

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	20
Attendance AM	56
Attendance PM	20
Wednesday PM	28

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** [COVID]-Rachel Blanks, Layne & Chace Vance, Debbie Rowland. Katherine Willis and Kimberly & Phil Tydings; Samuel Jones (husband of Dollie Jones); Linda Thomas (sprained wrist); C.D. Arnett (Grandview); Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack and Carlene Harley; Brenda Mamula;

**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Valerie Melson; Ashley Thomas; Victoria Dudley

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Birthdays: January** — 5 Lisa Owens; 15 Jennifer Arnett; 16 Valerie Melson 31 Chad Arnett; Krystal Thomas

**Anniversaries: January** — 1— Steven & Deborah Crane; 2 Timothy & Melody Angus

**Ladies Reading Group:** January 20@ 6:00 PM Chapter 2 via Zoom

**Potter Children's Home:**

January 16	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
<b>Song Leader</b>	Michael Blanks	Lyle Cole
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
<b>Server 1</b>	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Server 2</b>	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	James Grigsby	Steven Crane
<b>Sermon</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
<b>Greeter</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.
<b>Usher</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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# THE EDIFIER

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## "DOES JESUS CARE?"

Roy J. Hearn & Richard D. Melson

*"Does Jesus care when my heart is pained, Too deeply for mirth and song. As the burdens press, And cares distress, And the way grows weary and long. Does Jesus care when I've said good-bye To the Dearest on earth to me, And my sad heart aches Till it nearly breaks, Is it aught to Him, Does He see?"*

For decades this song has touched the hearts and given comfort to many. It answers this important question by saying: "Oh, yes, He cares, I know He cares; His heart is touched with my grief." To those who believe the Bible, it is evident that the Godhead Three are interested in our welfare. They have not left us alone. They see, care and understand. Thus, this article is dedicated to those who have suffered the loss of loved ones in 2021 and past.

**God the Father Cares.** This was demonstrated in the giving of Jesus, the Son of His love, to die the ignominious death, cruel and painful death, on the cross that in Him the world might have redemption (John 3:16). It shows the love God has for sinners, for "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8-9).

**Jesus the Christ Cares.** Jesus came to seek and save that which is lost (Luke 19:10). He gave His life a ransom for many, that is, as many as will come to Him in obedience (Mark 10:45; Rev. 22:17). God is not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). Jesus not only laid down His life for his friends, but for His enemies as well (John 15:13; Rom. 5:8).

As Jesus looked over the city of Jerusalem and the multitudes who rejected Him, he wept over it (Luke 19:14; Matt. 23:37). He would have been glad to save all of them. Can you imagine anyone who would hate the Son of God who came to save them? Nevertheless, Jesus still appeals to everyone: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). Further he said: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him . . ." (Rev. 3:20).

Every person is the proprietor of his own heart, and must exercise his will to open his heart to the Lord. While on earth Jesus showed He cared, and said: "He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted." Even though the Lord has ascended back to the Father in heaven, He yet has compassion upon us, and through Him, God hears our prayers. If we have faith in His promises, we can be comforted.

**The Holy Spirit Cares.** This third member of the Godhead is not a mere influence, but a divine Person the same as God the Father and Christ the Son, with all the same divine attributes. He is able to teach (John 14:26). He has testified of the will of God through the apostles first, now through the written word (John 15:26). He came to inspired men in the first century to glorify Christ, not Himself (John 16:14). He speaks (1 Tim. 4:1). He has revealed the things of God, and has knowledge (1 Cor. 2:10-13). He makes intercession for His saints (Rom. 8:26-27), and joins in the invitation (Rev. 22:17). He can also be grieved (Eph. 4:30).

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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

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study  
7:00 P.M.

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

## What's The Score?

I have a friend whose wife just can't understand why so many people are so interested in sports. She says that she doesn't understand why her husband should feel like he should actually watch the games. After all, she says, all that matters is the score. Why waste time seeing how the score comes about?

While I can't exactly agree with her point of view, and I know that other things really do matter, it is true that the winner is judged by the score. Chuck Noll, who coached the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL, once commented on why he likes football. "The nice thing about football," he said, "is that you have a scoreboard to show how you've done. In other things in life, you don't. At least not one that you can see."

Since life's scoreboard is one that you can't see, man has been diligent in trying to make up his own substitute scoreboard. He may think that the quantity of riches amassed is a good scoreboard, or how new his car is, or something like that. But the number of things we have is not necessarily the indicator of life's score. Neither is how high we rise in our company, or who we know and associate with.

Sometimes in a football game, one team gets more first downs, and gains more yards, and maybe even has a better band, but those things are not what counts in the end. All that really matters in the end is the score. In the game of life, a man may have those earthly things we count so precious, and he may be a good neighbor, and may even be kind to animals, but these are not really what count in the end.

John saw a great vision of the scoreboard of life. "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ... And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:11-12, 15). How do you stand according to what is written in the books? !

- Adapted from Bob Pritchard

## New and different



When you see advertisements for products, what catches attention is if there is something "NEW" about it. People like "new" things, "new" ideas, "new" technology. Even the Athenians in Paul's day "spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21). So it is in religion, many folks are looking for something "new," and so many churches feel like they need to offer something "new," in order to distinguish them from "the other churches" and to appeal to the masses.

Consider for a moment: The Bible was completed almost 2,000 years ago. It is not going to change or to offer something "new." We must "not add" anything to it, in order to find or make something "new" or "different" (Rev. 22:18). If the truth of the glorious gospel and sound doctrine does not appeal to people, it is not our job to make it appealing. It alone is what "compels" (2 Cor. 5:14; 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:1-4) and not us! Let us love, "seek" and teach "the old paths, where the good way is," and let us not be ashamed to "walk in it" (Jer. 6:16)!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



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**Why Do God, Christ and the Holy Spirit Care?** For one thing, man is made in the image of God, and above the beasts of the field and forest (Gen. 1:26-28). The soul of man is the offspring of God (Acts 17:28). And since the law is that "like begets like, or everything brings forth after his kind," the soul of every baby that comes into the world is pure and holy, since it comes from the hand of God. Thus, there can be no sin attached to the soul of the infant, as most denominations teach.

Hebrews 12:9 says that God is the Father of spirits. He does not form the physical body, except to give the law of reproduction by cohabitation, but He does form the spirit of man within him (Zech. 12:1). The soul of the child is not produced by earthly parents; only the body that it occupies. This being true, one can see and understand why God is interested in His creature, man.

Since the soul of every person comes from the hand of God, it is readily seen that the soul is not perishable material, but is immortal, that is, it never ceases to be, or passes into oblivion, but continues in a conscious state of existence for eternity.

**Do we ourselves care about our souls?** The hosts of heaven do (Luke 15:17). All who love God do (Rom. 10:1). The lost do care, albeit to late (Luke 16:19-31). The saved do (Heb. 12:1). Since all these do care, why should we not care for ourselves, and do what the Bible teaches us to do to be saved? Believe in Christ (John 8:24); repent of sins (Acts 3:19); confess faith in Christ (Acts 8:37); be baptized in order to obtain forgiveness of past sins (Acts 2:38).

From God's goodness and love comes the Scheme of Redemption. -Let the living take advantage of it. 📖

## Exciting Changes at Needmore Road

You may now bring in your gently used clothes for the clothing pantry. These should be washed before delivery. Please no used under garments (only new).

Thanks sister Willis and Melson

The committee for the Food Pantry asks that we hold off bringing in food items until they have finished the preparatory work. Once this is done, we will be notified each month for the non perishable food item to supply. Thanks for being ready to serve! 🙏

## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

The Elders are meeting to create a 2022 plan of work. We will need to work with committee heads before the plan can be presented to the congregation. Your patience, prayers and understanding is sought. 🙏

If you have made changes in your physical address, phone number or email address, please provide this information to the office via Dollie Jones and to Diane Cole (Norris) for the digital church directory.

Effective today, the public announcements will be given after the conclusion of each service, not before. This will allow us to start worship as published.

— The Elders



## 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