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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

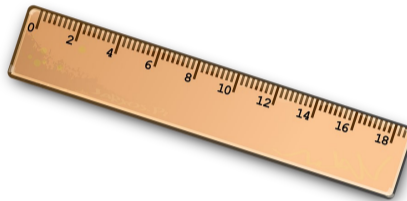
India—Dale Foster, David Nance. & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

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HAVE WE MEASURED OURSELVES LATELY? *By Mike Riley*

The following questions are good indicators of spiritual growth:



- Do we spend time reading God's word and talking with Him each day in prayer? (2 Timothy 2:15 ASV; 1 Thessalonians 1:2).

- Do we look forward to fellowshiping with the Lord? (Hebrews 10:23-25).

- What "fruit of the Spirit" is apparent in our life? (Gal. 5:22).

- Do we talk about Jesus with people who don't know Him? (Luke 14:23).

- How are we using our God-given talents? (Matthew 25:14-30).

- Do we have a generous and giving spirit? 2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

- How much better do we know God today than we did a year ago? (1 John 2:3-5).

A child seems to grow up all of a sudden, but it's actually a continual process. Just as Jesus grew in both wisdom and stature (Luke 2:52), we are to continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

We are no longer to be children, but are to "grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ" (Ephesians 4:14-15). Have we measured ourselves by God's divine standard lately? (2 Corinthians 13:5; cf. John 12:48).

—[Have We Measured Ourselves Lately? - Colbert church of Christ](#)

I WILL OFFER NOTHING THAT COSTS ME NOTHING *By Todd Houston*

"Then the king said to buy it from you for a price; nor Araunah, "No, but I will surely

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Mary Lowrie, Hayes and Margorie Grady.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Tommy Boggess, Tish Clarke, Gina Hutchison and Deb Ahart. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

SPECIAL EVENT: The family of Ann and David Thompson will host a celebration of their **70th wedding anniversary** on Saturday November 12, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the annex at the Green Plain building. Light refreshments will be served. This is a come and go affair and gifts are not requested, just the presence of family, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Bernie and all the family of Marsha Prince who passed from this life this past week. A memorial service will be conducted on Monday Nov. 7th at 11:00 am at the New Concord church of Christ. Visitation is this afternoon (Nov. 6) from 4-7 pm at J.H. Churchill funeral home.

PANTRY ITEMS November 2022: 6—Mixed Vegetables; 13—Chili Beans; 20—Carrots; 27—Green Peas.

October 2022 Anniversaries: 1—Ann & David Thompson; 13—Jane & Brent Morris; 17—Debbie & Mike Ernstberger; **Birthdays:** 15—Jonnie Hutchison. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. Send your name, mailing address and phone number to the address on the first page of this bulletin,

THOSE TO SERVE November 2022

Announcements—Chad

Preside at Lord's Table—Roy & Junior

Lord's Table PM: 6-Junior; 13-Roy; 20-Junior; 27-Roy

Opening Prayer AM

6-Jonnie; 13-Bobby; 20-James; 27-Jim L.

Closing Prayer AM

6-Perry; 13-Dave; 20-Jesse; 27-Chad

Song Leaders

AM—Perry; PM—Mike; Wed—Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

Thanks for Serving!

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Ends this Monday

Nov. 7, 2022

7:00-9:00 PM

(Meet in the Annex)

Larry Powers

"Church History"

Jack Philips

"2 Corinthians"

Thanks to all who attended

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will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So, David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver." 2 Samuel 24:24

Having recognized his sin in the census of 2 Samuel 24, David sought God's mercy and forgiveness (2 Samuel 24:10-17). The people suffered pestilence because of the situation, and David wanted to atone for his wrongs. God the prophet delivered God's decree to David telling him to go raise an altar on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite and offer burnt offerings and sacrifices to God (2 Samuel 24:18). Having received the Lord's demands, David immediately set out to secure the threshing floor from Araunah and offer the sacrifices (2 Samuel 24:19).

As he approached, Araunah saw him coming and went to honor his king and learn the reason for his visit (2 Samuel 24:20-21). Having learned that David needed his threshing floor to build an altar, Araunah demonstrated his humility towards the king and the Lord by offering to give the threshing floor to David along with the animals needed for the sacrifices (2 Samuel 24:22-23). Araunah was willing to sacrifice from his own possessions in deference to his king, an honorable attitude indeed. However, David insisted on buying the threshing floor and other provisions from Araunah for a proper price (2 Samuel 24:24). In the process, David demonstrated a principle of service towards God that we all stand to gain from in our spiritual lives to this day.

David could just as easily have taken the provisions offered by Araunah and made the sacrifices to God. However, he knew that the fault for which the sacrifices were to be given lay at his feet. It was not Araunah's sins for which David needed to atone. It was David's sins. David insisted on incurring the cost for the atonement himself, vowing to of-

fer nothing to the Lord which cost him nothing. How many would have been content to take the easiest, least costly path in such a situation? David understood that God deserves the best His people have to offer as He gives His best to them.

This is a stark contrast to the worship and service so many give to God. A powerful biblical example is that of the people of Judah in Malachi's days. Though they continued to "worship" God with sacrifices, they skimmed on those sacrifices. The law required that their sacrifices be without blemish, the best of the best (Leviticus 22:17-25). However, Malachi's contemporaries dishonored Him by offering the blind, lame, and sick as burnt offerings (Malachi 1:6-9). These offerings were so contemptible that God would have preferred someone just shut the doors of the temple (Malachi 1:10).

Thankfully, you and I would never offer God our leftovers for the sake of our ease and comfort. We would never book our calendars so full of secular events that all we have left for God is an hour on Sunday and perhaps Wednesday. We would never spend so much of our financial resources on our creature comforts that we have virtually nothing to give to the works of the church. We would never pursue worldly wisdom to a degree that left no time or energy to fill ourselves with the wisdom of His will thereby making our lights shine brighter.

It is not that we can take no time for ourselves, nor is it that we can use none of what God has given us for our comforts. This is a call for us all (beginning with myself) to reevaluate what we are offering to the Lord to make sure we are not trying to serve Him at no cost to ourselves. He deserves better. Will we give Him what He deserves? May we determine, like David, never to offer to God that which costs us nothing.



COME VISIT WITH US

The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway 641 - Near the corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you!
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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Bible Study



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
"The Book of Acts"

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"Does Everyone Have A Right To His/Her Own Belief"

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
"The Children of God"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
"A Study of the Minor Prophets"

MONDAY 7-9 PM
School of Biblical Studies

1 Peter 5:8

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."



WEEKLY PODCAST

"Around the Spiritual Table"

In the Around the Spiritual Table Podcast, we will discuss various Bible topics and answer your Biblical and spiritual questions. To submit a topic or question for discussion, please email spiritualtable101@gmail.com. Come sit around the spiritual table with us.

Presented by the Coldwater & Dexter churches of Christ Host: Luke Puckett

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