

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	27
Attendance AM	76
Attendance PM	37
Wednesday PM	29

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Jahmeir Dudley; Lavern Blanks; Monica McCord; David Cook; Rosella McGahee@ (Maria Joseph); Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Carolyn Morrison (in hospital); Jim Thomas; Jerry Thomas; Gary Leigh; Shahid Raki (hospital—Tally’s brother); Debbie Rowland

Traveling: Norris Cole, II;

Prayers: Ryan and Rita McGahee

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Becky Maxwell and family

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:

October 24	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Opening Prayer	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Michael Blanks
Lead Lord’s Supper	Alfred Willis	Alfred Willis
Server 1	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 2	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Scripture Reader	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Closing Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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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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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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

CHURCHES WITHOUT ELDERS, STILL HAVE A SHEPHERD

Dan Jenkins

We have often pointed out that there is a way of remembering the six words used to describe elders that can be easily remembered. Take the first letter of each of the six words and form a new word. Because an elder must have children, just remember this truth, **“Elders must BE-POPS”**. Those six words? B=bishops; E=elders; P=presbyters; O=overseers; P=pastors and S=shepherds. Each of these words emphasize an important aspect of what an elder must be and what he must do.

God’s desire is for every church to have elders. Paul, on his first missionary journey, established many churches in Asia Minor. After he arrived at the most distant city, Derbe, he began appointing elders. “And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch...So when they had appointed elders in every church and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed” (Acts 14:21-23).

It is important to notice the importance of every church having elders. Because of abilities imparted when receiving the Holy Spirit through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, these infant churches were able to develop elders more quickly than in our day.

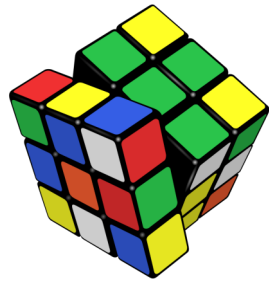
Elders have no authority outside of the local congregation. Peter described their work and the limits of their authority. “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers” (1 Pet. 5:2). God limits the work of the elder to the flock where he lives. He cannot rule over multiple churches.

Because elders must be spiritually mature men, some congregations do not have elders. One of the qualifications for an elder is that he cannot be a novice, a new convert (1 Tim. 3:6). Those who preach in those places and those who are leaders should set as one of their highest priorities to develop elders. Appointing men to be elders who are not spiritually qualified, just so a church can have men called elders, creates many problems. Until that time arrives, church leaders must ensure that the church is fed, restoring the wayward is not neglected and the church is led to have peace—still waters and green pastures.

Even without elders to shepherd them, a church is still God’s flock. One point overlooked is that Jesus is described as the “Chief Shepherd” (1 Pet. 5:6). Churches without an eldership still have this Shepherd. He may not be physically present, but He is in their midst overseeing them and providing food for every sheep. If you are a member of a congregation without elders, do not think that you have no Shepherd. *✍️*

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

Mind Boggling



Remember the Rubik's Cube? That little six colored cube presented quite a challenge to most of us. I remember feeling pleased of myself for getting a couple of sides all the same color. The current Rubik's cube record is, since 2018, in possession of Chinese Yusheng Du. He was able to solve the Rubik's cube in 3.47 seconds. Yes, yes, less than 4 seconds! Since there are 43 quintillion unique combinations possible (we'll take the word of the mathematicians on this), it is truly mind boggling to me that anyone could solve the puzzle in 11 minutes, much less 3.47 seconds.

In an age when there are not too many things which we consider awesome, this feat of solving that puzzle so quickly truly amazes me.

We too easily take things for granted. Putting a man on the moon was arguably the greatest technological achievement of the twentieth century. Those of us who were of age will all remember seeing Neil Armstrong taking those first steps for mankind on the moon. But what about the second and third trips to the moon? The astronauts had to play golf on the moon to even get TV coverage. We so easily lose our sense of awe!

There is so much of scripture that we, out of familiarity, fail to recognize with the proper sense of awe. John 3:16 has been familiar to us since our childhood, and most all of us can easily quote it. But to restore your sense of awe, read it for the personal message it truly is. "For God so loved ME, that He gave His only begotten Son, that I SHOULD believe in Him AND should not perish, but have everlasting life." "But God commendeth His love toward ME, in that, while I WAS yet A sinner, Christ died for ME" (Romans 5:8).

Isn't it mind boggling and awesome, to consider how much He loved us!

— Adapted from Bob Prichard

Which bird's feathers are you wearing?

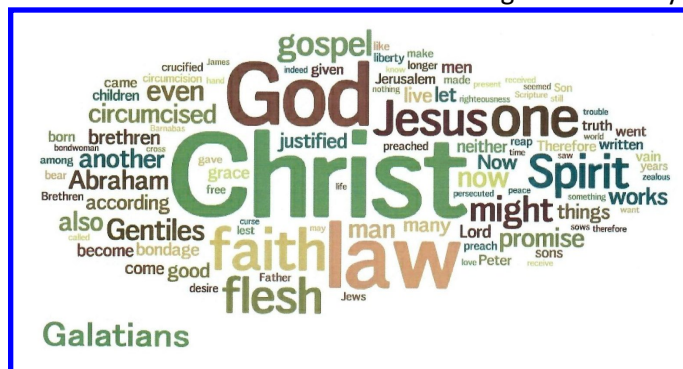


If you ask some teenagers why they are friends with certain people or ask a young couple why they are dating each other, you may get an answer that says something like, "We have so much in common!" And, isn't that true? We aren't usually friends with or hang around people with whom we don't share much in common. After all, "Birds of a feather flock together."

However, unfortunately, the reality is that sometimes we do hang out with people we shouldn't. We may think that is innocent and "no big deal," but the Bible teaches differently. Paul asked some rhetorical questions to get us thinking: "What fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?" (2 Cor. 6:14-16). The answer to all of these questions is: "None!"

Let us be extremely careful with whom we "yoke" ourselves (6:14), for our "company" can easily negatively influence our "habits" (1 Cor. 15:33).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Six Reasons Elders Should Shepherd

Every now and then when I finish reading an outstanding bulletin article, my response is, "I don't believe it could be said any better." When I read the following article from the pen of Adam Faughn I immediately knew it would profit everyone.

The greatest work of an elder (and the entire eldership) is that of shepherding the flock of God. Over and over this is seen in Scripture, but too few elders do that work. Many see the eldership as nothing more than a "governing board" or a "board of directors," in place only to make decisions. While elders certainly must make decisions—sometimes, very difficult decisions—that is not their primary work. Their primary work is shepherding.

1. **It's commanded.** This is the easy one! An elder who is not shepherding the flock isn't doing what God has charged Him to do. Elders, always remember that this is your primary work, because God has said as much.

2. **It's wise.** If elders will shepherd, it will lead to easier decision making. There will not be as many "blow ups" in the church, because those who work and serve will know that their leaders are constantly striving to help.

3. **It's common sense.** I think this is why many don't do it. Benjamin Franklin is quoted to have said, "Nothing is less common than common sense." Elders need to see that it just makes sense for them to be involved in this work. The more they shepherd, the more they help their own work.

4. **It leads to greater respect.** While we should never berate elders, many members wonder why elders don't do their primary work. When elders truly shepherd, it not only ends those questions, it also goes much farther. In fact, it leads the members to have a high level of respect for their leaders.

5. **It helps raise future elders.** Can you imagine how many young men would aspire to the office of an elder if elders took the time to shepherd them from birth throughout life? When leaders invest that kind of time in young men, our congregations will not suffer for future shepherds.

6. **It helps the church grow.** Many congregations aren't growing because they are losing as many members as they might be gaining. When elders shepherd the flock, weaker members will be more likely to remain and grow.

So, when we baptize the lost, we aren't "replacing" someone, we are growing.


- Adapted from an article by Adam Faughn and Dan Jenkins

COVID-19

We encourage everyone to follow the Dayton & Montgomery County Public Health Department's COVID-19 guidelines (<https://phdmc.org/coronavirus-updates>).

Wash your hands regularly! - Do not hug or shake hands!

We encourage everyone to obtain your COVID-19 vaccination.

If you should become positive for COVID-19 or come in contact with someone who has tested positive, you must let us know so that the congregation may take the appropriate follow-up steps. 

NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org; <http://gbntv.org/>; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak); <https://fun1071.fm>
- 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