

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	29
Attendance AM	66
Attendance PM	32
Wednesday PM	33

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Frank Brock (COVID); C.D. Arnett; Judy Arnett; Virginia Robbins; Jahmeir Dudley; David Cook; Rosella McGahee; Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jim Thomas; Jerry Thomas; Gary Leigh; Debbie Rowland; Lyle Cole; Carlene Harley; Rufus Poole (nephew of Naree Poole hospitalized in Maryland); LaVern Blanks (aunt of Dollie & Florine) in MVH; Leslie Miller (father of Valerie Melson) has pneumonia and is hospital in Tallahassee, FL; Shahid Raki (brother of Tally Poole)

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson

Prayers:

Repentance: Patrick Thomas

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: November— 14 Ruby Cole; 16 Tally Poole

Anniversaries: November— none

Ladies Reading Group:

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

November 14	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Michael Blanks	Michael Blanks
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	Mike Mamula	Mike Mamula
Server 2	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
Prayer for Responses	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
Closing Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Steven Crane
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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Do Not Lower The SAIL

Dan Jenkins

I am a long way from being an accomplished sailor, but the apostle Paul spent many days aboard ships throughout his life. He understood nautical terms and used one of them three times in the Bible. The Greek word is *hupostello* and refers to what happened whenever the captain of the ship sensed troubled waters ahead. It was used to describe what happened when he ordered his sailor to lower the sails to avoid what lay ahead.

Paul used the term "lowering the sail" twice in his meeting with the Ephesian elders. He described the teaching he had done in the three years he was located in Ephesus. He specifically mentioned that he taught the same both publicly and from house to house. Those years were filled with adversity—remember the riot his preaching had caused with the silversmiths in Ephesus who made images of Diana—yet Paul stayed the course. He said, "I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable to you" (Acts 20:20). The expression "I did not shrink" is that Greek word. When troubled water lay ahead, he did not "lower the sails" even once.

Paul's second use of the word described the heart of this great apostle and preceded his admonition to the Ephesian elders to shepherd the Lord's sheep and protect them from false teachers, even if the false teachers were part of the eldership. Paul said, "I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock..." (Acts 20:27). When false teachers threatened the church, Paul did not shrink—he did not "lower the sails!" Imagine the impact there would be on congregations if all elders refused to "lower the sails" even though such actions mean they would have to sail through trouble waters.

In Galatians 2:12, Paul used the term to describe what Peter did because of racial prejudice in the church. On one occasion Peter associated freely with Gentile Christians, but when Jewish brethren arrived, "He withdrew himself...fearing them who were of the circumcision." The words "withdrew himself" are from this same Greek word. He "lowered the sails" rather than navigating and conquering the troubled waters ahead.

The church needs leaders who will never "lower the sails" rather than doing what was right. Our homes need mothers and fathers who refuse to "lower the sails" instead of creating needed conflict with their children. Our homes need husbands who courageously lead their wives and children, even though it means dealing with trouble waters.

Do not ever "lower the sails." Remember that "it is always right to do right..." ! 📖

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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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All Members

Supporting

- Christian Courier
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
- Memphis School of Preaching
- Greater Midwest Lectureship
- Potter Children's Home
- Midwest School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

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

Kettering's Observation

[even this article is dated, the truth is still valid, RDM]

Isn't our modern, technological world wonderful! Today we will eat food that was in a garden ten thousand miles away a week ago. We can walk into a store and find electronic equipment that gets smaller, more efficient, and even cheaper with each new model. We are no longer bound by the sun in our activities, and if we choose to go to Wal-Mart at midnight to do our grocery shopping, there is nothing to stop us. Each day we hear news from the other side of the world almost instantaneously.

And yet, as the late engineer and inventor Charles F. Kettering noted, "You can send a message around the world in one-fifth of a second, yet it may take years for it to get from the outside of a man's head to the inside."

Haven't you seen the truth of Kettering's words? A woman may have a friend tell her again and again about something that will revolutionize her life, and she may never accept the information, or a man may hear the gospel a thousand times before he obeys.

Since it sometimes takes us so long to understand, it is not surprising that the Bible is often repetitious. We have four accounts of the life of Christ, with some of the information from one book to another virtually the same. Some themes are hammered home again, and again. Writing to the church at Philippi, Paul said, "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe" (Phil. 3:1). Paul necessarily had to repeat himself from time to time, to keep the brethren "safe."

You have heard these before. Have they gotten to the inside of your head?

"If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).
 "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt.22:37).
 "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matt. 22:39).
 "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Pet. 2:9).
 "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11:25).

—Bob Prichard

Please stop! Everything is not about "race"! (ethnicity)



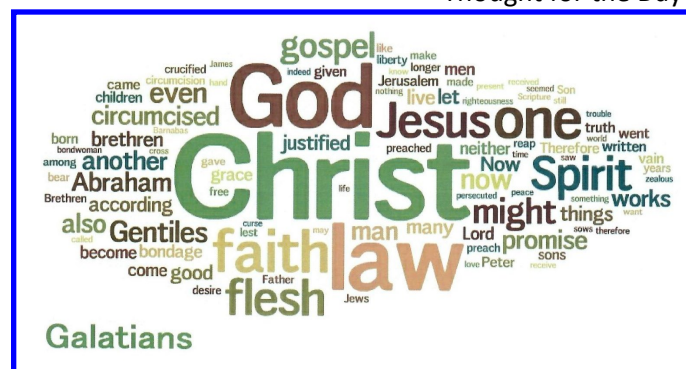
The very word "black" and the word "white" are now words that trigger reactions (negative reactions) in the minds of so many—even when those words are not even being used of people. Recently individuals have been offended by "black" and "white" chess pieces and "black" and "white" checkered patterns on the chessboard. Some people react when they hear that something is written in "black and white" or about the old days of watching "black and white" TV.

There is no PERSON on this earth who is "black" and no PERSON is "white." One's skin color may be darker than another, but that does not make the PERSON "black." One's skin color may be lighter than another, but that does not make the PERSON "white."

EVERY PERSON is the SAME color! Except they are not a color at all! EVERY PERSON is COLORLESS! The "spirit" of a person is the actual person! The "body" (with its pigment-varied "flesh" tones, Luke 24:39) is not the person, but an abode for the spirit/person (Jas. 2:26)! How shallow to focus on (or be triggered by) the color of the house that someone is living in!

David Sproule

Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Shepherds of the flock ...

Shepherds are quite important to sheep. It is their responsibility to guide the flock, feed the flock, protect the flock, and care for the flock. When David was a shepherd tending his father's sheep, he pursued on two different occasions both a bear and a lion, killing the aggressors and rescuing a lamb from the jaws of death.

Jesus, in John 10, speaking of Himself as the Good Shepherd, said that He gives His life for His sheep, and that all who enter by Him will be saved and find pasture. On the other hand, those who do not care for the sheep flee when danger threatens, and the sheep are scattered and harmed.

The prophet Ezekiel, in the 34th chapter of his book, condemns the irresponsible shepherds of Israel who put their own well-being ahead of that of the flock, and who have not strengthened the weak, nor healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost (v. 4). In contrast, God as the True shepherd, will feed His flock and make them lie down; He will seek the lost, bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick (v. 15, 16).

Elders of the church are shepherds, and these passages of scripture and others indicate the important work and responsibility of shepherds.

It is our desire, if it is the Lord's will, in the coming weeks to identify a plurality of men who are qualified to serve this congregation as shepherds. It is a crucial selection process that can have far-reaching effects for this church,

and should be given the most careful attention, prayer, and study. Thus we encourage you to join us at Bible Class for the several Sunday morning as we continue in this study prior to our selection of these men. ✍

—Richard D. Melson & Dwight Norris

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. ✍



Elder/Pastor/Bishop/Shepherd Nomination Process

- Each member of the congregation should study the biblical qualifications before they place the man's name on the form they will submit.
- Understand that just because you submit a name does not mean that the man can be appointed.
- This is not a "popularity contest".
- This is not an "election", it is not who gets the most votes.
- It is about who meets the New Testament qualifications.
- It is also about members obeying the doctrine of Christ and submitting to follow spiritual leadership.
- **Please submit the information to the office by 11/14/21.**
- Once the names are submitted those men will be interviewed, to validate that they meet Bible qualifications.
- If there is a plurality of such men, then following Titus 1:5 they will be ordained. ✍

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