

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	30
Attendance AM	76
Attendance PM	34
Wednesday PM	35

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Otis and Glenna Adair; Debbie Rowland; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Pat Coleman; Carolyn Morrison; Marc & Tina Shafford; Sheree Collins; Mary Sanders ; Gabriel Willis  
**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Rita and Ryan McGahee;  
**Prayers:** Rosella McGahee; Lisa Owens (work related); brethren in Costa Rica and Haiti; Janis Bland; LaMarr Cole (work)  
**Repentance:**  
**Baptism:**  
**Sympathy:**  
**Birthdays: August**— 7 Jack Harley; 10 Diane Cole (Norris); 11 Ashley Thomas; 20 Ryan McGahee; Marie Tolley; 21 Naree Poole; 28 Rosella McGahee; Brenda Mamula  
**Anniversaries: August**— 25 Richard & Valerie Melson; 31— Patrick & Ashley Thomas  
**Ladies Reading Group:**  
**Men's Meeting:** Saturday Sept. 4, 2021 @ 9:00 AM in the auditorium  
**Potters Children Home:**

August 29	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Patrick Thomas	Richard Melson
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Alfred Willis	Alfred Willis
<b>Song Leader</b>	Patrick Cook	Jerry Thomas
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Server 1</b>	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
<b>Server 2</b>	Mike Mamula	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>	Walter Tolley	Patrick Cook
<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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**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

Bible Study 9:30  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday  
~~No 5:00 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

## HOW TO RECEIVE OR REJECT GOD

Roy J. Hearn

*[The following article originally appeared in the Knight Arnold News, February 12, 1991]*

To the apostles Christ said: " He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me" (Matthew 10:40). Luke 10:16 puts it this way: "He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you dispiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me." God the Father sent Christ and, the Father and Christ sent the Holy Spirit, who gave the word to the apostles.

Since the apostles were Christ's personal representatives on earth, and through them God's word was delivered and bound; to hear the apostles is to hear and accept the Godhead three. To reject the gospel delivered by the apostles is to reject the Godhead (John 16:13-15; 2 Cor. 5:18-20).

God did not give any foolish or unnecessary commands. It is our duty to declare all that God has said on any subject, and respect it (Acts 20:20,27). There are some commands that the denominational world completely ignore, even fight against. This is tragic. One of the most opposed is baptism. It is thought unnecessary by most and even foolish by some. The subject of this article is: **WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?**

1. **Those who have been taught.** It was commanded by Christ in the Great Commission to "Go therefore and teach all nations." Teaching is necessary to impart knowledge and for learning (Matt. 28:19). Those who are ignorant of God's word cannot be scripturally baptized. This includes those who harden their hearts and refuse to hear or understand (Matt. 13:14-15,23). In John 6:44-45, Jesus said that those who are taught, who have heard and learned can come to Him. Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17). Then when one learns, he must obey from the heart (that is, intelligently) the gospel, which includes baptism (Rom . 6:3-6; 17-18).
2. **Those who believe in Christ.** Acts 15:7 shows that faith comes by hearing the gospel, or reading it in the New Testament. Belief in Christ is necessary to Scriptural baptism. Baptism without faith is valueless. Unbelievers stand condemned, and are not fit subjects. Infants are not subject either, for they cannot believe, have no sins to be forgiven, but are pure and safe. They do not need saving, for infants were never lost. Only responsible individuals who believe and repent of sin are fit subjects. In Mark's account of the Great Commission, Jesus said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). But somebody says: " It does not say that he that is not baptized shall be condemned." It does not need to, for John 3:18 says he that believes not is condemned already. That is like saying: " He that eateth and digesteth his food shall live, he that eateth not shall die." No need to add "He that eateth not and

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

## My relationship and God

The French emperor Napoleon was reviewing his troops one day when his horse bolted out of control. He was in danger of being hurled to the ground, so a young private leaped from the ranks and quickly calmed the animal.

"Thank you, Captain," said Napoleon--thus bestowing upon the private an instant promotion.

Smiling proudly, the soldier inquired, "Of what regiment, sir?" "Of my guards," replied Napoleon as he dashed down the lines. Immediately assuming his new rank, the private-turned-captain walked over to join a group of staff officers.

"What is this insolent fellow doing here?" remarked one of them. "I am a captain of the guards," the young man replied. "You rascal, you're just a private. What makes you think you're a captain?"

At that, the young man pointed to the emperor and confidently responded, "He said it!"

"I beg your pardon, Captain," the officer answered politely, "I was not aware of your promotion."

That young soldier did not feel like a captain, nor did he wear the insignia of a captain. All he had was the word of Napoleon. But that was enough.

The Bible offers us a vivid picture of how God views our lives. That view is surrounded in tremendous hope regardless of our circumstances. The challenge we face is to accept what God says and live accordingly.

*If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you; because the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of God rest upon you. For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler in other men's matters: but if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. 1 Peter 4:14-16*

Glenn Hitchcock

## Without the church?



How many times have you heard someone say it? Or, how many times have you said it yourself? Some tragedy happens, and as fellow Christians are working through it together, someone says, "I don't know how folks in the world make it through times like this without the church!" Isn't that the truth!?

Only Christians share a deep (and almost inexplicable) connection with each other through the blood of Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:16). Only Christians can possess together "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Phil. 4:7). Only Christians have the continual presence of Jesus Christ in their lives (Matt. 28:20). Only Christians live their lives together with their focus on a future home (Phil. 3:20-21). Only Christians understand, possess and jointly enjoy the hope that is found only in Jesus Christ, which acts as "an anchor of the soul" (Heb. 6:19-20).

Thank God for the church! Where would we be without our brothers and sisters in Christ? Unable to make it through life—that's where we'd be!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



Zachariah

## Melson's Musings ...



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digesteth not his food shall die," for one cannot digest what he does not eat, and if he does not eat he will die. This shows the invalidity of faithless baptism, or no Scriptural baptism, and refutes the argument on what Jesus SHOULD have said. Hence, only a true believer can be baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 8:36-39; 18-8).

- Those who genuinely repent.** Just believing alone is insufficient. Salvation by faith only is not Bible doctrine. In fact, James 2:24 says one is NOT saved by faith only, and that ought to settle it. John 8:30-44 shows that many who believed on Christ plotted to kill him, and the Lord called them children of the devil. Repentance is a requirement for baptism and salvation (Luke 13:3-5). So it is repent or perish, turn or burn. Acts 3:19 teaches that one must repent in order to have sins blotted out. Acts 17:30-31 says that God commands all men everywhere to repent, for Christ will judge the world in righteousness. To repent means that one must have a change of heart (mind) that will lead him to a reformation of life, that is, purpose to quit whatever separates between himself and God. No passage on faith excludes repentance or baptism. Thus, baptism without sorrow for sin, and purpose to cease is valueless (2 Cor. 7:10).
- Those who confess Christ.** Matthew 10:32-33 says that those who confess Christ, He will confess before the Father which is in heaven, but those who deny Him will be denied before the Father. Romans 10:9-10 teaches that with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. After the Ethiopian eunuch had been

taught by Phillip, and demanded baptism, he was called upon to confess the name of Christ as a prerequisite to being baptized. He said: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37). There were rulers of the Jews who refused to confess Him lest they be put out of the synagogue (John 12:42-43). Therefore, Jesus refused to confess them to the Father (Matt. 10:32-33). To confess Christ is universally required (Philippians 2:9-11).

The infallibly safe course is to take God at His word and obey every command, whether or not we can see any sense in it.

**New Members:** Steven and Deborah Crane have identified with this congregation for work and worship. Please greet and welcome them: Their address is 2828 Forest Grove Ave Dayton, Ohio 45406 — (937)-212-7349.

Our end of the summer gospel meeting is now just one week away. During this final week before brother Shannon arrives, please continue to pray for him and the meeting. Let us put forth a final push in effort. While we make final physical preparations, continue to make your personal preparations. I pray that you have adjusted your schedule so that you will be in the meeting nightly. We should be in our place at each service beginning with Bible Class at 9:30 AM on Sunday morning (*we will have everyone in the auditorium class to hear brother Shannon*).

It is my prayer that we each will put forth the effort to invite those who are wayward, but more importantly those who are outside of Christ to attend the gospel meeting, for a Bible study or to attend any of our worship services. This will be an "old-fashioned" tent meeting, just indoors.

## 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