

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	25
Attendance AM	66
Attendance PM	24
Wednesday PM	20

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Patrick Cook; Richard Melson; Rosella McGhaee; Otis and Glenna Adair; Debbie Rowland; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Carolyn Morrison; Mary Sanders; Jim Thomas

Traveling: Norris Cole, II;

Prayers:

Repentance: Kevin Gilbert

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: September— 3 Ruby Holt; 5 Michael Blanks, Jr. 23 Walter Tolley; 24 Alexandria Thomas; 27 Christina Barnes; 28 Jean Samples; 29 Florine Thomas

Anniversaries: September— 1 Chris & Tally Poole; 27 — Dollie & Samuel Jones

Ladies Reading Group:

Men's Meeting: First Saturday of month @ 9:00 AM in the auditorium

Potters Children Home: Coin Cans collected week of October 17th

September 19	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Opening Prayer	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Song Leader	Michael Blanks	Michael Blanks
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Mike Mamula	Lyle Cole
Server 2	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Denzil Turner, III
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Closing Prayer	Phil Tydings	Phil Tydings
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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MALACHI

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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.
5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday

No 5:00 PM service

Wednesday

Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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- Potter Children's Home

Malachi is generally believed to have prophesied about 450-400 B.C., although his book never tells us this. The content of the book indicates a time when Israel had lost their zeal and fervor for God's law. Their religion had become one of facade and sham. It is interesting to note that Malachi, whose name means "My Messenger", ends the Old Testament by prophesying the coming of God's first New Testament messenger, John the Baptist (4:5-6). He uses a question and answer style that challenges Israel to examine her motives in serving God.

It is sad when God's people lose their focus on Him, but such is the problem with which Malachi dealt. God had chosen Jacob's descendants (Israel) to be his people (1:2-3), but they had not lived up to their part of the bargain. They had deprived God of the honor rightfully due him. "If I then be a father, where is my honor?" (1:6). They were offering lame and sick animals as sacrifices. These would not have been acceptable to their governor, why should they think God would accept them? (1 :8) God was so disappointed that he said, "I have no pleasure in you ... neither will I accept an offering at your hand." (1:10) The heathen showed more respect for the name of God than they had (1:12, 14).

The priests were no better than the common people were. "The priest's lips should keep knowledge," for "he is the messenger of the Lord of Hosts" (2:7); but, instead, they had "departed out of the way" and "caused many to stumble at the law" (2:8). They had profaned "the covenant of our fathers" (2:10).

God's people had married "the daughter of a strange god" (2:11). He had witnessed their treachery against; the wives of their "youth" (2:14). Even though they had been faithful companions (2:15), they had divorced them for wives of "strange nations". God "hateth putting away" and certainly would not tolerate it in this instance (2:16). They should not have left their legal wives.

God promised a messenger who would signal better times. This messenger would "prepare the way before me" (3:1) and bring a time of spiritual cleansing. He would be a purifier that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness (3:3).

God promised to reward those who gave to him faithfully. They had "robbed" God of the tithes and offerings' that were rightfully his, and so were cursed (3:8-9). But he assured them of rich blessings if they would give to him properly. He would "open the windows of heaven" and pour out a blessing "that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (3:10). They would know a blessing so great that "all nations shall call you blessed, for ye shall be a delightful land" (3:12).

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