

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	61
Attendance AM	100
Attendance PM	44
Wednesday PM	30

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Carlene Harley; Florine Thomas; Melody Angus; Pat Norris (home); Glenna Adair; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Virginia Robbins; Ronda Fox; Janis Bland; Rita McGahee; Valerie Melson (back)

Traveling:

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: April— 8 - Beulah Farmer; 11— Mary Sanders; 12 - Jacob Hoover; 23— Norris Cole, Sr. 25— Carolyn Johnson

Anniversaries: April — 1—Otis and Glenna Adair; 16 — Michael and Rachel Blanks

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class April 16 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 5 in "The Begging Place"

April 12	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Chris Poole
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Tomas
Server 2	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Patrick Cook
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
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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STAY GROUNDED!

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Meeting Location:
2211 Needmore Rd
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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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All Members

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One of life's most difficult challenges, is dealing with difficult challenges. How do we cope with tragedy, cancer, war, or dozens of other issues we encounter in life? The painful reality is that many of life's challenges are simply beyond our control. Neither you nor I have any bearing on the ultimate outcome of the war in Ukraine. We cannot dictate economic policy in Washington, and we cannot prevent a fatality accident caused by a drunk driver. As much as we would like to bring the events of this world under our discretion, we cannot. Thus, the definitive question for us is how to cope with things which we cannot control but still affect us to varying degrees.

Counselors often employ what is called a grounding technique. The idea is to bring a person to the "here and now." Often our anxieties are fueled by concerns over the future or regrets about the past. We fret over unrealistic monsters of our own making. So, we must find a way to focus on what is real and present. We must concentrate on the known instead of worrying over the unknown. This is what a grounding technique is designed to accomplish.

Interestingly, this technique is found throughout the Bible. Consider, for example, Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God..." The Assyrian army had encircled Jerusalem and closed the people like a caged bird. Jerusalem was outnumbered, outmatched, and their resources scarce. During this great challenge Hezekiah appealed to God and He delivered them. Psalm 46 commemorates this event.

How do we cope with trying events in life? We focus on what we know and Who we know—the God of heaven and earth. He sits on the throne. He rules; He controls; and nothing escapes His sight. Our faith is grounded in Him, and so we must trust Him to carry us through the difficult times. Be still and know that He is God! *✍️*

STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10

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

Life is Too Short to Be Little

Benjamin Disraeli is attributed to the quotation for which this article is based. It has helped through many a painful experience. Often we allow ourselves to be upset by small things we should forget.

Perhaps some man we helped has proved ungrateful . . . some woman we believed to be a friend has spoken ill of us . . . some reward we thought we deserved has been denied us . . . We feel such disappointment so strongly that we can no longer work or sleep. But, isn't that absurd? Here we are on this earth, with only a short time to live, and we lose many irreplaceable hours brooding over grievances that in a year's time, will be forgotten by us and everybody. No, let us devote our life to worthwhile actions and feelings, to great thoughts, real affections and enduring undertakings. For, *"life is too short to be little."*

Adapted from
Frank L Cox
Jellico, TN

"Truly Satisfied"

A Quaker put up a sign on a vacant piece of ground next to his house: "I will give this lot to anyone who is really satisfied."

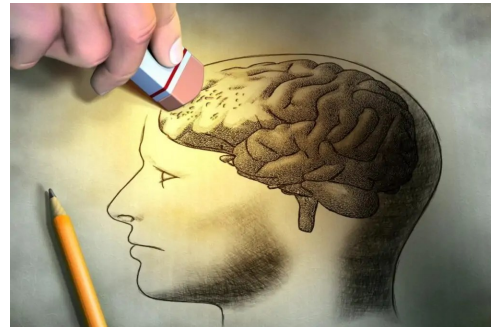
A wealthy farmer, as he rode by, read it. Stopping, he thought, "Since my Quaker friend is going to give that piece away, I may as well have it as anyone else. I am rich. I have all I need, so I am able to qualify."

He went to the door. "And is thee really satisfied?" asked the Quaker. "I have all I need and am well satisfied." "Friend," said the other, "If thee is satisfied, what does thee want with my lot?"

- Mt. Pleasant church of Christ,
Bowling Green, KY

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Charles Moore
Newark, Delaware

Fighting against willful memory loss

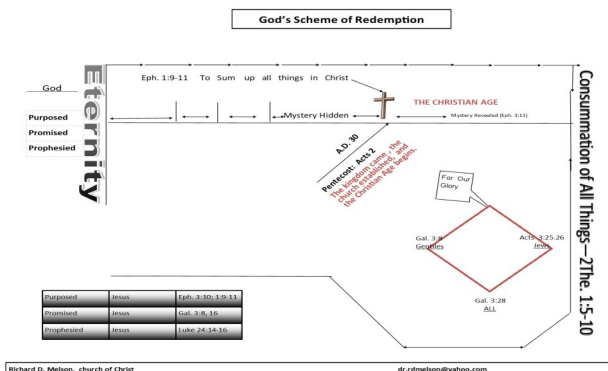


Memory loss is a sad and devastating reality that affects many people who we know and love. Unfortunately, while it is easy to identify in others, it is not so easy to identify in ourselves, especially when it comes to things that really matter.

When Moses was delivering his final messages to Israel in the book of Deuteronomy, he frequently emphasized their need to "remember"(14 times in the book) and to not "forget"(10 times in the book). He urged them to "remember"where they had come from (Deut. 5:15; 15:15; 16:3, 12; 24:22), what they had done against the Lord (9:7), what the Lord had done for them (7:18; 24:18), what the Lord was doing for them (8:18), and what the Lord expected of them (4:23; 8:11).

Go back and read that list again of what Moses was telling God's people to "remember," and recognize that we must be diligent to remember those same things today. Memory loss may be in our future, but let us not willfully forget our God, what He has done and what He expects of us today (2 Pet. 1:9; 3:5; Heb. 13:16; Jas. 1:21-25).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



This Really Happened!

"On Sunday, March 22, 1979 a family placed membership at one of the churches of Christ in Arkansas. That isn't significant news at all. In fact, we probably visualize three or four people walking down the aisle at the singing of the invitation song, sitting down on the front row, putting their names on a card, then checking the little block in front of To Place Membership. They may have done that, but the significant thing is, they did more. They handed the elders--no, not a letter of recommendation, but their own letter.

It said, *"We are asking to commit the welfare of our souls to your care. Although the weakness of the flesh often betrays us, the prime objective of our lives is obtaining salvation for ourselves, our children, and our fellow man. We therefore ask with all sincerity that you help us in every way possible to be successful in this endeavor. Besides spiritual food, encouragement, and fellowship, we fully expect that the help you give might well take the form of numerous requests to serve, instruction, correction, and if necessary even discipline. With this in mind, we ask that when and if either of us responds in a negative fashion to a request or fails to measure up in a given task that you not write us off, but help us grow and as soon as possible try us again. We view membership in this congregation as an obligation to be subject to its eldership, to be helpful and encouraging to all its members and to take an active part in its work. We therefore state our intentions to give freely of our time, our talents, and our money in order to fulfill that obligation."*

THIS REALLY HAPPENED. AND IT SHOULD BE REALLY HAPPENING---THROUGHOUT THE BROTHERHOOD!

via Central Bulletin Ada, OK



In Tennessee several years ago: "The congregation was observing the Lord's Supper. As the brethren gathered at the table, one brother was asked to give thanks for the fruit of the vine. He proceeded thus: *"Dear Father, thank you for this Fruit of the Loom."* The one who reports this adds, "Needless to say, It was difficult for the congregation to keep their minds on their purpose." *GR*

The wives will appreciate the following.

If you have ever had the problem of keeping your husband awake during worship you may be able to relate with this:

A certain brother had been assigned to lead the closing prayer. As a safeguard he told his wife that if he should fall asleep to be sure and wake him in time for his prayer. As usual, the preacher had barely begun his sermon when the husband began to nod. The sermon had progressed about fifteen minutes when the wife, noticing him asleep, gave him a nudge. The husband, thinking sure the nudge meant the service was over, jumped to his feet and began leading the unsuspecting congregation in a closing prayer. Fortunately, I suppose, the preacher was kind enough to allow his sermon to be terminated and the service closed.



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