

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	38
Attendance AM	62
Attendance PM	34
Wednesday PM	38

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Kay Feldman (home); Florine Thomas; Mary Vance; Glenna Adair;; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron and Virginia Robbins; Leon Berry ; Geri Allen (LA); Janis Bland; Marie Tolley; Lamott Meritt (knee replacement surgery);
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr. (Knoxville, TN); Norris & Diane Cole; Rosina Arnold
Prayers: Phil Tydings
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 Virginia Robbins
Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class March 5 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 4 in "The Begging Place"

February 22	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Server 2	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGhee	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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STRENGTH IN THE CHURCH

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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 could ever blend the enthusiasm for world evangelism that has arisen in the past twenty years with the basic Bible stance of years gone by the church of the Lord would be even stronger. To do this we must have parents who deeply saturate their children with the cultural environment of Christianity (Eph. 6:4). We need elders who lift up their eyes and view the teeming millions that are ready for a spiritual harvest (John 4:35). However, those same elders must be careful to keep the sheep the Lord already has away from the wolves who teach false doctrine. (Acts 20:28-32)! Then, when the new converts come along, as the result of passion for lost souls, they must be properly fed a balanced diet of solid Bible messages (Eph. 4:20-24; I Peter 2:1-3). Sadly, though, we lack solid elders and godly parents in so many places today. We also desperately need bold, courageous gospel preaching everywhere (Acts 20:20-27) that builds within old and young alike proper regard for the sacred text. The strength of the church can best be seen in those who allow Christ and His word to richly indwell them (Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:16-17).

Some brethren think we are strong when we raise a million dollars for physical buildings. However no such emphasis can be found in the New Testament. When we give millions to spread the gospel-and we could if we quit trying to be "fashion models" in clothes, cars and jewelry-then we will be like the first century saints (II Cor. 8:5). The strength of the church lies not in pampering and entertaining of youth but in challenging them to study fervently and serve ardently in the Master's cause. Paul told Timothy to preach the Word (II Tim. 4:2). Today young men who are called "youth directors" are told to take their subjects on a ski trip or "load up for a ride to an amusement park." Such things do not make the church strong spiritually!

The church will be strong when we are not ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1: 16). Yes, when we are so zealous for Truth that the world-and weak brethren-call us fanatics Did not Paul say in I Cor. 4:9-11 that the apostles were "the filth (garbage) of the world"?

The Lord demands that we be faithful (Rev. 2:10). He also warned that when the world speaks well of us we are in bad company (Luke 6:26). In the beauty of Ephesians 3:21 we are told to glorify God, in the church, by Christ Jesus, forever. Let us diligently strive to accomplish that noble aspiration. May the Lord's church be stronger because we cared!

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

What every man needs to hear



The man after God's own heart was getting ready to die and he had one last message for his son, Solomon (who was maybe in his early 20s). It is the message that every man of every age needs to hear. It is the message that every son needs to hear. Listen to it carefully, "Be strong, and prove yourself a man" (1 Kgs. 2:2). Not "choose who you want to be" or even "be a good person." You're a man, so "prove yourself a man."

But...how? How does a man prove himself a man? Keep reading. "And keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written..." (2:3). What is a true man? How do we train our sons to be men? What kind of man should we want our daughters to marry? The man who does what the Lord says and walks faithfully in His ways.

What advice are you giving to young men? What are we raising them to be? Are we urging them to be man...as defined by God?

-David Sproule

EMPHASIS

Birds build their nests, rear their young, and make their annual flights to other climates.

But, so far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbors; and no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in the earth in which to hide; and no squirrel ever died in anxiety lest he had not laid up enough nuts for two winters instead of one; and no dog ever lost sleep over the fact he did not have enough bones buried in the ground for his declining years.

Therefore, since we are greater the animals, let's put our emphasis on the right things!

Adapted from Waynesboro, VA

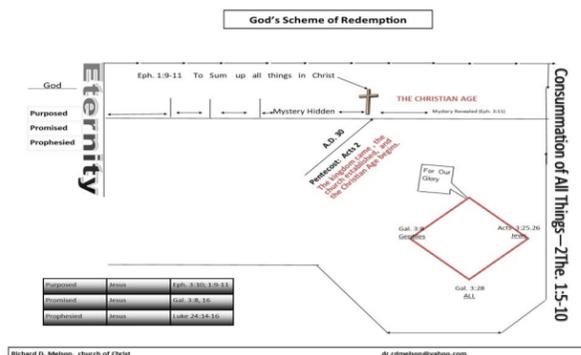
If you turned it off for one day



What if you took a slip of paper and wrote the answers to the following questions? If you turned off the television for one day, how many minutes would that give you? 30? 60? 240? If you turned off social media for one day, how many minutes would that give you? If you turned off the video games for one day, how many minutes would that give you? If you turned off YouTube videos for one day, how many minutes would that give you? If you jotted down some numbers for each of those questions, what would be the total? Do you know how much combined time the typical adult spends on these four media entertainment options each day?

The average is 7-8 hours each day. You may argue with that and say you are below average. Ok, what's your total? It's at least four hours, but probably closer to the average of 7-8 hours. This article is not telling you to turn everything off! But just to raise a question: what could you do for the Lord, for His church and for your own spiritual health if you took back just 1-2 hours each day?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Various Words of Encouragement

WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU?

Are you an active member the kind that would be missed? Or are you content that your name is on the list? Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock? Or do you just stay at home and criticize and knock? Do you take an active part to help the work along? Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs? Do you ever voluntarily help at the guiding stick? Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique? Come out to the meetings and help with hand and heart? Don't sit at home complaining; come out and take a part.

Think this over, member, you know right from wrong. Are you an active member or do you just belong?

RECIPE FOR LIFE

- 1 cup good thoughts
- 1 cup consideration for others
- 1 cup sacrifice for others
- 3 cup forgiveness
- 1 cup kind deeds
- 2 cup well beaten thoughts
- 2 heaping cups patience

Mix these thoroughly and add tears of joy, sorrow, and sympathy for others. Flavor with little gifts of love. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and raise the texture to great heights of Christian living. After pouring all this into your daily life, bake well with the heat of human kindness. Serve with a smile! via Colorado Springs, CO

Bible Bowl Study Questions:

1. Who bought Joseph when he was carried to Egypt? (Gen. 39:1)
2. Who was with Joseph as he served his master the Egyptian? (Gen. 39:2)
3. What did Joseph's master see? (Gen. 39:3)
4. What did Joseph find in Potiphar's sight? (Gen. 39:4)
5. What position did Potiphar give Joseph? (Gen. 39:4)

Answers to study questions

1. Potiphar
2. The Lord
3. That the Lord was him. That the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.
4. Grace
5. Overseer over his house



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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