

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	46
Attendance AM	96
Attendance PM	36
Wednesday PM	44

**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:** Al Washington and family

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:** Cameron Nesbitt (4/15)

**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 30 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 5 in "The Begging Place"

April 19	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Jerry Thomas
Scripture Reader	Steve Washington	Steve Washington
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Closing Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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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# THE EDIFIER

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## YOUR CHILDREN NEED HOMESCHOOLING!

Dan Jenkins

On February 28, 2008 the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in California ruled that homeschooling violated the laws of that state. Over 200,000 children face the possibility of being removed from parental teaching and molding of their lives and being forced to let the government assume these chores. The issue is headed for the California Supreme Court, but the implications are astounding.

The latest information from 2007 shows that Florida has nearly 56,000 children from about 37,000 homes where children are being home-schooled. Palm Beach County has more children (4,070) from more homes (2,996) than any county in the state. The increasing popularity of this method of rearing children (the average annual increase since 1986 is 20%) shows the concern many parents have about what is happening.

All of this has got me thinking. There are those in government who think they know far more about the needs of children than the parents of those same children. Their view is that parents simply are not equipped to ensure children are prepared for life.

Educationally, this concept may be true. However, consider the fact that these same entities believe that morality and ethics should come from the state. They feel that their moral standards are what children need. Let the state, through its schools, teach children about homosexuality, birth control, origin of life, situational ethics, etc. The tragedy is that far too many parents have abdicated their God-given responsibilities in these very areas.

Parents, think about this for a moment. Are you **homeschooling** your children? I am not asking about educational homeschooling, but about using your homes as a school where children learn about God, self-control, kindness, self-lessness, purity of speech, respect for the aged, respect for the infirmed, and reverence for God. Is it possible that when our children began school, we forget the most important "school" of all!

Don't be fooled. In the absence of spiritual emphasis around the dinner table and other social times with your children, Satan will ensure he uses every possible means to capture the souls of your precious children. Every Christian parent should be involved in "home-schooling" his child! *DJ*

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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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- Supporting**
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  - Memphis School of Preaching
  - Greater Midwest Lectureship
  - Potter Children's Home
  - Midwestern School of Preaching
  - Central Carolina School of Preaching

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

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

## Weak Hands, Feeble Knees

“Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come . . . he will come and save you:” (Isaiah 35:3-4).

The fighter enters the ring. His guard is up and he moves quickly around his opponent. But as the fight progresses he tends to drop his hands and stand flat-footed. Finally, utterly exhausted, his hands hang limply by his sides, the knees buckle, the legs give way and he goes down in a heap for the count of ten ... he's out.

The Christian is exposed to the same danger. He begins the Christian life with high hopes and noble resolves. He's fresh and ready to “fight the good fight of faith.” But time takes its toll. Disappointments slap him in the face. He is buffeted by temptations, and slugged with sorrows. He is hit by adversity and left reeling under a blow of sickness. He becomes weary and exhausted. The hands grow weak and the knees become feeble. He's ready to go down for the count.

Stop! Don't let that one fall. The mature Christian stands in the corner of every sagging saint. He is there to “strengthen ... the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.” He is there to speak the word of encouragement: “Be strong, fear not ... your God will come ... he will come and save you.”

Weak Christians are not to be snubbed and shunned. Suppose they are constitutionally gloomy, temperamentally vacillating, physically infirm, carnally minded and easily discouraged.

These very traits constitute a special claim upon the strong. As Paul said, “We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him” (Romans 15:1-2).

Don't turn your back on the weak brother. Set an example of cheerfulness, speak a word of encouragement, lift up your voice in prayer and place an arm of affection about him. Whatever is weak in his faith and hope, whatever tends to dishearten and discourage him, should be attended to.

“Strengthen ... confirm ... speak.” It's the least you can do.  
*John Gipson  
Little Rock, AR*

## People are hurting-get beyond the surface

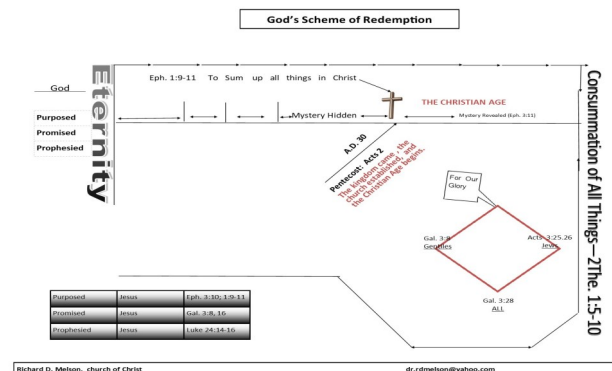


Elisha built a close relationship with a couple in Shunem who cared for him, and he interceded to God on their behalf to miraculously have a child (2 Kgs. 4:8-17). Some years later, the child died at a young age, which threw the “soul” of the mother into “deep distress” (4:18-27). But when her husband spoke with her, she said, “It is well” (4:23). When Gehazi spoke with her, she said, “It is well” (4:26). But when she came to Elisha, she poured her heart out (4:27-28).

Sometimes when we only see people in passing, it's easy to say, “How are you doing?” And it's easy to just get a quick response, “I'm fine.” But often people are not fine. This Shunammite woman was not fine, but she made it appear so to some. How much time do you spend with your brethren? Not just with quick conversations in the church building—that's only “fine.”

How much time do you spend building relationships outside the building that get beyond surface level? How much genuine “love” (John 13:34), “care” (1 Cor. 12:25) and “compassion” (1 Pet. 3:8) do you have for your brethren? .

*David Sproule  
Thought for the Day*



## Melson's Musings ...



### Danger of Neglect

The story is told of a young mother who left her baby in the shade of a tree and went to pick berries. She became so absorbed in her task and more time elapsed than she had anticipated.

When she returned to the child the summer sun had been shining in her baby's face for some time. The child was thus blinded for life.

The mother meant no harm, but what a price she and her precious baby had to pay for her negligence. When parents neglect spiritual matters during childhood and adolescent stages of development, they can expect to reap an unpleasant harvest. For many it is already later than they think. To excuse our neglect by saying “We want ours to make up their own minds,” is to say “We the parents who are most responsible and most influential in our children's lives will not help them in moral and religious decisions. We will let the world, the communists and other atheists and cults and sects do so.” Is that not literally what is happening?

Mere omission of duty may seem to be so innocent but it carries a heavy penalty (Heb. 2:3; James 4: 17).

### Isn't It Strange?

“Only that which is done for the Lord will last.” Think about that:

You work hard for a living. You slave and sweat. You bring home the pay check. It goes for ... groceries, utilities, clothes, car payments, furniture payments, house payments,

Now--in just a few years the furniture will be worn out, the clothes will be worn out, and you'll have to trade for a new house and car. Just a few more years and you will be gone and what you ate or drove or lived in will make no difference at all. Only one thing will remain-- what you did for God.

In light of this fact, isn't it strange to see men and women so very, very carefully planning their lives--how they are going to get the physical necessities and luxuries of life--and leaving God out of their plans?

When we stand before God in the judgment, we are not going to be asked, “How big a house did you have?” or “How much money did you make?” or “How pretty was your furniture?” Rather one question will be, “WHAT DID YOU DO FOR MY CAUSE?”

It's something to think about.

*David Roper  
Nevada, MO*



## 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