

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	38
Attendance AM	80
Attendance PM	44
Wednesday PM	38

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Samuel Jones (husband of Dollie, MVH); C.D. Arnett; Virginia Robbins; David Cook; Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jim Thomas; Debbie Rowland; Carlene Harley; Rufus Poole (nephew of Naree Poole hospitalized in Maryland); LaVern Blanks (aunt of Dollie & Florine); Denzill Turner, III; Frank Brock

**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II;

**Prayers:** Ryan Parsons family, Wheeling WV (house fire—total loss)

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Blanks family

**Birthdays: December—** 11 Nine Netheron; 15 Dwayne Eslick, Sr.; Dana Grigsby; Richard Melson, Sr. 18 Mike Blakley; 24 Mia Gilbert; 26 Theresa Wallace

**Anniversaries: December —** none

**Ladies Reading Group:**

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

**Potter Children's Home:**

December 05	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
<b>Song Leader</b>	Michael Blanks	Jerry Thomas
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
<b>Server 1</b>	Mike Mamula	Mike Mamula
<b>Server 2</b>	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Sermon</b>	Richard Melson	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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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

## THOUGHTS AS THIS YEAR ENDS

Dan Jenkins

We are just days away from the end of another year of our time together on this earth. It is a good time for reflections, and so I want to share with you some of the spiritual lessons the past twelve months have brought to me. I am not the same person I was when 2021 began. I have learned much this year.

**I have learned more about living close to God and becoming His friend.** A few years ago I purchased the one book, other than the Bible, which has impacted my relationship to God most. It is entitled Becoming God's Friend, written by my son, Jonathan. It is a study of the maturing faith of Abraham, who near the end of his life learns to live as the friend of God (Jas. 2:23). After reading it, I vowed that I would become, as much I could, a friend of God.

This year, I have read that book through twice, and my faith in God's providence grows. God's friend long ago told his son that "God would provide" (Gen. 22:8), and I am learning how to live closer to my Friend who provides for me.

**I have learned more about God's desire to answer my prayers.** Opportunities for aging preachers diminish in number, but more than a thousand times I have asked my Friend to open doors before me. I have been amazed at how many invitations to preach I have received. I asked Him so often to help me find people to teach, and in so many remarkable ways people have been brought into my life. The more I ask, the more He has given to me.

**I have learned more about the vital role of my family in enhancing my relationship to God.** Judie and I have four children and thirteen grandchildren. Years ago, I heard an older preacher say (OK, I know that I am now an older preacher), "If I saved the whole world and failed to teach my own children, I think I would have wasted my life." I am so thankful that all our offspring have been baptized into Christ. While one has left the Lord and sometimes I grieve as I see a weakening of faith in some of them, John said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth" (3 John 4). I have learned even more this year of the joy of having children (and grandchildren) who embrace His values.

**I have learned more about the blessing God has given me in my marriage.** Judie's health has not been the best this past year, and this has helped me treasure our moments together. It has been the best year we have ever had. Her tenacious spirit in dealing with pain has taught me much. She is a constant source of spiritual encouragement to me.

A new year lies before each of us. It should be exciting as we learn the lessons He teaches us from the experiences of our lives. Let's make the best of it! 📖

We thank God for allowing brother Dan to share these thoughts and may they help each of us as we approach the end of 2021. We each should strive to grow closer to God daily. Just think about how must one righteous person can do for God. (Richard)

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

## He Gives Us Strength To Endure

## “In whom I am well pleased”



When tragedy suddenly rocks your world,  
and your faith is put to the sternest test;  
Is Christ driven from your home,  
or is he still a most welcomed guest?  
Can you brave a smile in the midst of pain,  
showing that Christ is still in control,  
Or do you in anger lash out at everyone,  
as you regrettably let your Christian life unroll?  
As we travel through this world of shifting sand,  
times of great sorrow we will come to know;  
The ill winds of sickness, pain, and death,  
will from time to time upon us blow.  
Tragedies and broken hearts we will have to face,  
but we need not face them all alone the Bible does report;  
For as Christians we have our Savior, Christ the Lord,  
whom we can lean on for support.  
This does not mean that through this life,  
we can in ignorance blissfully coast;  
But it does mean when sadness and sorrows come,  
we will be able to handle them much better than most.  
The word of God prepares the human heart,  
with all that we will need to endure this life;  
As Christians if we will continually feed on God’s word,  
we will be victorious over tragedy, sin, and strife.  
Always keep these truths in mind dear friends,  
and cleave unto him who can make you whole;  
Remember that nothing that you may possess,  
is worth more than your eternal soul.

Raymond A. Leonard

### Problems

Life poses three problems - guilt, grief and the grave. Christ is the answer to all three.

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

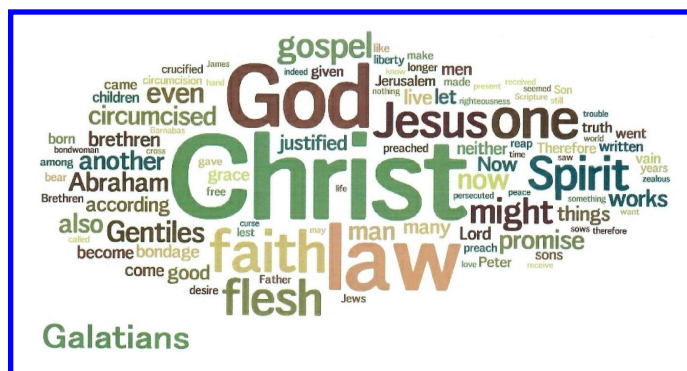
John 11: 25 – “...I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”

- Glenn Hitchcock

When Jesus knew the will of God, He took it upon Himself to “fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:15). He did not reject His need to be baptized; He submitted to it in order to obey the will of God. Immediately, “a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased’” (Matt. 3:17). Later, as Jesus was contemplating “His decease” (Luke 9:31), again He was determined to fulfill the will of God. He did not reject His need to be put to death for mankind; He submitted to it in order to obey the will of God. Immediately, “a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’” (Matt. 17:5).

The audible voice of God no longer booms from heaven, but are there any words that we would rather hear in eternity than, “This is my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased”? Let us make it the focus of our lives to obey the will of God and be well-pleasing to God here, so that we can hear those words over there!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson’s Musings ...



### Crumbling Foundations

The proper foundation is extremely important in almost every aspect of our daily life, from construction of various types of dwellings, to nation building, it should be understood how important the foundation is. But even if the proper foundation is laid, it must be maintained and sustained. When the foundation deteriorates or is changed then so does everything it supports.

- Father sodomizes son, then murders him.
- 15 year old teen shoots and kills four students, injures several others at his high school.
- In California “organized gangs of criminals have targeted pharmacies and grocery stores. To make matters worse, Proposition 47 decriminalized “theft of property as long as the theft was under \$950”.

These are only small sampling of the various sins being perpetrated in our country today.

Listen to the prophet Isaiah, who warned the children of Israel: *Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, And sin as if with a cart rope; (Isa. 5:18). Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight! Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man! (Isa. 5:21-23).*

We are living among many who like Israel have rejected Jehovah and His law (Isa. 5:24b) and forgotten it is God rules in the kingdom of men (Dan. 4:25, 35)!

The Church must call men back to God (Jerm. 29:29) because “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Ps. 11:3).

We are witnessing the results of what happens when a nation forgets who God is: “The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.” (Ps. 9:17)

We must return the to the foundational belief in the God of creation, to fear Him and keep His commandments (Eccl. 12:13; Matt. 7:21-24) with respect for and submission to authority (1 Pet. 5:5) understanding that we all will give an account of our actions in this life in eternity (2 Cor. 5:10)

Beginning today the weekly radio program: **Landmarks for Living** started. 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](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org); <http://gbntv.org/>; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak); <https://fun1071.fm>; soulofdayton.com (8:00 AM)
- 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