

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	27
Attendance AM	72
Attendance PM	39
Wednesday PM	29

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Brenda Mamula (shingles); Myra Baker and family; Debbie Rowland; Ruby and Clifford Holt; Florine Thomas; Walter Tolley; Katherine Willis; Richard Melson, Naree Poole (knee), Jo Landon (NC); Keisha (Jones) Riley (new baby)

**Prayer:** Mark Sparks (Overlook)

**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Dollie Jones

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:** Richard Melson, Jr.;

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Birthdays: June**— 2 Alyse Poole;

**Anniversaries** — 23—Jack and Carlene Harley

**Ladies Reading Group:**

**Men's Meeting:** Saturday July 3, 2021 @ 9:00 AM in the auditorium

**Potters Children Home:**

June 20	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Patrick Thomas	Richard Melson
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Song Leader</b>	Michael Blanks	Jerry Thomas
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Alfred Willis	Alfred Willis
<b>Server 1</b>	Mike Mamula	Mike Mamula
<b>Server 2</b>	Denzil Turner, III	Lyle Cole
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
<b>Sermon</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jerry Thomas	Frank Brock
<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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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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- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
- Memphis School of Preaching
- Greater Midwest Lectureship Dayton, OH
- Potter Children's Home

## HAGGAI

Phil Grear

*Haggai's name means "The Joyous One." He was a single-minded man with a single-minded message - **BUILD THE TEMPLE!** Sixteen years after Israel had returned from Babylonian captivity this had not been done, and Haggai found this completely unacceptable. So, in conjunction with Zechariah, he spurred the people out of their lethargy and motivated them to complete construction of the Temple.*

It is not easy to keep our priorities straight, but God left no doubt that a Christian must do exactly that. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). The things of God must always be our highest concern.

The struggle with priorities is not new. The Jews of Haggai's day also needed to learn this lesson. They had returned from Babylonian captivity to Jerusalem expressly to rebuild the temple but, sixteen years later, had failed to accomplish that. So, Haggai preached a series of four sermons to stimulate them to complete that project. Summaries of these four sermons make up the little book of Haggai.

Haggai was obviously a man who was concerned about the things of God. He knew it was time for the Jews to complete the rebuilding of the temple, and he determined to encourage them to get busy.

He preached his first sermon to Governor Zerubbabel and Joshua the High Priest. These men should have taken the lead in the rebuilding of the temple but had allowed a sad circumstance to develop. Although the people had found time to build their own elaborate houses, they had convinced themselves that the "time that the Lord's house should be built" had not come (1:2-4). They had failed to put God's work ahead of their own wants and needs. But their selfish interest had backfired and become the cause of severe economic hardships. No matter how hard they worked, they lacked food, and money just seemed to disappear as though they had put it in "bags with holes" (1:6). So, Haggai instructed them to consider their ways and go up to the mountain and build the Lord's house (1:7-8). His sermon had the desired effect, and, under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua, the people "came and did work in the house of the Lord their God" only about three weeks later (1:14).

One month later Haggai received another message from God for Zerubbabel and Joshua. Some who were old enough to remember the first temple were discouraged because this one would not measure up to the original Solomon had built. They thought the new temple was "nothing" in comparison with the first one (2:3). God assured them he was pleased with their efforts. "I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts" (2:4). He would bless

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

## The Purpose of Life



One morning in 1888 Alfred Noble, inventor of dynamite, awoke to read his own obituary. The obituary was printed because of a simple journalistic error. You see, it was Alfred's brother that had died, and the reporter carelessly reported the death of the wrong brother.

Any man would be disturbed under the circumstances, but to Alfred the shock was overwhelming because he saw himself as the world saw him. The "Dynamite King," the great industrialist who had made an immense fortune from explosives. This, as far as the public was concerned, was the entire purpose of Alfred's life. None of his true intentions to break down the barriers that separated men and ideas for peace were recognized or given serious consideration. He was simply a "merchant of death". And for that alone would he be remembered.

As he read the obituary with horror, he resolved to make clear to the world the true meaning and purpose of his life. This could be done through the final disposition of his fortune. His last will and testament would be an expression of his life's ideals and ultimately would be why we would remember him. The result was the most valuable of prizes given to those who had done the most for the cause of world peace. It is called today the "Noble Peace Prize."

You may think you are kind, thoughtful, gracious. But what if today you read your own obituary?

- Pulpit Helps, March 1992, p. 6.

*You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men (2 Cor 3:2).*

*He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he (Prov. 16:20).*

- Glenn Hitchcock

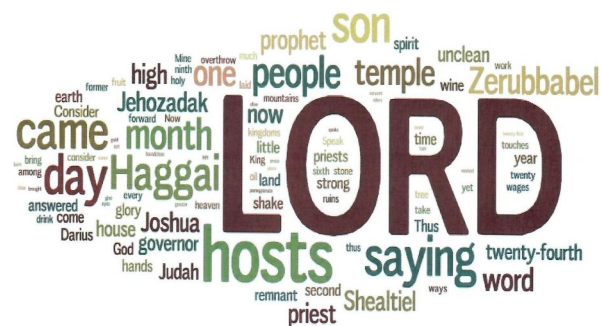
## My Bible scholar against your Bible scholar



We place a great deal of emphasis and trust in so-called "Bible scholars." We entrust our understanding of the Bible and the foundation of our faith, often times, to what some educated person writes in a book or in an article. Don't get me wrong. I've got around 4,000 books in my personal library. I read, study, digest and consider what a host of Bible scholars have to say on Bible passages and topics. HOWEVER, NONE of these books compare to the BIBLE! NONE of these so-called scholars compare to THE AUTHOR of Holy Scripture and our eternal salvation! Thus, we must be ever vigilant!

Do you listen to religious radio? Do you watch religious television? Do you subscribe to religious blogs, podcasts or newsfeeds? Recognize that just because somebody quotes the Bible does not mean that they are speaking Bible truth! Be a diligent Berean! Search EVERYTHING you hear and read against GOD'S ONE TRUTH (Acts 17:11)! Don't risk your soul on a possible false teacher (Matt. 7:13-27)!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



Haggai

## Melson's Musings ...



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this Temple with greater glory than Solomon's. "I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts" (2:7). He promised to bless it with peace (2:9).

Two months later Haggai received a prophetic message for all the Jews. Their sin had rendered their work for God unclean. "That which they offer there is unclean." (2:14) The difficult economic times they were experiencing were God's way of calling them to repentance. "I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the Lord" (2:17). If they repented, then God would bless them again (2:19).

Haggai's final message assured Zerubbabel that God would bless his leadership. God would not let him down, "for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of Hosts" (2:23).

God always sustains those who put him first. Our troubles come when our misplaced priorities push God down the list. It must always be the goal of the Christian to "keep the main thing, the main thing".

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

I may never be as clever as my neighbor down the street, I may never be as wealthy as some other men I meet; I may never have the glory that some other men have had, But I have got to be successful as a little fellow's dad. There are certain dreams I cherish that I'd like to see come true. There are things I would accomplish 'ere my working time 'tis through; But the task my heart is set on

is to guide a little lad And to make myself successful as that little fellow's dad. I may never get earth's glory; I may never gather gold; Men may count -me as a failure when my business life is told; But if he who follows after is a Christian, I will be glad, For I will know I have been successful as a little fellow's dad.

(Prov 20:6-7) Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

The 31st Annual Lectureship Kibby St. church of Christ Lima, Ohio June 26 & 27. Theme: The Cancel Culture & The Christian Response. In light of the current post-modernistic world, this is a very important subject.

There are a few copies of "Magnify His Name" the 2020 Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship book. The cost of the book is \$25.00. See Richard Melson.

With each week that passes, we get closer to our summer gospel with Kevin Rhodes. Every member should be making plans to support the meeting each night. God has blessed us to come out of the pandemic and this will be a great opportunity for rebuilding, renewing, and reviving ourselves in the Lord. Please continue pray for our upcoming gospel meeting with Kevin Rhodes. Before you know it, July 11th will be here (Lord willing). Pray for Kevin's health and safe travel. If you want to send Kevin a note of encouragement here is the address: Kevin W. Rhodes Director Brown Trail School of Preaching 1801 Brown Trail Bedford, TX 76021.

**Sisters:** The deposit for the Ladies Retreat-2022 is due June 20, 2021

## 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