

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	29
Attendance AM	75
Attendance PM	39
Wednesday PM	24

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** C.D. Arnett; Catherine Anderson; Florine Thomas; Walter Tolley; Diane Cole (Norris) [KMC]; Katherine Willis; Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Carlene Harley; Otis Adair  
**Prayer:**  
**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Cook family  
**Prayers:**  
**Repentance:**  
**Baptism:**  
**Sympathy:**  
**Birthdays: May**— 2 April Gilbert; 4 Patrick Thomas; 30 – Ron Robbins;  
**Anniversaries** —  
**Ladies Reading Group:**  
**Men's Meeting:** Saturday June 5, 2021 @ 9:00 AM in the auditorium  
**Potters Children Home:**

May 02	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jerry Thomas	Michael Blanks, Jr.
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Patrick Thomas	Alfred Willis
<b>Server 1</b>	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Server 2</b>	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
<b>Sermon</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
<b>Greeter</b>	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.
<b>Greeter</b>		

**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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**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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## WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU ?

Gus Nichols

There are all kinds of members referred to in the New Testament. Some had lost their first love (Rev. 2:4-5). Others had become only lukewarm (Rev. 3:14-19). Some had forsaken the assembling of themselves together (Heb. 10:25). Others had gone all the way back and had fallen from grace (Gal. 5:1-4). Some never did return to the right way (Jn. 6:66; 1 Pet. 2). There are many other classifications of members in the New Testament. Then there are some modern groups each of which has quite a following. What kind of a member are you?

1. Are you a "**oncer**"- one who attends church services only once per week-on Lord's day morning? Such members enjoy good health, but they never come at nights. Had they been at Troas, they would not have heard Paul preach until midnight, and would have missed the fine fellowship of the occasion, plus the witnessing of the miracle of raising a man from the dead there that night (Acts 20:7-14).
2. Some are church "**tramps**" -they go tramping from one congregation to another, worshipping here and there, so as to dodge any responsibility for doing anything in the church and having any part in any real program of work. They are often called "Church Drifters." They never settle down so as to work and grow in the church (1 Cor. 16:13).
3. Others are simply "**leaners**"- they "lean" on the church in every time of illness, misfortune, and the like, but they never contribute to its work. They are out to "get" and not to "GIVE." They are like the dead sea which has no outlet. They have no life. They are like sponges-they take in all they can hold but you have to SQUEEZE them to get anything out of them!
4. Some others are "**specials**" - they work for the church on some special occasions which happen to appeal to them. But the REGULAR work of the Lord has no appeal unto them. The every-day matter of being Christians is to them a drab affair. When they are tuned up they work enthusiastically, but no one ever knows when they are going to get rubbed the wrong way about something. They are "SUPPORTERS" of that PART of the work of the church that they like, but they oppose the other good works being done by others.
5. But some are "**pillars**" - They are always dependable. Without them the church would be a laughingstock in the community. They stand ready at all times to do what they can for the glory of God. They are happy that they have been saved, and feel that if they had a thousand lives to live, they could not do all they would like to do for the wonderful Saviour who came, bled, and died, that they might be children of God and have the happiness which they enjoy in the Lord, every day, along the way.

What kind of a member are you? You need not try to deceive anyone by your answer, for the way you are living proclaims daily the kind of member you are! Maybe you need to change your ways, even up in the church---up to higher ground of Christian living. Many have changed who found themselves in a failing group, doing little or nothing for the church. 📖

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

## Some Unusual Things For Which To Be Thankful

- Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
- Be thankful when you don't know ... it gives you the opportunity to learn.
- Be thankful for the difficult times ... during those times you grow.
- Be thankful for limitations ... they give you opportunities for improvement.
- Be thankful for a new challenge ... it will build strength and character.
- Be thankful for your mistakes ... they will teach you valuable lessons.
- Be thankful when you're weary ... it means you've made a difference.
- Be thankful for the mess after a party ... it means you have friends.
- Be thankful for the taxes you pay ... it means you are employed.
- Be thankful for clothes that fit a little snug ... it means you have plenty to eat.
- Be thankful for a shadow that watches you work ... it means you are out in the sunshine.
- Be thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing ... it means you have a house.
- Be thankful for the spot you find at the far end of the parking lot ... it means you are capable of walking.
- Be thankful for all the complaining you hear about our government ... it means we have freedom of speech.
- Be thankful for a huge heating bill ... it means you are warm.
- Be thankful for the lady behind you in church service who sings off key ... it means that you can hear.
- Be thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing ... it means your loved ones are nearby.
- Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours... it means that you're alive.
- Be thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day ... it means you have been productive.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

## The Bible always works-that's why I'm a preacher

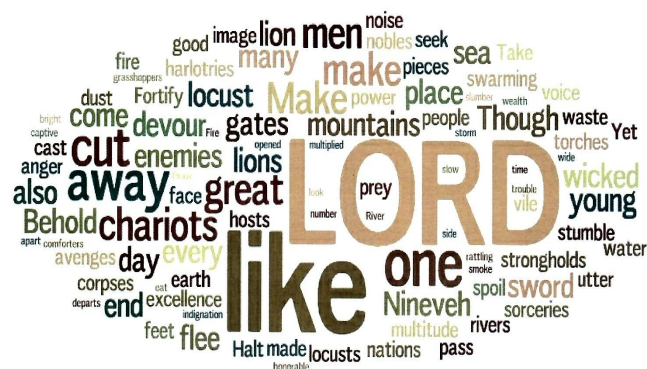


Technology is fun. When it works, it's great! You love it, and you don't even think about "how" or "why" it works. You just appreciate it! BUT, when technology doesn't work, it's NOT great and you DON'T love it! And you have to try to figure out "how" and "why" it isn't working! Sometimes stuff works; sometimes it doesn't. That reality alone can be frustrating!

But, that's one thing that makes the Bible so wonderful! The Bible always works! It doesn't change. It doesn't need to be updated. It doesn't crash. It doesn't have a battery that dies. It doesn't have any circuits that short out. You don't have to check to see if it's plugged in. You don't have to reboot it. It just always works! Verses always say the same thing! Verses don't move to different places! Once you know Bible truth, it is always Bible truth!

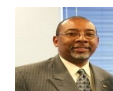
I am thankful for tech guys who know how to fix tech stuff! Bless your hearts for your patience! But, I am more thankful for a Book on which I can ALWAYS rely, no matter what! Aren't you!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



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## Melson's Musings ...



To Find Truth –Listen to Jesus, not Theologians

Centuries ago, theologians decided that little children are sinners, and therefore they must be baptized so their sins can be forgiven. When one believes this false idea, the obvious conclusion is that an infant who dies in his infancy and has not been baptized (usually by having water sprinkled on him) cannot go to heaven. This is not what the Bible teaches but is what theologians convinced many Christians to believe. Are children who die in infancy doomed to go to an eternal hell?

To see that this doctrine is not found in the Bible, consider the Bible definition of sin which separates one from God (Isa. 59:1-2). How does the Bible define sin? Listen to the words of God. "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4, KJV). Using this definition, the obvious question to be asked is what sin had a newborn baby committed? Has he put some other God ahead of Jehovah God? Has he created a graven image to worship? Has he taken the name of the Lord in vain? Has he dishonored his parents? Is he guilty of being a thief? Has he committed adultery? Has that newborn told a lie or coveted anything? The answer is obvious. What law of God has a newborn broken?

The theologians realized that a helpless newborn could not actively violate God's teaching, so as they developed their theology, they came to the conclusion that babies inherit the sins of Adam and Eve. They created a new concept—one not found in the Bible—that a baby's sin is not an action but an inheritance.

What does the Bible say about this? God so clearly gives us the answer. The Jews in Ezekiel used a proverb about

how a father ate sour grapes and his children had that bitter taste in their mouth. God rebuked them saying, "As I live you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel" (Ezek. 18:3). The father's actions do not determine the destiny of the child. The theologians were wrong! "The soul who sins shall die...The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son" (Ezek. 18:4, 20). Ancient Jewish theologians were wrong as are more modern "Christian" theologians. The very basis of infant baptism is destroyed. Babies have no sin, and therefore do not need to be baptized for the remission of sins.

How does Jesus describe the spiritual nature of little children? "Of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14). To enter the kingdom of heaven we must "... become as little children" (Matt. 18:3). The greatest in the kingdom is the one "...who humbles himself as this little child" (Matt. 18:4). Oh, how our world would be drastically changed if religious people quit listening to theologians, priests, bishops and pastors as they tell their thoughts and just listen to Jesus! ✍

- Dan Jenkins

A new study on the Eldership will be coming soon. - RDM

### STUDIES FROM THE QUESTION BOX

I am starting a monthly session called, *Studies from The Question Box*. There are 4x6 cards for you to write Bible questions which I will endeavor to answer these during the evening service each 4th Sunday beginning in April. The questions should be yours, not intended to get back at someone, but designed for the purpose of growing spiritually. ✍

## 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/> ; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak); [www.thegospelradionetwork.org](http://www.thegospelradionetwork.org)
- View In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish network Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- 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