

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	28
Attendance AM	51
Attendance PM	42
Wednesday PM	35

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Mary Rutland (at home); Carlene Harley; Dana Grigsby; Kay Feldman (home); Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron and Virginia Robbins; Leon Berry ; Geri Allen (LA); Rosina Arnold

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr (Knoxville, TN);

Prayers: Phil Tydings (Hospice Care @home)

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: February— 4 - Betty Blakley; 13 - Tena Eslick; 16 - Frank Brock; 19– Jace Vance; 21– Jerry Thomas; 22– Brenda Wiley; 28– Deborah Crane

Anniversaries: February— 25—Ron and Virgina Robbins

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class Feb. 19 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 2 in “The Begging Place”

February 08	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord’s Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Server 2	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Patrick Cook
Sermon	Kevin Berry	Kevin Berry
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
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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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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Who COMMITS The SIN

Don Walker

In Exodus 32 we read of the incident of the golden calf. In Moses' absence the people called upon Aaron to “make us gods, which shall go on before us” (Exod. 32:1). Aaron then called for the golden earrings and “fashioned” it with a graving tool, after he had made it molten calf (Exod. 32:4). “And when Aaron saw it, he built an alter before it; and Aaron set down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play” (Exod. 32:5,6).

As we close chapter 32 we read in verse 35, “And the Lord plagued the people, because **they made** the calf, which **Aaron made**”. Johnny Ramsey, in Volume One of “PRACTICAL BIBLE STUDIES” writes, “When we participate in an act of evil, whether we are the leader in such shameful conduct or not, we become partakers of the ungodly activity” (Pg. 24). Participation in or even aid to and condoning ungodliness provides guilt by association.

This very principle is brought out in both the negative and positive as we look at 2 John and 3 John. Let us notice these two instances and then make some practical application.

In 2 John 9-11 we read:

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds”.

Linking ourselves with a doctrine, even if it is by just bidding them that God be with them, associates us with the guilt of that false teaching. On the positive side we read in 3 John 6-8:

“Which have born witness of thy charity before the church whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth”.

The point is that association with God by doing his will naturally associates us with those who are also doing His will, though our services and abilities may differ. It tells us that though we may not be doing the teaching, we can become associated with and linked to the teaching of a doctrine and thus held accountable for what is taught. It is clear, association, in any way, with ungodliness makes us partakers of their evil deeds.

Paul would simply state in 1 Thessalonians 5:22, “Abstain from all appearance of evil”. “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:11). Our responsibility to false doctrine and ungodliness is two-fold. **First, we must not fellowship it; and secondly, we must reprove it.** To compromise with association is to become guilty of the sin whether we are the leaders or not.

With this in mind let's each study our Bibles more and more.

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

The Divine Prescription Case



Many are the ailments of the soul of man; but the great physician has a remedy for every ailment. Let us approach him in faith and follow his directions. Note the prescriptions for the following.

Care: “In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” (Phil. 4:6).

Fear: “There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment.” (1 John 4:18a).

Greed: “Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matt. 6:33).

Pride: “Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.” (1 Pet. 5:5b).

Lust: “Walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” (Gal. 5:16).

Selfishness: “Whosoever would save his life shall lose it and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.” (Matt. 16:25).

Heart trouble: “Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me.” (John 14:1).

Loneliness: “I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee . . . Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Heb. 13:5b; Matt. 28:20b).

Despair: “Why art thou cast down, O my soul? . . . Hope thou in God.” (Psa. 42:5).

Coldness: “Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking forthe mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” (Jude 21).

Weakness: “They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isa. 40:31).

Heaviness of guilt: “Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you m the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins. . . . If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7). -F. L. C.

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What you miss when you miss

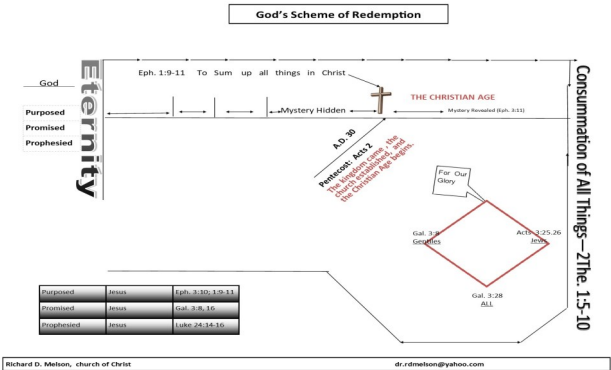


The nature of the Lord’s church (by definition and by design) is to be an assembling people, who “come together as a church...in one place” (1 Cor. 11:18, 20). Rather than view that merely as a “requirement,” children of God ought to share the heart of the hymnist Joseph Swain, who wrote of “How sweet, how heavenly” it is when God’s people “delight” in each other’s presence.

Some folks miss assembling often, while others don’t miss as often. But, can I share with you what you miss when you do miss? You miss warm hugs. You miss gentle handshakes. You miss looking a sister in the eye and seeing her smile. You miss sitting next to someone who loves you because of Jesus. You miss hearing the beautiful singing voices around you, while you blend your singing for them to hear as well. You miss the sense of belonging and family. You miss being an encouragement to others just by your presence. You miss how much it means when you are here. Nothing is as good as or can replace what you miss.

When you miss, oh, how deeply you are missed!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Don’t Give Up !

Dag Hammarskjold once wrote: “When the morning’s freshness has been replaced by the weariness of midday, when the leg muscles quiver under the strain, the climb seems endless, and suddenly nothing will go quite as you wish – it is then that you must not hesitate.” I like that spirit – unwilling to give up, refusing to quit!

The successful life prescribed by Christ requires faithfulness unto death: a hand on the plow with no looking back, steadfast perseverance: racing hard for the tape, fighting the good fight of faith. “In diligence not slothful,” “do not lack diligence” (Rom. 12:11a) The devil loves it when we simply relax our efforts. He has had a good day if we become discouraged and are ready to quit. There are temptations to overcome, disappointments to handle, personal sins that beset us; burdens that depress us. And Satan is standing by urging that we quit trying, quit the race, quit the journey. But wait; Christ is present. “Consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart” (Hebrews 12:3).

Someone once asked James J. Corbett, at that time heavyweight champion (1892-1897) of the world, what was the most important thing a man must do to become a champion? He replied, “Fight one more round.” The Duke of Wellington said that the British soldiers at the Battle of Waterloo were not any braver than Napoleon’s soldiers – but they were brave for five minutes longer.

That is about it for the Christian. An essence success is fight just one more round. Be brave for five more minutes. It is the difference between defeat and victory.

-Richard D. Melson & Ronnie Parker

Bible Bowl Study Questions:

1. Who was Laban’s father? (Gen. 29:5)
2. Who was coming to the well with the sheep? (Gen. 29:6)
3. What time of day was it when she came to well? (Gen. 29:7)
4. What did Jacob do after he rolled away the stone and watered the flock? (Gen. 29:10-11)
5. How did Laban greet Jacob? (Gen. 29:13)

- 👉 Bible Bowl— Study Genesis 26-50
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Answers to study questions

1. Nahor

2. Rachel, Laban's daughter

3. High day

4. He kissed Rachel

5. Embraced and kissed him

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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