

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	24
Attendance AM	77
Attendance PM	30
Wednesday PM	36

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Jack and Carlene Harley; Brenda Mamula (shingles); Debbie Rowland; Ruby and Clifford Holt; Florine Thomas; Katherine Willis; Richard Melson, Jo Landon (NC); Keisha (Jones) Riley (new baby); Jerry and Jim Thomas

**Prayer:** Mary Rutland

**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II;

**Prayers:** Pat Coleman

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Birthdays: July**— 1 Cindy Bean; 2 Richard Melson, Jr.; 6 Penny Cook; 8 Rachel Blanks; 12 Alfred Willis, Jr.; 15 Glenna Adair; 17 C.D. Arnett; Destiny Grigsby; 20 Mike Mamula; 22 Otis Adair; 25 Clifford Holt

**Anniversaries** — 30—Norris and Diane Cole

**Ladies Reading Group:**

**Men's Meeting:** Saturday Aug 7, 2021 @ 9:00 AM in the auditorium

**Potters Children Home:**

July 11	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Walter Tolley	Frank Brock
<b>Song Leader</b>	Michael Blanks	Patrick Cook
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
<b>Server 1</b>	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Server 2</b>	Patrick Thomas	Alfred Willis
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
<b>Sermon</b>	Kevin Rhodes	Kevin Rhodes
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Norris Cole	Richard Melson
<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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## UNTIL THE HARVEST

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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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All Members

**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

Before Jesus died, He revealed to the apostles what lay in their future. They were to be sowers of the word of God into hearts that were like wayside, thorny, stony and good soils (Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23). He also told them that in the field they were planting seed which would produce the kingdom of God. He then told them they should expect Satan to come add seeds of evil among the seed the apostles had planted (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43).

That kingdom began, and Satan began his work by "planting weeds" in the church. He tried to change the very nature of the church into one which demanded all men, especially Gentiles, be circumcised. For the next generation, the church of Jesus struggled with tares (weeds) of Judaism. Take a moment and look around you. The church of Christ is eternal and will always be on the earth, but Satan has never ceased trying to hide it among the tares of religious division.

When the Owner of the field was asked about removing the tares planted by Satan, He said, "Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barns'" (Matt. 13:30). Good seed and tares will be here "until the harvest."

So, what are we to do until the harvest? Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:38). The time of the harvest is not yet, but He wants us to pray that laborers may be in the fields. He even told the apostles that they were laborers in that field (John 4:38). We need to pray for laborers and to be laborers.

What do we do until the harvest? We need to realize that all of us can be laborers in many ways. Paul spoke of those who planted and those who watered. He then reminded us that it does not make any difference who does any of this work. He said he who sows and he who waters are to do their work realizing it is God who gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:7).

What are we to do until the harvest? Ask God to use you. Lift up your eyes unto the field. Plant, water and ask God to put you in situations where you can be used as one who goes into the world sowing the seed. The fact that others might be better "sowers" or "waterers" than you makes no difference. Remember every seed sown and every drop of water added to the seed together makes for a great harvest.

There is so much that is happening in our world which can only be changed by those who are sowers and waterers, lights in the darkness and salt seasoning the earth. Pray, ask, sow, water, light and salt—let God use you!

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

## Eagles and chickens



“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

Have you ever tried to corner a chicken? Paving stones are more aerodynamic than chickens! Somehow this most inelegant of birds senses that flight is a matter of greatest urgency, and in a flurry of claws and feathers she does her best to avoid a destiny with an iron skillet and a bottle of Crisco.

Poultry in motion.

Have you ever tried to corner an eagle? Ten-foot chicken wiring tends to be inadequate confinement. And in the broad, blue sky, a thousand feet above the earth, there aren't many corners anyway.

Receding raptor.

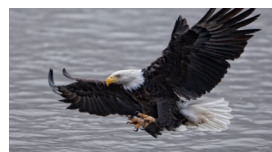
When we attempt to rise above life's difficulties on our own, our efforts are usually about as exalted and dignified as a harassed hen. And the temptation usually catches us, red feet clasped in hand, hanging upside down and ready for the fryer!

So why do we try to vainly to live life without the help of God? Don't we want to soar on wings like eagles? Don't we want to rise above the dust and grit of the hen house? Why do Christians try to get along without the benefit of Bible Study and worship time? Why do we fail to seek consolation in prayer?

Rest on the wings of the Lord. Pray for his strength. Be in his presence for worship. Serve his people.

“You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt and how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself (Exodus 19:4).

Are you a fryer or a flier?



~Stan Mitchell~

✍ Glenn Hitchcock

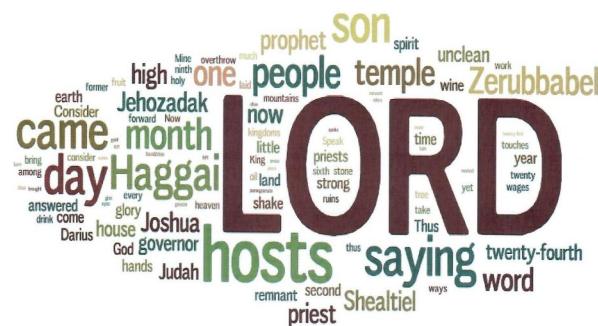
## Dogs have beds, birds have cages, fish have tanks, but ...



It is so hard to believe that when Jesus was on the earth that He could make this statement, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head” (Matt. 8:20). How is it possible that no one would give Jesus a place to live? Not just a room in their house! But to give Him an entire house of His own! Why would no one do that? What was wrong with the people (in general) and the disciples (in particular) in the first century?

Well, let's see. Let's look at people today. How many people are there who pamper and provide a quality (perhaps even luxurious) life for their pets? Dogs have their own beds, birds get massive cages, fish are welcomed into colorfully decorated aquariums, hamsters get their own place with tubes and wheels, etc., etc. Now, there is nothing wrong with having a pet and spoiling that pet. But, in perspective, how much is Jesus a part of people's lives today? Could it be said, “Dogs have beds, birds have cages, fish have tanks, but Jesus has no home in which He is welcome”? It appears that not much has changed in the last two thousand years!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



Haggai

## Melson's Musings ...



## SEEK THE LORD

The prophet Isaiah in chapter 55:6-7 is making a plea to the people of Judah for them to return unto the Lord. He says they need to seek the Lord while they can, indicating that a day is coming when they will not be able to seek Him. They need to follow after His ways now, because they still have the chance to do so. Verses eight and nine mention how much greater God's ways are than man's ways, and that is why men ought to follow His ways. Because of God's ways being greater than man's, He will not put up with Judah's departure from Him forever. Isaiah is indicating that Jehovah is eventually going to bring judgment upon Judah for her sinfulness.

I want to suggest some reasons why we need to seek the Lord while we can:

1. *Seek the Lord while you can because you might not be able to seek Him tomorrow.* Understand that life is unpredictable. We do not know what tomorrow holds for any of us. We can and should make plans knowing that for the vast majority of us, they will come to pass to some degree (James 4:13-15).
2. *Seek the Lord while you can because you might not want to seek Him tomorrow.* People who wait to be obedient to God many times never become obedient. The more times a person hears the gospel invitation, the easier ignoring it becomes.
3. *Seek the Lord while you can because judgment is coming.* A day is coming that will be unlike any other day in history. It most likely will begin like most days do. For some people, it will be the greatest day of

their existence. For others, it will begin an eternity of torment and suffering.

4. *Seek the Lord while you can because He is merciful and will pardon.* The Great Commission is for everyone (Mk. 16:15-16). I do not know that there is any greater reason to seek the Lord than that He has promised to extend His mercy and pardon to us. His mercy takes away all of our sin and the guilt that goes with it (Eph. 2:14-16). We can become free from the shackles of sin (Rom. 8:1ff). Rather than giving us our just reward, God extends His mercy to us and allows us to escape punishment.

The theme for 2021 and our gospel meeting is **Seek the Lord**. God's people should daily seek the Lord. This week Kevin Rhodes will guide us in studies of God's word which will help us in the process of seeking the Lord. ✍

### Nightly at 7:00 PM

- Monday— Developing a Servant's Heart
- Tuesday— The Implications of Integrity
- Wednesday— The Challenge of Spiritual Growth
- Thursday— Principles of Faithfulness



Keisha Riley, daughter of sister Dollie Jones, had a baby boy on June 17, instead of having a baby shower, if you would like to give a gift, please bring it to the building by July 14th so that Dollie can take them to Keisha and Larry. Any questions see Ashley Thomas.

I want thank those who helped assembled the "Blessings Bags". There was young and old involved in the work. Initially please take only one female and one male bag per family.



## 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