which they suggest (example: the story of Jonah) the Bible writers “imagined” or “made-up” and should not be taken as “literal.” WHAT?! The other book presents “guidance, instruction and wisdom” true to “the Word of God” for families, that they might have “an even greater appreciation for the power of God’s Word.” Which one of these do you want to bring into your home or the home of your grandkids?

Sometimes we are too quick to see a Bible “resource” that calls itself a “Bible book” and we unknowingly put it into the hands of someone who will unsuspectingly take it as “Bible.” That could be the hands of a child, a new Christian or even our own hands.

EVERY book we read outside of the Bible MUST be checked BY the Bible to ensure it is ALIGNED with the BIBLE! If it isn’t, KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN (Matt. 18:6; Acts 17:11; Rev. 22:18-19; Gal. 1:6-9; 1 John 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:11)!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson’s Musings ...



### “Blood Transfusions” Needed

According to American Red Cross, “each year, approximately 6.8 million people in the U.S donate blood. Annually, this adds up to about 13.6 million units of whole blood collected for donation in the U.S. The Red Cross provides about 40% of our nation’s blood and blood cell components to donors. Your blood donations are used for patients in need of surgery, cancer treatment and transfusions for blood loss from traumatic injuries.”

About 328 million people currently live in the U.S. and, with the exception of those who have not reached the age when they are accountable for their own actions, every one of them needs a "blood transfusion." This is emphasized in the words of the writer of Hebrews, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins" (Heb. 9:22). Add Paul's words to this, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23) and you will see why so many in this land need blood.

Have you ever considered how much blood has been offered for the sins of mankind? Think for a moment of how many sacrifices were made at the temple. There were the daily sacrifices (two lambs); the Sabbath sacrifices (four lambs); the new moon sacrifices (two bullocks, a ram, and seven lambs); the day of atonement sacrifices (a bullock, a ram, and seven lambs; the Pentecost sacrifices (a bullock, two rams, and seven lambs); the feast of tabernacles sacrifices (during this seven-day period 70 bullocks, 14 rams, 98 lambs, and seven goats); and finally the Passover lambs (one for each family in Israel). This list does not include the burnt offerings, trespass offerings, and sin offerings that were made by individuals throughout the year. Nor does it

include the 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep offered by Solomon at the dedication of the temple. Had the Jews faithfully served God the number of animals sacrifices which would have been offered would exceed 2,000,000 animals!

Then at Golgotha God brought it all to an end with the offering of the blood of the Perfect Lamb of God. It is this blood every American needs in order to live. What are you doing to save the eternal lives of the citizens of this land? ☞

- Dan Jenkins & Richard D. Melson  
**Study Questions:**

- ☞ Who said to whom: *Go not down into Egypt. Dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of?* (Gen. 26:2 )
- ☞ God told Isaac He would establish the oath which He swore to \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 26:3)
- ☞ How did God say He would multiply Isaac’s seed? (Gen. 26:4)
- ☞ Who had obeyed God’s voice? (Gen. 26:5)
- ☞ What did God say Abraham had kept? (Gen. 26:5)

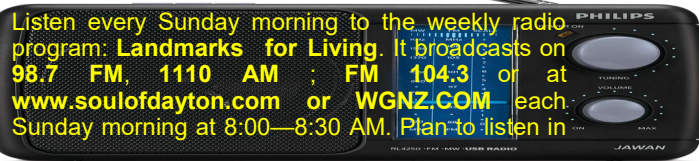
- ☞ Bible Bowl— Study Genesis 26-50
- ☞ Take a “**Christian Gift Card**” and give it away to someone you meet.



Answers to study questions

- ☞ The Lord to Isaac
- ☞ Abraham
- ☞ As the stars of heaven
- ☞ Abraham
- ☞ Both a and b

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## 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