

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	34
Attendance AM	79
Attendance PM	35
Wednesday PM	47

**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); Jim Thomas  
**Prayer:** Mary Rutland  
**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Dollie Jones  
**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 18	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Michael Mamula	Patrick Cook
<b>Song Leader</b>	Michael Blanks	Lyle Cole
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Patrick Thomas	Frank Brock
<b>Server 1</b>	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Server 2</b>	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Denzil Turner, III	Michael Blanks
<b>Sermon</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
<b>Greeter</b>	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.
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**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**

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

No prophet was more successful than was Haggai, yet none were more earnest or direct in their approach and message. The one thought in Haggai's mind, as he was directed by God's Spirit, was-build the temple. He did not waver from his message, nor his purpose. The people had to be awakened from their lethargy and reminded of their proper priorities, so Haggai spake, "Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways" (Haggai 1:5).

While the message is now different and the activity is diversified in nature, the priorities remain the same-the Lord and His work must come first (Matthew 6:33). We, thusly, today need faithful men of God to stand and shout forth to their brethren, "Consider your ways!" Within the context of Haggai there are at least three areas of life that God's people of today need to consider earnestly.

1. **Procrastination is contagious and debilitating.** For sixteen years the Jews (who had returned to Jerusalem essentially to rebuild the temple) used the excuse of initial resistance to continue their emphasis upon their own affairs. "Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built" (Haggai 1:2). They had put off the difficult until it had all been forgotten as to their original work. Haggai called them back to their original purpose, "Consider your ways."

Oh, how the church has procrastinated with her original work. Thousands upon thousands die daily without hearing the gospel of Christ, while on "ivory couches of ease" churches have built recreational facilities and cathedrals to honor. Huge budgets are spent upon church ease and a church staff of a half dozen or more "ministers" while men trying to raise funds to go preach the gospel in an area where the church is numerically weak or unknown, are turned down because "the budget is full." It is not difficult to envision the "ceiled houses" (Haggai 1:4) in which we now dwell. Procrastination is so contagious! What are we waiting for in carrying out the great commission? An easier way? Someone to come along to do it for us? A way out?

Brethren, we need a good strong dose of "Consider your ways." "Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have" (2 Corinthians 8:11). Even though the passage was speaking of giving, the thrust is appropriate. We dare not put off any longer carrying out the work the Lord gave the church to do." ... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2c).

