

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	32
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: C.D. Arnett; Virginia Robbins; David Cook; Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jim Thomas; Gary Leigh; Debbie Rowland; Carlene Harley; Rufus Poole (nephew of Naree Poole hospitalized in Maryland); LaVern Blanks (aunt of Dollie & Florine);

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Willis family

Prayers: Jones family (Buffalo, NY)

Repentance:

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

Potter Children's Home:

November 28	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Opening Prayer	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Song Leader	Michael Blanks	Phil Tydings
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Server 2	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole, Sr.	Norris Cole, Sr.
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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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
- 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

Study is essential to building a positive life. King Ptolemy Lagua asked Euclid, "If there was not a shorter and easier way to the knowledge of geometry than he had laid down in his 'Elements.'" He answered, "There is no royal road to geometry." I will add that neither is there a royal (i.e., easy) road to any study. Knowledge comes through study and hard work.

Concerning study the Proverbs writer said, "The heart of the righteous studieth to answer but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things" (Proverbs 15:28; cf. 1 Peter 3:15). The apostle Paul wrote "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV).

As students in the school of Christ, we are lifetime learners. Our study must not stop until we have gone to be with the Lord. As a student, there are several qualities that will help you in studying God's Word. as well as other good materials.

First, you must have an open mind. This attitude is manifested throughout the Bible (Acts 17:11; Daniel 5:20; 2 Peter 3:2; 2 Corinthians 3:14).

Second, you must be spiritually minded. The Bible is a spiritual book (Colossians 1:9; Titus 2:6; James 1:8).

Third, you must have a passion to know the truth (Psalms 119:11, 103); you must also believe that you can know the truth (John 8:32; Ephesians 5:17).

Fourth, you must be a person of prayer, who asks for guidance and wisdom in your study of the Word (James 1:5; 3:15).

Fifth, you must be persistent. Some things (i.e., truths) can't be fully understood without constantly studying them (Proverbs 12:27; John 5:39).

Sixth, you must be willing to accept revealed truth. Finding the truth will not help the student unless he accepts and applies it (Luke 8:18; Psalms 49:4).

Seventh, you must rid yourself of all preconceived ideas about the subject or text. This was one of the problems the Jews had (Mark 12:10; 15:28; Matthew 22:29; Luke 24:27,32,45).

Eighth, you must be a person of courage. To accept truths that have heretofore gone unnoticed will, in many instances, take great courage. It will also take courage to put them into practice in your daily life (Proverbs 22:22; Psalms 119:104).

Ninth, you must be able to use your reasoning skills (Acts 17:2; 18:4; 28:19; 24:25).

Tenth, you must believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible (2 Timothy 2:16,17). Every Christian is a lifetime learner. Through knowledge a positive spiritual life is built.

God's Word must be the constant diet for our souls (cf. 1 Peter 2:1-3). 

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

What's The Point?

One of the brethren at Bear Valley, Wes Autrey, sent me a copy of the "Idiot Report." Though I am still wondering why this made him think of me, I found all the entries extremely amusing. I could reprint any one of them, but found this one attributed to a Wichita probation officer particularly funny. This August report says,

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when its safe to cross the street. I was crossing with one of my coworkers, who asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"

Hopefully, you get where she missed the purpose of the corner buzzer. If not....

How many miss the point of Christianity? The decision to become a Christian is the best and most important decision this side of time. Living the Christian life is the best life to live. Worshipping the living God is a privilege that is awe-inspiring and of unsurpassed joy. Prayer is a lifeline without which no Christian should feel equipped. Bible study with an eye toward applying its truths is vital to growing stronger and closer to God.

To go through life as a Christian filled with fear, sadness, anxiety, envy, anger, apathy and resentment really misses the point of what it means to be in Christ. That does not mean that we will automatically be immune from any of these feelings and attitudes. In fact, all of us will be confronted with them throughout life. Yet, if we spend a lifetime given in to these things, we have missed the point! Being in Christ means having the only true access to courage, happiness, trust, satisfaction, peace, zeal and acceptance there is. We could go so many places in the New Testament to affirm this, but just look at Ephesians one. In Christ are the faithful saints (1:1). In Christ is every spiritual blessing (1:3). In Christ is election (1:4). In Christ is grace (1:6). In Christ is redemption (1:7). In Christ is all-sufficiency (1:10). In Christ is hope (1:12). In Christ is the seal of the Holy Spirit of promise (1:13). In Christ is strength (1:19-20). We have a forgotten past, a purposeful presence, and hopeful future in Christ.

The world's values and thinking are backward (cf. Isa. 5:20). Do not fall prey to their convoluted way of thinking. We are Christians! We know why we are here and where we are going!

- Neal Pollard

Sorry I'm not sorry

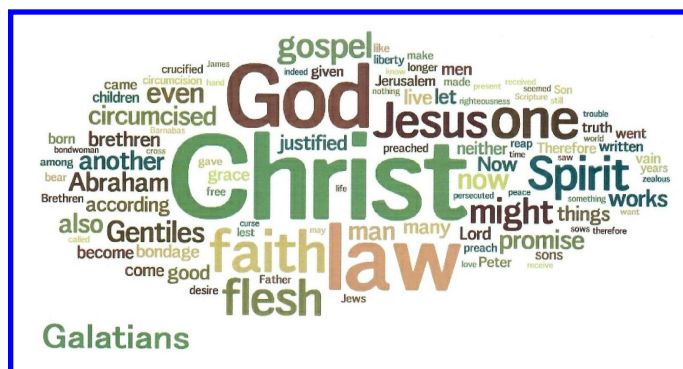


Did you ever have a teacher or parent force you to say, "I'm sorry," to some other kid? I'm not claiming that such an effort should never be made by an adult, but there is something usually lacking in that scenario – true sorrow. Saying the words is not the same as meaning the words.

Paul had written a sternly-worded letter to the church at Corinth (our "First Corinthians"), and then said this about the effects of that letter: "I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry," and "that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner... For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Cor. 7:8-10).

Note that there are two kinds of "sorry." One is genuine and the other is fake. One is produced in the heart and the other is hypocritically expressed with the lips. As Christians, which kind should we possess? Which kind should we express? When "I'm sorry," I need to be "sorry" as God would have me to be!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Rejoice in Tribulations

We read in Romans 5:3,4: "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

One of the striking qualities of these verses is the fact that Christians are shown to rejoice in their troubles and trials. How often do we grumble and complain about the way life has dealt with us? How close do we come to complaining against God?

All men have tribulations. Christians, by persecutions, some times have more, but Christians should have a different view of their problems than the ungodly. James tells us, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:2-3). There is benefit in suffering and difficulties. Even if it is persecution, the Christian should view his troubles as something to strengthen his faith. "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6-7).

As Peter states value in trial in the above passage, so Paul does in Romans 5:3,4 where he points out that tribulation brings about patience, or steadfastness. Under pressure one will either remain steadfast or else fall away. When one remains steadfast, the KJV says this brings about experience, which can properly be defined or translated, as approval. Approval of one's life and conduct comes

only through standing fast with Christ, obeying His will. Such approval gives one, then, a reasonable basis for the hope of the promises of God for him.

Should we not then cease our grumbling and complaining about our problems? Each of us should seek to obey Christ completely, as revealed in the New Testament, live according to His example, and realize that the trials of this life are but a refining of our souls in preparation for eternity. Let us all make the best of everything. ✍

Beginning on December 5, 2021 the weekly radio program: **Landmarks for Living** will start. It will broadcast on 98.7 FM, each Sunday morning at 8:00—8:30 AM. Plan to listen in.

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 Selection Process

- The interview committee is being led by Walter Tolley. (*Walter has chosen not to serve again as an elder*).
- The interview team consists of Walter Tolley, Patrick Cook, Norris Cole and Patrick Thomas.
- The names of the men to be interviewed are: Alfred Willis and Richard Melson.
- If a member of the congregation is aware of a **biblical** reason why one of these men cannot serve as a bishop you should **document this in writing, include your name, sign and date the letter**. No unsigned letter will be considered.
- Pending a successful interview process these men will be presented to the congregation and congregation to the men, on 19 December, 2021 after the morning service. ✍

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