

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	N/A
Attendance AM	65
Attendance PM	N/A
Wednesday PM	N/A

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Walter Tolley at home (colon cancer & CHF); Jerry Thomas; Otis & Glenda Adair, Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Jack and Carlene Harley; William & Priscilla Bogan; Tally Poole (knee); Norris Cole (eye surgery on 24th)  
**Prayer:** Richard Melson, Jr. Patrick and Ashley Thomas (work)  
**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Valerie Melson; Frank Brock; Victoria Dudley; Ashley Thomas  
**Prayers:** Norris Cole, II;  
**Repentance:**  
**Baptism:**  
**Sympathy:** Family of Jerry Thomas—death of his brother John, Jr.; Family of Frank Brock—death of his grandson Kyle Tibbs in Minnesota  
**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  
**Anniversaries**—

February 14	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Richard Melson	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Norris Cole	
<b>Song Leader</b>	Patrick Cook	
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Patrick Thomas	
<b>Server 1</b>	James Grigsby	
<b>Server 2</b>	Denzil Turner, III	
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Anthony Grigsby	
<b>Sermon</b>	Richard Melson	
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Richard Melson	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Michael Blanks, Jr	

**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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## AMOS

Phil Grear

During the reign of King Jeroboam II of Israel, a rugged, plainspoken prophet came up from the harsh, desolate country surrounding the little village of Tekoa in Judah. He was sent by God to rebuke the idolatry and immorality of the nation of Israel. He had a scathing rebuke for those who were wallowing in the lap of luxury while ignoring the warnings of God. He was an outsider who preached an unpopular message, and so his preaching was rejected.

During the reign of King Joash God sent his prophet Amos to warn Israel of coming punishment. Amos was not a prophet by profession but, instead, was a "sheep breeder and a tender of sycamore fruit" from the rugged mountain country south of Jerusalem. Israel had enjoyed several decades of peace and had developed great material prosperity which, unfortunately, also brought sin and decadence.

Using the formula "For three transgressions, and for four ..." he calls Israel's neighbors into account for their sins. But Israel is his true concern, so, using the same "For three transgressions, and for four ..." he turns his prophetic guns upon her. He chastises Israel for greed, immorality, and drunkenness. (2:6-8) They had told God's prophets not to prophesy (2:12). They enjoyed their easy life and didn't want any talk of moral responsibility.

"Hear this word," Amos pleads with them as he begins to reveal Israel's coming fate. "I will punish you for all your iniquities"(3:2). Due to their idolatry, God would destroy the nation, including the wealthy families who thought they were above God's law (3:14).

"Hear this word," Amos pleads as he scolds the lazy, indulgent women of Israel. He rebukes these as "cows of Bashan" (4:1) and warns that their selfish seeking of their own material comforts at the expense of the poor would result in horrible punishment. Their city would be destroyed by an invading army, and they would "go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her" (4:3).

God had called Israel through famine and drought, crop failure, pestilence, and war. (4:6-10) "Yet you have not returned to me, saith the Lord." So now it was time to prepare to meet their God (4:11-12).

"Hear this word," says Amos as he begins a funeral dirge over Israel's fate. "The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall rise no more" (5:2). He pronounces a "woe" on those who desire the "day of the Lord", because it would actually be a day of punishment they could not escape. It would be like fleeing from a lion and running into a bear, then going home,

