

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	51
Attendance AM	73
Attendance PM	43
Wednesday PM	43

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Carlene Harley; Kay Feldman; Florine Thomas; Mary Vance; Glenna Adair; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Virginia Robbins; Geri Allen (LA); Janis Bland; Lamott Meritt

**Traveling:** Rosina Arnold; Richard Melson, Jr.

**Prayers:** Phil Tydings; Karia Sutherlin;

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**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 19 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 4 in "The Begging Place"

March 08	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Chris Poole
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Steve Washington
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Jerry Thomas
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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## BIBLE REASONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Winfred Clark

We live in a day and age when people are looking for reasons. That is good. Such an approach will cause one to act in a fashion that is intelligent. There are also cases where one may be told to do, or not do a thing. That person may respond by saying "Why?". That is, they want to know the reason.

If you take the time to look at your Bible, you will see some reasons outlined as to the "why" people ought to live right.

**1. TO SAVE THE LOST**  
This is clearly spelled out. Peter speaks to the wife who has the husband that is not a Christian. She is told to, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. (1 Peter 3:1-2). Notice that the wife is told what to do, and she is also told why she is to conduct herself in that way. In short, her life is to be lived in such a way that she may be a Christian influence and save the husband.

**2. TO SILENCE THE OPPOSITION**  
This is surely seen the language of Paul to Titus. Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you (Titus 2:8).

The man that is a Christian is to so speak and so act that nobody can have any real reason to speak a word against him. He may not agree with what he believes but he cannot deny the kind of life he lives. This was true in the case of Daniel.

**3. TO SUPPORT THE TRUTH**  
Listen to the language of Paul, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27). This passage calls for a life that will support the gospel. It will be a life that attracts people to the gospel rather than having them repulsed by such. One would not listen to one like the priest or Levite that passed by on the other side of the road. He would however pay some attention to what one like the Samaritan had to say. Surely the gospel would make one more like the Samaritan than the priest and Levite.

Yes, there are reasons for living the life a Christian is to live. *W*

**STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10**

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

## WORDS



Words. Aren't they something! Stop and think for a moment about the ability we enjoy to communicate verbally with one another.

There is a connection between the gift of speech and the image of God reflected in every human life. The short, beautiful "Prologue" to John's gospel describes the Word of God in all its power, love, light and ultimately, humanness. God's most complete exposure of himself to us took the form of a word - a word made flesh. Words are the stuff of life.

Satan often turns them into the poison of death. Have you noticed every time God speaks the Adversary is there to counter with a different word? Just as God communicates through us. Satan can use our mouths as megaphones for his message, his hate, his destruction.

Words are powerful. Words spear, cut, slice, lance. Words infect. Words destroy. Words bum. Words divide. Words lead to war. Words kill.

Words. God's greatest gifts which supply hope, healing, friendship and redemption. Satan's most trustworthy tools for undoing God's people.

A choice faces us today. Our words - to whom will they belong? Our speech - who owns it through our lives? Our Lord... or someone else? ---

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear." (Eph. 4:29 NAS)

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Larry James  
Richardson, Texas

## The war that matters!

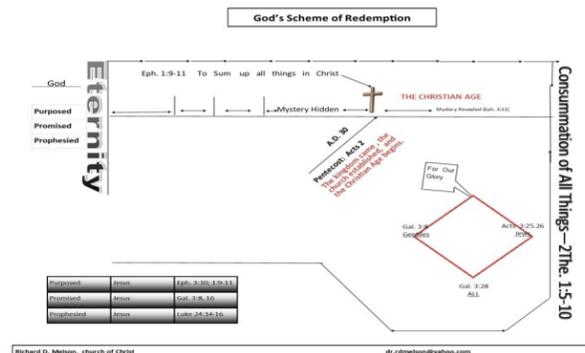


With 24-hour news today and immediate information available on every possible desired detail of any event, we quickly get absorbed (if we so desire) into current events, especially when it involves war (or war-like activity). It becomes all we can think about, talk about, pray about, etc.

What's interesting is that as spectators, none of us is privy to all the reasons or all the ins-and-outs of the decisions of war. But we think we know enough to comment like we know it all. The truth is that we only know bits and pieces.

The reality is that there is a much more devastating war that's going on! The stakes are much higher! And, it's a war in which we are intimately familiar with every possible detail! The devil has attacked us and engaged in a "war against the soul" (1 Pet. 2:11). Your eternal destiny is at stake (Jas. 1:13-16). You are not a spectator—you are the target! Put on your armor (Eph. 6:10-18). Listen to your Commander (Ecc. 12:13). Engage the enemy (Jas. 4:7). Become absorbed in every detail (2 Cor. 2:11). Win the war (1 John 4:4; 5:1-5).

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



## Second Fiddle



The most difficult Instrument to play in the orchestra of life is second fiddle. Few there are who are willing to take second place of their accord or who accept being placed second by another; but, brethren, It is essential to a Christian. John the Baptist showed the right attitude to Christ when he said, "He must Increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). Jonathan yielded lovingly to David (I Samuel 20:30,31), and Barnabas showed the greatness of his character by yielding place to Paul. Every Christian needs that kind of attitude if the work of the Lord is done. When we quit worrying about who will receive the credit and who will take the lead, we will begin to understand, "In honor preferring one another" (Romans 12:10) and to see self-crucified as that now only Christ truly rules our motives and actions (Galatians 2:20). No orchestra would be able to function at its best without "second fiddle" and the church cannot function at her best unless we can play "second fiddle" comfortably whenever it is necessary In our service to the Master.

- Oran Rhodes

## THE STORY OF TWO BEARS

In a village there lived an old couple who often had sharp quarrels. Everybody in town knew how much they quarreled . Suddenly they quit quarreling , and they were never heard to dispute after that . The townsfolk wondered what made the change. Finally one brave woman asked . "Two bears did it, " said the wife. "Two bears? " . . . " Yes, two bears we found In the Bible . . . ' Bear ye one another 's burdens (Gal . 6:2), and Forbearing one another In love (Eph . 4:2)' .

## NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: [www.wvbs.org](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org); <http://gbntv.org/>;
- View: In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM; [www.anchorofthesoul.com](http://www.anchorofthesoul.com)
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

## 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

**Answers to study questions**

1. Beersheba
2. Offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac
3. In visions of the night
4. To go down into Egypt
5. A great nation

- March 15th Bible class will meet at Tipp City congregation to support the gospel meeting with Phil Sanders

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