

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

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| Bible Class   | 22 |
| Attendance AM | 75 |
| Attendance PM | 28 |
| Wednesday PM  | 25 |

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Myra Baker and family; 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;

**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 30                      | BRETHREN TO SERVE AM | BRETHREN TO SERVE PM |
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| <b>Announcements</b>        | Richard Melson       | Alfred Willis, Jr.   |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>       | Walter Tolley        | Walter Tolley        |
| <b>Song Leader</b>          | Patrick Cook         | Patrick Cook         |
| <b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>   | Norris Cole          | Norris Cole          |
| <b>Server 1</b>             | James Grigsby        | Anthony Grigsby      |
| <b>Server 2</b>             | Jerry Thomas         | Jerry Thomas         |
| <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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**Meeting Location:**  
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

## GOD AMONG THE NATIONS

Steven Lloyd

A theme that is repeated in the books of Kings, some of the Psalms, and in some of the prophets is the justice and righteousness of God. These are described as being the foundation of God's throne.

Because our Lord is considered infinite in these qualities, He cannot, with a wave of the hand, dismiss unjust behavior from His own people. When Israel went astray after other gods, the Lord chastised them.

On a broader scale, the Lord would use one nation to chastise another, and then he would chastise the chastising nation for their unjust behavior against the initial nation. It is precisely for this reason the Lord allowed the foreign nations that were supposed to be banished from the Promised Land to stay when Israel refused to destroy them. I encourage you to read all of Judges 2:16-23 on this point, but here are the last few lines:

So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he said, "Because this people have transgressed my covenant that I commanded their fathers and have not obeyed my voice, I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died. In order to test Israel by them, whether they will take care to walk in the way of the Lord as their fathers did, or not." So the Lord left those nations, not driving them out quickly, and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua (Judges 2:20-23).

After the long tedious history of Israel's kings, the Lord raised up the Assyrians to destroy the northern tribes of Israel, and the Babylonians to destroy the southern tribes of Judah. But later, he would destroy the Assyrians, and even later he would destroy the Babylonians by the might of the Medes and Persians, and the Persians with the fierceness of Alexander of Greece, and Greece would be taken out by the Roman Empire.

In the late '70s, I purchased a book by Edward Wharton titled God Among the Nations. One of the observations he makes is as follows:

The Bible insists that God from the beginning to the first century, the span of history covered by the Bible, has raised up and used nations to do His bidding. That God has interfered into the affairs of nations other than Israel is the plain statement of Scripture.

He then sites passage after passage in which the Lord stirs up one nation against another for His purposes.

There is a passage in Isaiah that made me pause because of its wording. Isaiah is telling the nation of Israel about the hope that will follow the Lord's chastisement of them: "In days

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