

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	37
Attendance AM	56
Attendance PM	23
Wednesday PM	25

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Kay Feldman; Florine Thomas; Mary Vance; Glenna Adair; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Virginia Robbins; Leon Berry; Geri Allen (LA); Janis Bland (Grafton Oaks); Marie Tolley; Lamott Meritt (knee replacement surgery); Steve Washington

Traveling: Ashley Thomas (work); Norris & Diane Cole; Rosina Arnold

Prayers: Phil Tydings; Karia Sutherlin; Carolyn Johnson

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Robbins family

Member Birthdays: March— 6 - Melody Angus; 9— Rita McGahee; 10— Samuel Jones; 11— Mary Vance; 17 - Pat Norris; 18— Layne Vance; 27— Karia Sutherlin, Lyle Cole; 28— Cynthia Lease; 30— Timothy Angus, William Bogan

Anniversaries: March —

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class March 5 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 4 in "The Begging Place"

March 01	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Ryan McGahee	Ryan McGahee
Server 2	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry 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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ROCK OF AGES

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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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We have a song in our song book that refers to the "Rock of Ages." It has proven to be a favorite of millions who sing it over and over. It offers so much comfort and hope. It says there is a refuge to which we can fly when sorrows and burdens seem to crush the very life out of us.

Paul makes a statement in 1 Corinthians 10:4. Here he tells us the Rock that followed them was Christ. We know that he is also referred to as the Cornerstone. Isaiah refers to Him as a precious stone (Isa. 28:16).

We would do well to ask ourselves just what lessons we could learn from such an expression.

I. HE IS A ROCK THAT GIVES SUPPORT
The stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner (1 Peter 2:7). Paul would reinforce this by such statements as, "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). That means one can feel secure when his hope rests upon Christ and what He has to say. I don't have to wonder whether or not it is true. It is right and can't be wrong.

When one is told to believe the gospel and be baptized to be saved, he knows such will rest upon the solid foundation of the Rock of Ages. After all, those conditions were set by Christ (Mark 16:15-16).

II. HE IS THE ROCK THAT SHELTERS
Did not Isaiah speak of a good man being "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" (Isa. 32:2)! Have not many men found refuge under a rock in the middle of a storm? Haven't rock ledges been the shelter from the pelting rain?

Isn't it in Christ that one finds the shelter he needs when the threat of storm comes his way? Remember that he would cover the children of Jerusalem under His wings as a hen does her chicks (Matt.22:37-38). Yes, in Him, they would have found shelter.

III. HE IS THE ROCK THAT OFFERS SECURITY
David often said, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress" (Psm. 18:2). His position in and on the rock would surely offer the security that he would need. This gives him the advantage of the high ground.

IV. HE IS THE ROCK THAT CAUSES SOME TO STUMBLE (Matthew 21:42-44)
Some had real difficulty. They could not understand how the Son of God could suffer as He did. That was not a part of what they had been taught to believe about the Christ. When He did suffer and die, such caused some to stumble.

The simplicity of the gospel still causes many people to have the same problem.

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

Choices We Make



We are, that is, our lives are the result of the choices we make.

They really determine who we are.

If we are educated it is because we made the choice to be diligent.

If we are happy it is because we made the choice to enjoy certain things like inner peace, tranquility, love, kindness—fruit of the spirit.

If we are thankful, it is because we made the choice to learn and understand what thankfulness means.

If we are a good person it means we made the choice of good things over evil ones.

If we are evil we made the opposite choice.

If we never seem to have enough time to do all the things we want to do it is because we made choices on our time demands.

Matthew Henry, a well known Bible commentator kept a diary of his daily activities. One day he was robbed at gunpoint and subsequently made the following entry in his diary:

“Let me be thankful— First because I was never robbed before. Second because although they took my wallet they did not take my life. Third because they took my all, it was still not much. Fourth, because it was I who was robbed , not I who robbed.”

What choices will you make this day--Will you choose wisely?

Will You choose to:

- Hear God’s Word
- Believe and obey it
- Repent of your sins
- Confess Jesus before men
- Be baptized for the forgiveness of sins.
- Begin a life of faithfulness unto death.

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15)

He doesn’t ask for my own blood, but ...

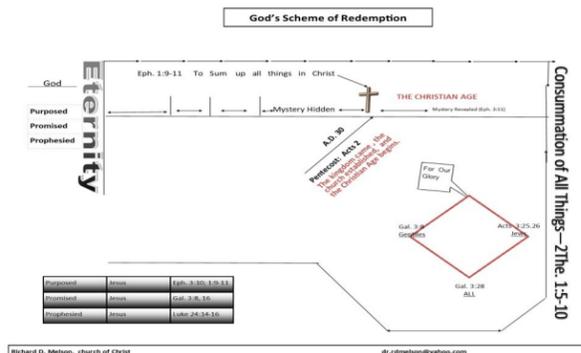


Under the Levitical system, priests would offer the blood of animals (certainly not the priest’s own personal blood) to make atonement for the sins of the people (Ex. 29:36-37), but that blood could not “take away sins” (Heb. 10:4). But, when Christ came into the world, He did not come to offer someone else’s blood.

Note the emphasis in these four verses. “The church of God” was “purchased with His OWN BLOOD” (Acts 20:28). It was “Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His OWN BLOOD” that He “obtained eternal redemption” (Heb. 9:12). In order to “sanctify the people,” Jesus “suffered” and gave “His OWN BLOOD” (Heb. 13:12). What a marvel it is to think how Christ “loved us and washed us from our sins in His OWN BLOOD” (Rev. 1:5).

These are the only four verses in the New Testament with the words “His own blood.” They emphasize that it is Christ’s own blood (and no other blood) that was given to wash us, purchase us, redeem us and sanctify us! He paid the ultimate price! What kind of sacrifice have I made for Him?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Distractions

Time is so often in short supply. We are all too busy. There are too many distractions in life—sports, work, the weather. Family is squeezed out, and God is squeezed out.

The heart of the congregation meets on Wednesday night—but we too can be too distracted to remember God.

“Distractions increase crash risk.” We can be too distracted to hear God. We can crash our lives.

Consider the words of the Psalmist in chapter 46:1-3 and verse 10 and ponder, do I exalt God? “Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth” (Psalm 46:10).

Did you make time to pray today? Not just at meals, etc. But really pray?

Did you make time to read the Word—not just to fulfill your reading requirement, but to really know God?

Satan’s lie is that we are too busy for God. Jesus answered temptation with “It is written.”

Satan wants you to become distracted from the greatest work of all—seeking the lost (Luke 19:10). Remember that we are to set our affections on things above (Col. 3:1-2).

Bible Bowl Study Questions:

1. What did the Lord do for the Egyptian’s house while Joesph served in his house? (Gen. 39:5)
2. What did Potiphar leave in Joseph’s hands? (Gen. 39:6)
3. Joseph was a goodly person and _____? (Gen. 39:6)
4. What did Potiphar’s wife want Joseph to do? (Gen. 39:7)
5. How did Joseph react to Potiphar’s suggestion? (Gen. 39:8)

Answers to study questions

1. Blessed his house
2. All that he had
3. Well favoured
4. Lie with me
5. He refused

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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