

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	21
Attendance AM	69
Attendance PM	31
Wednesday PM	18

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Myra Baker and family; Debbie Rowland; Ruby and Clifford Holt; Florine Thomas; Mary Sanders; Walter Tolley; Diane Cole (Norris); Katherine Willis; Richard Melson, Naree Poole (knee), Jo Landon (NC)

Prayer:

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Lyle Cole, Rudy Cole; Chris, Tally and Alyse Poole

Prayers:

Repentance: Richard Melson, Jr.;

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: June— 2 Alyse Poole;

Anniversaries — 23—Jack and Carlene Harley

Ladies Reading Group: June 18 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM. Chapters 25-27

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

Potters Children Home:

June 13	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
Opening Prayer	Mike Mamula	Mike Mamula
Song Leader	Jerry Thomas	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	James Grigsby
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
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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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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Supporting

- Christian Courier on The Web
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
- Memphis School of Preaching
- Greater Midwest Lectureship Dayton, OH
- Potter Children's Home

WHAT SHOULD YOU SAY TO VISITORS ?

Dan Jenkins

So, as you walk through the church building or when sitting in a pew you see a person who is a visitor. What do you say to them? It may be an awkward moment, but it is obvious that saying the right thing is so important. Below are seven ideas of what each of us can say to cause visitors to return again. These ideas are not original (I found them in a blog by Thomas Rainer), but they might help you become a person God can use in an amazing way.

"Thank you for being here." Imagine the impact that saying these simple words would have on visitors to our services. Especially if they heard them many times when they come.

"Let me help you with that." From the moment visitors arrive at our services, the warmth of these words can have a profound impact when they come. It might be helping them carry items into the building—purses, books, diaper bags, coats, etc. The fact you were there, saw their need and offered to help will not be forgotten.

"Please take my seat." Covid-19 and social distancing have created some unusual situations. Imagine a family with two or three children arriving at services and are having trouble finding seats. It would be far easier for you or you and your mate to move to another pew and give your seats to them.

"Here is my email address. Let me know if I can help in any way." These words spoken from your sincere heart reflect the life of Jesus. Newcomers likely have several questions you can answer.

"Can I show you where to go?" Visitors find themselves in a new place not knowing the location of restrooms, nurseries or classrooms. When you see them struggling, go out of your way to help them.

"Let me introduce you to _____." Bring them to one of the preachers or elders. If you learn where they are from or where they work, make sure they meet members who share this in common with them. You will be amazed how "passing a visitor" along to another member will impact their lives.

"Would you join us for lunch?" Almost every week you eat out, perhaps with other members, inviting them to go with the group quickly introduces them to others. Our young adults do an excellent job in this area. Think of how often Jesus ate with others. Studies show what a great impact this has on those who visit.

What would you add to this list? What have you said to visitors which has impacted them? I'd like to hear from you with your ideas we can share. Just put yourself in the place of a

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

Pulling Alone



A traveler had driven his car into a ditch in a remote area. A local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named "Buddy." After hitching buddy up to the car he yelled, "Pull, Nellie, Pull." Buddy stood still. He said, "Pull, Coco, Pull." Nothing! The farmer then said, "Pull, Buster, Pull" but again Buddy did not move. The farmer then nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, Pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The traveler was thankful-- but very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try."

Moral of the story:

Sad, but some folks are that way. Let us pull together and do what God wants us to do-- to get to heaven.

--GLENCOE GLEANER, Glencoe, AL

The Cure to Loneliness

In the early history of our country A poor woman living alone in a small cottage in a distant forest was asked if she did not feel the loneliness of the place. "Oh no," was her reply, "for Faith closes the door at night, and Mercy opens it in the morning."

Loneliness is a familiar struggle to countless thousands. Drawing closer to God affords a solitary advantage over loneliness. Dear friend, this world is full of lonely people waiting for someone to make the first move. Why not move in the direction of the One will never forsake or fail you? (Heb. 13:5-6; Matt. 11:28)

Glenn Hitchcock

If you're not seeing Christ, you'd better look again

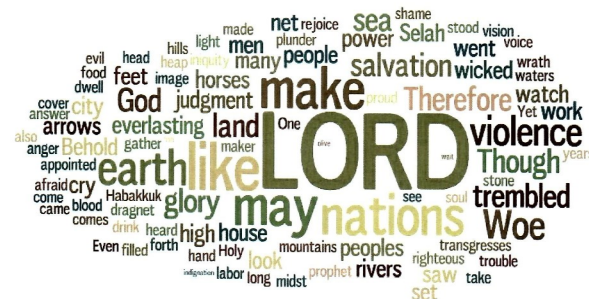


Our world is trying get you to see things and think things that Jesus Christ would NEVER have you to see or think. Who are you going to follow? Whose approval are you going to seek?

Satan's greatest attacks against the church are often those attacks that come from within. If the devil can get us turning on each other, then he's won the battle. Thus, he wants you to see certain things and think certain things when you look at your brethren. Instead of seeing Christ in each one, he wants you to think: "He's so old and out of touch." "She is so young and naive." "Why do they have to have more money than we do?" "They couldn't afford this if they wanted to." "He's a black racist." "She's the posterchild for white supremacy."

If you have ever had any of those thoughts about your brethren (or anything similar at all), now is the time to repent and make up your mind that such devilish judgments will never cross your mind again. We are "ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS" (Gal. 3:28). Think about every word in that!

David Sproule



Habakkuk

Melson's Musings ...



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visitor and think of what could be said that will help them see Christ's likeness in the church. Let's work on this together. 📖

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 13, 2021

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

If you would like to receive a copy of The Edifier before Sunday, make sure that we have your email address on file. ✍️

- Cody Westbrook

The Christian's Hope

To many the word "hope" is a synonym for "wish." As such, hope has little to do with assurance or certainty and mostly deals in the realm of preference. Even Christians sometimes struggle to fully comprehend the biblical usage of the word "hope." It is as if our hope is a type of appendix to our Christianity. We have the body of New Testament doctrine which instructs us regarding salvation and living a faithful life, and as an added bonus, we get to go to Heaven when we die. But this is far from what the Bible teaches about the Christian's hope. Hope is confident expectation. It implies assurance and enables us to face the future with courage. Far from an appendix, our hope is everything.

God is the foundation of our hope. David said, "And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You" (Ps. 39:7). Our hope rests upon a God who has proven Himself faithful time and time again (Rom. 4:20-21). The resurrection of Christ is the surety of our hope. Ours is a "living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pet. 1:3). Eternal life is the content of our hope. Peter described it as "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Pet. 1:4).

The reason Paul could describe death as gain (Phil. 1:21) is because he knew the Christian's hope. The certainty of eternal life through Jesus Christ is what enables us to face the future with confidence. It is this hope that sustains us (Heb. 6:18-19) as we wait for its realization. Our hope is everything.

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