

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	N/A
Attendance AM	49
Attendance PM	N/A
Wednesday PM	N/A

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Patrick and Penny Cook (COVID) at home; Walter Tolley at home (colon cancer & CHF); Richard Melson, Jr. (pneumonia); Jerry Thomas; Otis & Glenda Adair, Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Jack and Carlene Harley; Johnny and Lenora Vance family; Priscilla Bogan; Tally Poole (knee); John Thomas, Jr. (COVID19 in the hospital near Cincinnati); William Bogan broke a bone in right foot

Prayer: Richard Melson, Jr. Patrick Thomas (work)

Traveling: Norris Cole, II;

Prayers: Norris Cole, II;

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Family of Frank Brock—death of his grandson Kyle Tibbs in Minnesota on Thursday; Naree Poole (niece in Detroit and nephew in Cleveland)

Birthdays: February—4 Betty Blakley, 13—Tena Eslick, 14—Lori Phillips, 16—G.Frank Brock, 18—Katherine Willis, 21—Catherine Anderson, Jerry Thomas, 22—Brenda Wiley

February 7	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Richard Melson	
Opening Prayer	Patrick Cook	
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	
Server 2	Mike Mamula	
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	
Sermon	Richard Melson	
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	
Closing Prayer	Frank Brock	

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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2211 Needmore Rd
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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30
Worship 10:30 A.M.
4:30 P.M.

1st Sunday
No 4:30 PM service

Wednesday

Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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- Christian Courier on The Web
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During the reign of King Jeroboam II of Israel, God sent Jonah to the Assyrian capitol, Nineveh, to warn of their coming destruction. His deep patriotism, added to his national hatred of the dreaded Assyrians, prompted him to run from the assignment. Jonah was afraid the people of Nineveh would heed his preaching and repent, and then God would spare them. He was one of the few preachers God ever sent out who hoped his audience would not heed his preaching. He is the only minor prophet quoted by Jesus (Matthew 12:38-41; Luke 11:29-32).

It is sad when a preacher allows his personal prejudices and attitudes to interfere with his responsibility to proclaim God's word. God's prophet, Jonah, was guilty of this. He did not like his assignment to warn Nineveh of coming punishment due to her wickedness. Nineveh was the capitol of Assyria, Israel's worst enemy, and so Jonah liked the idea of her destruction because of God's wrath. Instead of going east to Nineveh as God had directed, he went west to Joppa and booked passage on a ship sailing for Tarshish. Tarshish, in modern day Spain, was as far from Nineveh as one could get in Jonah's day. He was going "from the presence of the LORD" (1:3). God responded by sending a terrible storm that threatened to destroy the ship and crew. By casting lots, the sailors identified Jonah as the source of their problem (1:7). When he confessed to running away from God, they reluctantly threw him overboard, and the "sea ceased from its raging" (1:15). Jonah found himself swallowed by a great fish prepared by God and spent three days and nights in the fish's belly (1:17).

From deep in the fish's belly Jonah cried to God for help. "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, and He answered me" (2:2). He was confident of God's rescue. "I have been cast out of Your sight; yet I will look again toward Your holy temple." (2:4) He promised to do as God commanded (2:9). So, the Lord caused the fish to vomit Jonah upon dry land (2:10).

God then gave Jonah a second chance. Repeating his original instructions, he told Jonah, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." (3:2) This time Jonah obeyed and proclaimed God's warning to the city. "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" (3:4). To Jonah's dismay the people "believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put-on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them" (3:5). Their repentance worked. "God repented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it" (3:10).

God's decision not to destroy Nineveh greatly angered Jonah. The last thing he wanted was for Nineveh to be spared. This was why he had fled to Tarshish in the first place (4:2). He was so angry at God's decision that he actually prayed to die (4:3). Still hoping for

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