

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	39
Attendance AM	67
Attendance PM	39
Wednesday PM	35

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Tisha Ford; Ruby and Clifford Holt; C.D. Arnett; Catherine Anderson; Florine Thomas; Walter Tolley; Diane Cole (Norris); Katherine Willis; Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Carlene Harley;
Prayer:
Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Darrell Sage and sisiter
Prayers:
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy: Holt family; Calvin Grigsby family
Birthdays: May— 2 April Gilbert; 4 Patrick Thomas; 30 – Ron Robbins;
Anniversaries —
Ladies Reading Group: May 21 @6pm ZOOM. Chapters 19-21
Men's Meeting: Saturday June 5, 2021 @ 9:00 AM in the auditorium
Potters Children Home:

May 16	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Alfred Willis, Jr.
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Mike Mamula	Mike Mamula
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Sermon	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
Prayer for Responses	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
Closing Prayer	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
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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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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- Potter Children's Home

FOUND: ANTIDOTE FOR ANXIETY

Ken Hope

Is our title too good to be true? Not at all! In fact, I am overjoyed to report that a successful antidote for worry and anxiety has been discovered. If your physician told you what to do to overwhelm and overcome anxiety, would you do it? Certainly you would! Well, the great physician, Jesus Christ has given us a prescription that will result in a worry free existence. How would you like to live a worry free life? How would you like debilitating anxiety to be a thing of the past? How would you like to learn a better way of dealing with your cares instead of being constantly burdened with them?

Since Jesus taught us not to worry (Matt. 6:24-34), we must be very careful not to view His prohibition as an impossibility (1 Jn. 5:3). Difficult yes, but not impossible. From the context of Matthew 6, let's consider what Jesus said about worry, anxiety, and cares. First, Jesus taught that worry was strictly prohibited (6:25, 31, 34). Second, our Lord taught that worry was cruel (6:26). Third, the Master Teacher declared worry to be altogether futile (6:27). Fourth, He taught that worry constituted faithlessness (6:28-30). Fifth, Christ continued to teach that worry was heathenish (6:31-32a). Sixth, Jesus revealed that worry was absolutely unnecessary (6:32b-33). Seventh, the great physician reminded mankind that worry is simply borrowing trouble from the future (6:34). Then, in a stroke of genius with a very unexpected twist, Jesus revealed the cure for cares and the antidote for anxiety. The convoluted wisdom of man notwithstanding, Jesus taught that the cure for worry is work within His kingdom (6:33)! Yes, God's remedy for anxiety has always been action (Prov. 14:23; Eccl. 9:10).

The following observations, if added to our Lord's instruction in Matthew 6, are sure to help us win over worry, conquer our cares, and annihilate anxiety!

- Cultivate a deep abiding trust in God. (Prov. 3:5; Jer. 17:7; Acts 27:25)
- Let the Lord carry your daily burdens. (Ps. 55:22; 68:19; 1 Pet. 5:7)
- Forget the past. (Phil. 3:13-14; Rom. 6:3-4, 21; Heb. 8:12)
- Live one day at a time. (Prov. 27:1; Ps. 118:24; Matt. 6:34)
- Learn to be content. (Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:7-8; Heb. 13:5-6)
- Get involved in the Lord's work. (Matt. 6:33; Neh. 2:5; 4:6; 1 Cor. 15:58)
- Make certain about your calling and election. (2 Pet. 1:10; Acts 2:40-41). 📖

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

The Encouragement Connection

Rivet your attention on the following excerpts from Proverbs.

In your own words, to what positive purpose of speech do they refer?


- Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad (12:25).
- A soothing tongue is a tree of life (15:4).
- Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones (16:2).

Those verses zero in on the capacity of words to encourage and lift the spirits of others. New Testament references piggyback on this point from Proverbs. As far as the apostle Paul was concerned, vocal encouragement is a command, not an option, among Christians; "Encourage one another, and build up one another" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

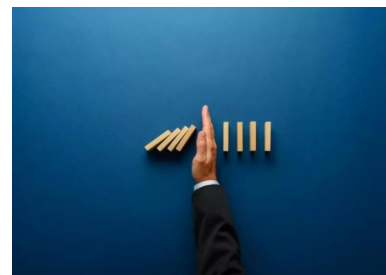
The New Testament Greek word for encouragement contains the idea of being called alongside another. On the coldest winter days we do this to some of our cars. When one battery is so weak that it cannot spark its engine, we bring another car alongside and connect the working battery with heavy cables to the weaker battery. Nothing is changed in the car that won't start. But with the direct infusion of power from the other vehicle, the weakness is overcome, and the stranded car is able to function on its own.

We Christians often need to connect with the battery in others in order to get started or to keep going in difficult circumstances. We need someone to come alongside and give us a "jump."

When the energy oozes out of the batteries of people around you, how can you infuse them with power to keep going? You can give others a "jump" when you:

- compliment a character trait or course of action you've observed in them,
- tell them how something they said or did spurred you on spiritually,
- say taken-for-granted things, such as, "I'm your friend." "I'm willing to listen." or "I care about you."
- defend them against unfair criticism,
- call to find out why they missed worship,
- pray with them over a need they've expressed,
- describe the vacancy they would leave in your life if they were no longer around. - Tom Kelton 

Take responsibility



It seems that a generation (or maybe two or three generations) of children (who are now legally adult age) have been raised to eschew any kind of personal responsibility in their lives. (I'm not saying all in these generations are that way, but there is certainly a large number.) Many in these generations expect others to take care of them, expect others to accept the blame, expect others to coddle them and concede to whatever they desire.

Isn't it interesting that such a mindset is 100% opposed to the mindset that God calls upon His creation to have! God calls upon His creation to work (2 Thess. 3:10). God calls upon His creation to pay their debts (Rom. 13:7). God calls upon His creation to help others, rather than always expecting others to help them (Eph. 4:28). God calls upon His creation to confess wrongs committed (Jas. 5:16) and seek to reconcile with those wronged (Matt. 5:23-24). God calls upon His creation to refuse to possess or act upon selfish ambitions (Phil. 2:3-4). Oh, that God's creation would take responsibility!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



A Message in Song Titles

Because **This Is My Father's World**, I will **Praise Him**, **Praise Him** for all He has done for me. **Love Lifted Me** from the depths of sin there **At the Cross**. Because of this, I can go **Anywhere with Jesus**, for I know He will be there because **I'm in the Gloryland Way!** Life is so much **Sweeter as the Years Go By**, for I know that in **Paradise Valley**, **There's a Land That Is Fairer than Day**, a place **Where the Soul Never Dies**; moreover, I know that **This World Is Not My Home**, so when I **Kneel at the Cross** in prayer I can truly say, my God, **How Great Thou Art!**

When I think of His **Amazing Grace**, and what He has done for me, I know that **Our God, He Is Alive!** For all these reasons, someday My God and I will live together with all those who have gone on before me, in the beautiful **Ivory Palaces** that God has prepared for me. Yes, it was **On a Hill Far Away** that our blessed Lord, the **Rock of Ages**, gave His life that I might have **Victory in Jesus**. Because of these **Precious Memories** of His life and His death on the cross, **I'm Living by Faith** and I will always give **Glory to His Name** as I sing that wonderful old song, **Whispering Hope**.

What a song of praise will be outpoured **When He Comes in Glory By and By**. Yes, some day **I'll Fly Away** to my home on high; **Just Beyond the Rolling River** of death **I Will Meet You at the River** of life with the redeemed of all ages. But while here on earth, **I Will Sing of My Redeemer** until I reach the land, where In Heaven They're Singing a wonderful song, a theme that shall never grow old. Because of His loving grace I now can sing **It Is Well with**

My Soul; and I can also sing, **All Will Be Well Just Over in the Gloryland**. So **Meet Me There**.

The grandest of all great days will be **When all of God's Singers Get Home**, and they'll dwell in **The Summerland of Bliss** with our Lord for an endless eternity, and there experience **No Tears in Heaven**, yea No Disappointments in Heaven. **How Beautiful Heaven Must Be**. **There He Keeps Me Singing**.


Friends, because **Swiftly We're Turning** life's daily pages, **Prepare to Meet Thy God**. **Trust and Obey**, **Sing and Be Happy**, **Pray All the Time**, **Sing to Me of Heaven**, and **Ring Out the Message**. Proclaim **O What a Savior!** And ponder two important questions: **Do You Know My Jesus**, and **What Will You Do with Jesus?**

Live that others too will say **O I Want to See Him**, and look upon His face. There to sing forever of His saving grace; On the streets of glory let me lift my voice; Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.

-Arthur Pigman, Evans, Georgia

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 ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org; <http://gbntv.org/>; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak); 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