

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	37
Attendance AM	39
Attendance PM	27
Wednesday PM	37

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Lavern Blanks; Monica McCord; 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; Shahid Raki (hospital—Tally’s brother); Debbie Rowland

**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II;

**Prayers:** J

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Williams & Wallace families; Mitchell family (Hampton, VA)

**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

October 17	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
<b>Song Leader</b>	Michael Blanks	Lyle Cole
<b>Lead Lord’s Supper</b>	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
<b>Server 1</b>	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Server 2</b>	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	James Grigsby	Alfred Willis
<b>Sermon</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Mike Mamula	Phil Tydings
<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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## LEADERS ARE TO SERVE

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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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"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Jesus who was the greatest leader history has ever known or will ever know, has provided in His life the perfect example of "true leadership". It was Jesus who used the teachable moment when asked by the mother of Zebedee’s sons to "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit on your right hand and the other on the left in your kingdom" (Matt.20:21b) and the ten responded with indignation against the two brothers that he taught them and teaches us about the two forms of leadership and points out which is correct for the church and it's leaders.

From the reading of this account in Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45 and Luke 22:24-30 Christ makes it clear that there are two types of leadership in the world- Gentile (authoritarian) and Christ-like (service) Christ tells the apostles that this Gentile type of leadership was not to be so among them meaning the "I am the boss; the one in authority, therefore you must do this or else"; attitude, but he says the type of leadership they are to exhibit is that of SERVING- leading by example. When one studies closely John 13 it can be clearly understood that Christ is teaching the similar lesson (cf. John 13:15). He gave the example to serve one another through love (Gal. 5:13).

The Gentile style of leadership-authoritarian-being practiced among the disciples of the Lord is condemned in the scripture (Matt. 20:20-28 and 1 Pet. 5:1-4). The leaders of Christ’s disciples must not bring the world’s form of leadership into the church but must follow the divine example of Christ and His apostles, that of Humility and Service.

J.J. Turner has studied and written widely about leadership in the church. Brother Turner wrote the following observations:

*“If the church is ever going to accomplish the mission given to her by God, it must have spiritual leadership” .*

*“The church is spiritual in nature and purpose. This why men involved in leadership must be spiritually minded men. The Christian leader is a redeemed man who is still fighting the flesh (cf. Galatians 5:7; Romans 7:14-25) (J. J. Turner).*

Let us prayerfully study and grow together in Christ by being Servants and not Lords, as the gentiles. *✍*

