

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	35
Attendance AM	73
Attendance PM	27
Wednesday PM	37

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Florine Thomas; Walter Tolley (home); Diane Cole (Norris) [Surgery 4/15]; Jim Thomas ; Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Carlene Harley; Billy Robbins; Glenna Adair

Prayer:

Traveling: Norris Cole, II;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Penny Cook; Marie Tolley

Birthdays: April—8 Beulah Farmer; 12 Diane Cole (Lyle); 23 Norris Cole; 23-Samule Jones, Jr.; 25 Carolyn Johnson; 30 Gladys Chittick;

Anniversaries— 1 Otis & Glenna Adair; C.D.& Judy Arnett

Ladies Reading Group:

Men's Meeting: Saturday May 1, 2021 @ 9:00 AM in the auditorium

Potters Children Home: Commodity: Froot Loop Cereal, Instant Oatmeal, Italian dressing and Marshmallows. Pick up April 20

April 18	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Walter Tolley
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Server 1	Mike Mamula	Mike Mamula
Server 2	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Greeter	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.
Greeter		

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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NAHUM AN INTRODUCTION

Phil Gear

Nahum, whose name means "comfort", certainly had no message of comfort for the Assyrian capitol of Nineveh. Although Nineveh had repented at the preaching of Jonah a century before, the reform had not lasted, and now God's punishment was certain. Nahum's prophecy was given just a few years before the great city met its final doom. Nineveh's wickedness and cruelty had passed the point of no return. God would settle accounts with her.

Every generation must be taught the way of God. In no place is this better illustrated than in the book of Nahum. Only about a century before, Jonah had completed his successful preaching trip to Nineveh that resulted in the city's turning to God. "So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them." (Jonah 3:5) In just a couple of generations Nineveh had returned to her old ways to the extent that God could no longer tolerate their wickedness. So he sent his prophet, Nahum, to warn Nineveh of her coming destruction.

Nahum begins by decreeing Nineveh's destruction in frightening terms. She has refused God and is to be punished for her wickedness. "The Lord revengeth and is furious" (1:2). He is slow to anger but "will not acquit the wicked" (1:3). It is true that he is a "stronghold in the day of trouble" to those who trust in him (1:7), but he will deal severely with those who do not. He will "make an utter end" (1:9) of Nineveh because of her arrogant wickedness. (Nineveh was so completely destroyed that Alexander the Great marched over her location three hundred years later without realizing it. Her ruins were not discovered until 1841.) God promises to break Nineveh's yoke off the neck of her enemies (1:13). There was good news for his people, Judah. They would once again be able to celebrate their religious festivals. "Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publish peace ... for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off" (1:15).

In chapter two Nahum describes Nineveh's destruction, and it is not pleasant. Nineveh was about to face complete military destruction. The chariots of her enemies would fill her streets as "flaming torches" (2:3). They would be so numerous they would "jostle one against another in the broad ways" (2:4). Nineveh's army would "haste to the wall" and prepare the defenses (2:5), but it would be to no avail. The palace itself would be destroyed (2:6), and the people would flee away and not look back (2:8). They would suffer pain as though attacked by a raging lion (2:11-12). "Behold, I am against thee," God tells Nineveh (2:13), and no civilization can withstand that.

The final chapter of Nahum's little book reveals the sins which made Nineveh deserving of her horrible fate. She was "full of lies and robbery" (3:1). Violence was a way of life. She

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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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