

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	26
Attendance AM	76
Attendance PM	32
Wednesday PM	34

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Lavern Blanks; Monica McCord; Pat Hamby (COVID); Walter Tolley; Ryan and Rita McGahee (COVID); David Cook; Rosella McGahee (Maria Joseph); Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Carolyn Morrison; Jim Thomas; Rhonda Fox ; Gary Leigh (Kettering); Shahid Raki (hospital—Tally’s brother); Debbie Rowland  
**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Cook family;  
**Prayers:** Janice Bland

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Birthdays: October**— 2 Virginia Robbins; 5 Rhea Wallace; 6 Kevin Gilbert; 9 Victoria Dudley; 13 Norris Cole, II; 14 Patrick Cook; 16 Judy Arnett; 17 Dollie Jones; 26 Caden Vance

**Anniversaries: October**—

**Ladies Reading Group:**

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

**Potter Children’s Home:** Coin Cans collected week of October 17th

October 10	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
<b>Song Leader</b>	Michael Blanks	Michael Blanks
<b>Lead Lord’s Supper</b>	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
<b>Server 1</b>	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
<b>Server 2</b>	Mike Mamula	Mike Mamula
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Denzil Turner, III	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Sermon</b>	Bob Vincent	Richard Melson
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
<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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**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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- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
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- Greater Midwest Lectureship Dayton, OH
- Potter Children's Home

## LEADERS ARE TO BE SPIRITUAL MEN

Richard D. Melson

The Bible clearly points out that the church is a spiritual institution (Col. 1:13,18,24; John 4:21-24) and its members are to be spiritual people (Rom. 8:6-9). The men who are to serve as leaders in the church are men who have placed God first in their lives and are manifesting those spiritual qualities that Christ desires. (Matt. 6:33; 2 Peter 1:4-9; 2 Tim 2:24-26).

The leaders in a local church are to manifest spiritual maturity, which is “having the ability to understand and discern God's will,” (1 Cor. 2:13-14) and 'developing the capacity to care for other Christians' (Heb 5:12-14).

The one who is spiritually mature is growing in Christ and seeking to ALWAYS GLORIFY GOD (John 15:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:31).

Two ways in which each Christian Glorify God are: (1) By being stable - Ephesians 4:13-14 and (2) by being capable- Matthew 22:29.

Being spiritual requires three things as identified by the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:11-3:2. The apostle teaches that being spiritual requires: (1) Having the Holy Spirit, v. 12; (2) It requires having the ability to perceive and properly judge in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Spirit vv. 14 & 15; and (3) It requires having the basic attitude or nature of the spirit as opposed to that of the flesh, 3:1,2.

When you hear quotes like the following, from the congregation regarding her leaders, then men are not spiritual in the handling of the Lord's affairs: “They try to run the church like they run their businesses”; he thinks he is giving orders to one of his managers”, or “he treats others like they are in the military.”

Remember brethren that our leaders are men who, though redeemed are still fighting the flesh (cf. Gal. 5:7 Rom. 7:14 25), and they must control the urge to run the affairs of the church in the way of the world. **“SPIRITUALITY IS WHAT PERSON IS, NOT WHAT HE DOES!”** Spirituality is not optional for any Christian and it is a marked requirement for the leaders.

Therefore let us each strive to reach the image of the risen Christ (Rom. 8:29) and pray for leaders to be **SPIRITUAL MEN.** ~

