

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	42
Attendance AM	61
Attendance PM	30
Wednesday PM	36

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Kay Feldman (home); Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron and Virginia Robbins; Leon Berry ; Geri Allen (LA); Rosina Arnold; Janis Bland; Marie Tolley; Lamott Meritt (knee surgery);

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr. (Knoxville, TN); Patrick & Ashley Thomas; Chris and Tally Poole

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Family of Mary Rutland

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 Virginia Robbins

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

February 15	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Lyle Cole
Scripture Reader	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Closing Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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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OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

Winfred Clark

One would no doubt be surprised that the term "Savior" would appear but one time in the gospel of John. One time in the KJV you will find the word. It appears in this context. There are some who have come from the city of Sychar out of Jacob's well. They have come because of the woman's report who had gone to draw water. Now they have seen and heard for themselves. They now say to the woman,

Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world (John 4:42).

They found in Him those confirming facts that He was the Savior. He is seen in the book of John as such. He is seen as:

This will become evident in the testimony John will present as he writes. For example, listen to the language of John the baptist, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). He does not just take away sin from some in some parts of the world but from those who have sin in any part of the world. John would later say, "for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). Yes, he is a universal Savior. His blood will atone for the sins of those in China, Africa, Russia, Columbia, San Francisco, New York and Athens. Men in every part of the world can say, "His blood reaches even me." All can have hope because of Him.

A UNIFYING SAVIOR

That one who is the Savior of all is one who seeks to unify all. That was a part of His mission. Jesus says, *And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd (John10:16).*

Here we see His desire to unify and also how He would unify. As men listen to His voice or teaching and follow Him, all are united. We cannot hope to obtain such while ignoring what He has to say. But as we heed His Word, we will have fellowship with others who do likewise.

A UNIQUE SAVIOR

He is the only Savior we have. There is no other. No other can do for us what Jesus does. No other can provide what Jesus provides. He alone offers the salvation we need. Listen to His words, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). There is absolutely no other way to the Father. This sort of thing is exactly what Peter had in mind when he said, *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).*

His is the only way. What a Savior! *✍*

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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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STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

The Eternal Goodness

Who fathoms the Eternal Thought?
Who talks of scheme or plan?
The Lord is God! He needeth not
The poor device of man.

I walk with bare, hushed feet the ground
Ye tread with boldness shod-
I dare not fix with mete and bound
The love and power of God.

You praise His justice; even such
His pitying love I deem;
Ye seek a King; I fain would touch
The robe that hath no seam.

Yet in the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed trust my spirit clings-
I know that God is good!

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

I know not where His islands lift
There fronded palms in air;
I only know I can not drift
Beyond His love and care.

-Whittier

"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, Freed-Hardeman College, Henderson, Tenn.

- Minister's Monthly April 1957

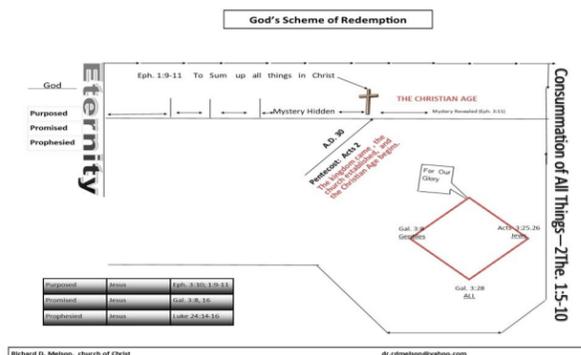
Christians and government and police



In listening to and reading posts from some Christians over the last decades, it appears that some have forgotten what the Bible says. Consider carefully that what God says still applies today. Feel free to argue against this...with Him!

"Let every soul [you!] be subject to the governing authorities [even in America]. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves [that still applies]...For he is God's minister to you for good [trust God!]. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil [this includes authority given to police by the government]. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor" (Rom. 13:1-7).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Be an Innocent Defendant

Have you ever been in a courtroom? Have you ever seen a movie or television show that had a scene in a courtroom?

When someone is accused of doing something terribly wrong they are tried in a court. The person accused is called the defendant. The people responsible for showing that the defendant is guilty of doing wrong are the prosecution. If the prosecution is able to present enough evidence to show that the defendant is guilty, then the judge will sentence the defendant as guilty. But if there is not enough evidence, the defendant is found innocent.

In New Testament times, when a defendant was brought before the judge who sat in a chair that was on a raised platform. Someone would grab the hair on the back of the defendant's head and pull his head back. This was so that the judge could see the defendant's full face during the court case and during the sentencing.

In Hebrews 4:13 we read, "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." The word for "opened" in the Greek was sometimes used for the defendant having his head pulled back to face the judge.

Jesus is our Judge. He will eventually give us our final judgment. But He also judges us every day. He knows everything that we do. He knows everything that we say. He knows everything that we think. He knows when we do good. And He knows when we do wrong. He takes the facts and decides if we are guilty or innocent.

When we are young and small and do not know right from wrong, He allows us time to mature. But when we are old enough to know right from wrong and we are old enough

to make the right choice, He holds us guilty if we do something wrong.

That is why we must make sure that we know how to avoid making wrong choices. The only way to do that is to study, learn and apply God's word, the Bible specifically the New Testament to our lives. And if we do make a wrong choice, we need to know what to do so that Jesus' blood will wash away that sin. Only in these ways will we be found innocent when we are standing before the Judge.

Bible Bowl Study Questions:

1. How long did Jacob stay with Laban before Laban hired Jacob? (Gen. 29:14-15)
2. How is Leah described? (Gen. 29:17)
3. Jacob loved Rachel. How long did he offer to work for her? (Gen. 29:18)
4. How long did his employment seem to Jacob? (Gen. 29:20)
5. Who did Laban give Jacob to marry? (Gen. 29:21-23)

Answers to study questions

1. A month
2. Tender eyed
3. 7 years
4. A few days
5. Leah

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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