

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

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| Bible Class | 46 |
| Attendance AM | 70 |
| Attendance PM | 38 |
| Wednesday PM | 27 |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Florine Thomas; Mary Vance; Pat Norris; Glenna Adair; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Virginia Robbins; Janis Bland; Rita McGahee; Jerry Thomas

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Tim & Melody Angus; Richard & Valerie Melson (MSOP Lectureship)

Prayers: Carolyn Johnson; Jaren Sutherlin

Repentance: Carolyn Johnson

Baptism:

Sympathy: Kevin Berry (death of his uncle Roy)

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, Rhonda Fox; 30— Timothy Angus, William Bogan

Anniversaries: March —

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class April 02 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 4 in "The Begging Place"

| March 29 | BRETHREN TO SERVE AM | BRETHREN TO SERVE PM |
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| Opening Prayer | Chris Poole | Chris Poole |
| Song Leader | Lyle Cole | Patrick Cook |
| Lead Lord's Supper | Michael Blanks, Jr. | Michael Blanks, Jr. |
| Server 1 | Anthony Grigsby | Anthong Grigsby |
| Server 2 | Tony Moore | Tony Moore |
| Scripture Reader | Patrick Thomas | Patrick Thomas |
| Sermon | Kevin Berry | Kevin Berry |
| Prayer for Responses | Frank Brock | Frank Brock |
| Closing Prayer | Norris Cole | Norris Cole |
| 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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4 PILLARS IN TIME OF CHANGE

Cody Westbrook

Change is the only constant in life. Presidents come and go and culture shifts in different directions. Accidents happen, illness comes unexpectedly, children are born, and parents pass away. Elderships change, members move away—preachers too—deaths and births occur, and congregational dynamics shift. As we often sing, "Time is filled with swift transition." So, how do we navigate those transition? By holding fast to that which does not change.

The first chapter of Joshua chronicles a time of change for the children of Israel. Moses, their great leader for more than 40 years, had died. Surely that would have produced feelings of angst and uncertainty for Israel, and even for their new leader, Joshua. Thus, Joshua 1:1-18 supply four unchanging pillars to encourage Joshua, and Israel, in a time of transition.

Remember the Faithfulness of God's Promises (Josh. 1:1-4). Moses may have died but God's promises to bring Israel into Canaan, fight for them, give them the land, and bring the Messiah into the world through them, had not changed. No matter the time or change, God's promises stand firm.

Find Strength in God's Presence (Josh. 1:5-6; 9; 17). "I will be with you" is the common refrain in each of these passages. Israel would not fight the battles alone, and neither will we (Heb. 13:5-6).

Emphasize God's Word (Josh. 1:7-8). God is faithful and always with His people but there is a condition - meditation and application of His Will. God's Word and its requirements of us stay the same. No matter the change, allegiance to His Word will carry us through.

Depend on God's People (Josh. 1:12-18). Though Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh would stay on other side of the Jordan, they would first join their brethren in the fight to conquest Canaan. Whatever change may come, we can always find strength in the fellowship of God's people!

Change will come. Transition is a fact of life and it will happen many times over. But God does not change (Mal. 3:6), and so, like Israel, we must look to Him to carry us through.

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

The Church



The church is not made up of people who believe they are better than others, but rather it is made up of those who realize that they should be better than they are and must continually strive to do better always.

The church is not made up of perfect people, but people who realize they are following a perfect Lord and a perfect law and therefore must do the very best they can.

The church is not made up of people who never make mistakes, but those who often acknowledge their mistakes and then forsake them. Never must we seek to justify them or continually make the same mistakes over and over again.

The church is not trying to withdraw from everyone but rather to draw everyone into its fellowship and love who are willing to walk in the light where God the Father and Christ the Son are found.

The church is not trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone but rather to show the rule of Christ which helps everyone.

The church is not trying to make you feel ugly, but rather it is trying to instill the beauty of holiness in your life.

The church is not trying to separate you from your money but rather is trying to keep your money from separating you from God.

The church is not trying to become the master of your life, but trying to get you to master yourself.

The church is not trying to rob your life of priorities, but rather trying to get you to put the priorities in your life.

Bulletin Digest—1982
Andrew Connally
Memphis, TN

“God, where are You?”

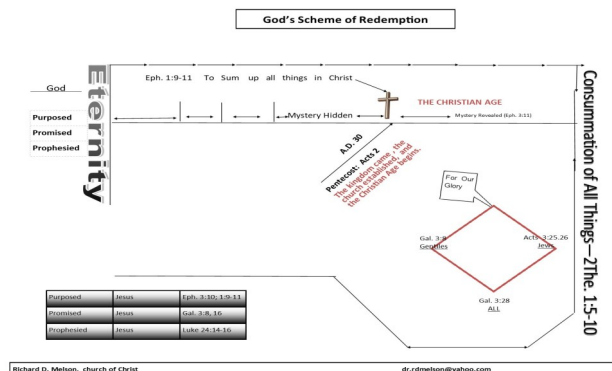


Joseph was thrown into an Egyptian prison for remaining true to God. So, where was God? God was there with him (Gen. 39)! God was also there surrounding Elisha and Israel while the Syrian army was surrounding them (2 Kgs. 6). God was in the deep mire of the dungeon (Jer. 38). God was inside the fiery furnace (Dan. 3) and inside the lions’ den (Dan. 6). God was in the depth of the sea inside a great fish (Jonah 2). God was in the inner prison of Philippi (Acts 16). God was in the midst of the fierce storm on the Mediterranean Sea (Acts 27).

Fellow Christian, no matter what you’re going through and the trials, the storms and the enemies you’re facing, God is there with you! “I will be with you” (Josh. 1:5). “Thou art with me” (Psa. 23:4). “You are there” (Psa. 139:8). “I am with you” (Isa. 41:10). “I am with you always” (Matt. 28:20). “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5).

The promises are bursting forth throughout Scripture. When things are rough, be still and trust Him.

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Evangelism is “Every Members” Responsibility

What is the greatest thing a human can do? How about being President? Developing a cure for Cancer? The logical answer cannot be one of these. There is only one answer. The greatest thing is for one person to bring another to Christ. The bringing of a soul to Jesus is the highest achievement possible in this life. This is something that is possible for every member of the church.

Many have already begun their efforts to win a soul but others have been hesitant. How can you reach this achievement? Perhaps these suggestions will help you.

1. SELECT IT. Choose the soul that you will seek to win. Too many of us get so concerned with winning the world that we sometimes forget the individual.
2. LOVE IT. "Love never faileth ... " Speak of your interest and love for the soul of your efforts. Criticism and nagging do not win souls.
3. TEACH IT. No man can become a Christian until he knows what Christ requires of him. Go to the sermon on the mount and show the kind of life Christ will require. Then turn to the book of Acts and show from the conversions in Chapters 2, 8, and 16 how we become Christians.
4. PERSUADE IT. So many have been taught the gospel, but have never obeyed it. They need your love and kind words of persuasion. Your encouragement may be all that is necessary to lead that soul to Christ.
5. BLESS IT. Pray earnestly that the soul you are seeking to win may be saved. Ask God to help you say the right thing and say it in the right way. Prayer may be the one thing necessary to remove the last barrier.

- Roy Pruitt

On the lighter side ...

LOST A DOLLAR

A small boy came hurriedly down the street and stopped in front of a stranger. "Have you lost a dollar bill?" the boy asked. "Yes, yes, I believe I have!" said the man, feeling his pockets. "Have you found one?"

"Oh, no I just wanted to find out how many have been lost today. Yours makes fifty-five."

ONLY WANTED TO HELP



While in the midst of a rather lengthy sermon the preacher of a “fashionable” congregation was terrified to see a small boy with a straw shooting spit-balls at certain members. The boy noticing him hesitate shouted: "You go ahead with your preaching, Preacher; I'll keep them awake!"

Richard Melson is attending the Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP) lectureship. He plans to be with us on Wednesday. Kevin Berry is with us today.



NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; 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
- 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