

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	23
Attendance AM	63
Attendance PM	25
Wednesday PM	34

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** William Bogan (hip); Walter Tolley (Cancer); Victoria Dudley; Herman and Beulah Farmer; Randy Farmer; Katherine Willis and Kimberly & Phil Tydings; Samuel Jones (husband of Dollie Jones); Jerry and Linda Thomas; Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack and Carlene Harley;  
**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Richard & Valerie Melson  
**Prayers:** Richard Melson, Jr.  
**Repentance:** Richard Melson, Jr.  
**Baptism:**  
**Sympathy:** Kevin Berry and family  
**Birthdays: February** — 4 Betty Blakley; 13 Tena Eslick; 16 Frank Brock; 18 Katherine Willis; 21 Catherine Anderson; Jerry Thomas; 22 Brenda Wiley; 28 Deborah Crane  
**Anniversaries: February** — 8 Alfred & Katherine Willis  
**Ladies Reading Group:** February 17 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 2 via Zoom  
**Potter Children’s Home: Commodities Outreach**— Week of April 10, 2022

February 13	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks	Phil Tydings
Lead Lord’s Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Server 2	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Greeter		
Usher	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.
Usher		

**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

**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

## Do We Also Have Eyes Which Do Not See?

Dan Jenkins

When Jesus said, “Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest” (John 4:35), His disciples really had trouble understanding what was being said. They were in Samaria and the apostles, because of their Jewish background, had never seen that Samaritans had souls. Jews avoided, as much as they could, any contact with this mixed race in Samaria. Jesus’ use of the word “already” shows that He saw Samaria as a field ready to be reaped for God.

These apostles had to be shocked at the words of Jesus, but in just a few months they saw what Jesus saw. They saw souls, even those in Samaria. Just before His ascension, Jesus gave His plan to evangelize the world using these words: “You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). It appeared that some heard these words this time and understood them.

The church began in Jerusalem and when persecution arose, the Bible shows that they went to Samaria. When the Samaritans believed and obeyed the gospel, these apostles then knew His plan that involved from Jerusalem to Samaria. The apostles were part of the beginning of the church and before them were the white fields of Samaria. What happened? Luke describes the response using the word “multitudes.” The apostles seemed to have understood His great commission. They sent Peter and John to them that they might lay hands on these new Christians so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

However, their view of white fields was limited. Some of those early Christians went to Antioch in Syria, and some Greeks, likely proselytes, became Christians (Acts 11:19-20). But most in the church still did not see the white fields. It is true that Peter said on Pentecost that the promise of the Spirit would be given to as many as the Lord called, but he failed to see that it included those who were far off—the Gentiles.

It was the miracle of the Spirit coming on the household of Cornelius that started opening their eyes. God had shown that He accepted any person in every nation who feared God and did His will (Acts 10:34-35). The great commission of Jesus was to preach to every creature. The church was so slow in seeing this.

What is the application of what we have just said? It is for each of us to lift up our eyes. We have no right to pre-judge others before we teach them! We are focusing on mission work here at Needmore Road. Remember that world evangelism begins not around the world but, at your front door then goes around the world.

Is it possible that we are not seeing our white fields? As you walk away from the meeting house, you are in His mission field! [Adapted by RDM]

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

## White Already To Harvest

After changing the life of the Samaritan woman at the well by offering her the water of life, Jesus explained to His disciples that true food to Him was to finish the work the Father had given to Him. "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:34-36).

When Jesus told His disciples to lift up their eyes and see the fields "white already to harvest," He was telling them that it was almost too late to reap the harvest, that there was no time to delay. The urgency of that day has not diminished in any way.

Consider the doors closing today. Seven states in India have enacted laws banning conversion to Christianity through a so called "freedom-of-religion" bill enacted through the leadership of India's Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party. The laws target Dalits, the "untouchables" under India's caste system. Dalits face five years in prison if they convert to Christianity.

Even in a free country like Israel, there is pressure to limit conversion. Yakov Margi, a member of Israel's Knesset [Parliament] has proposed a bill "completely forbidding preaching and proselytism" in Israel. Margi said, "Whether it's Christians coming from abroad or Jewish converts working in Israel, they all have the same agenda—to destroy every trace and memory of the people of Israel, and they plan to do this by converting the Jews" (Christianity Today, May 2007, p. 17).

Several European countries, as well as Canada, have adopted, or are proposing laws that would define teaching the Bible as it relates to homosexuality as "hate speech," punishable by imprisonment.

Will we miss our opportunity to evangelize the world in our generation? The fields are "white already to harvest." We cannot wait! - Bob Pritchard

## Your child won't do more than you

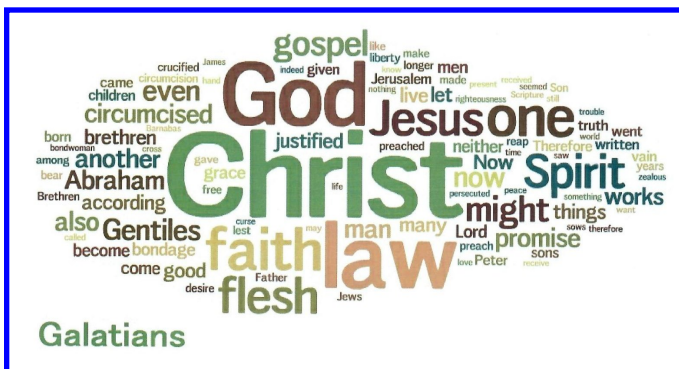


The goal of EVERY Christian parent ought to be to get their children to heaven! (Oh, how I wish that sentence could have said, "The goal of EVERY Christian parent IS to get their children to heaven!" But, unfortunately, that would not be an accurate statement.) Are you a Christian parent? Do you still have children at home? Is there anything you want MORE than for your children to go to heaven? How do your actions coincide with your answer to that last question?

It is highly unlikely (almost in the region of "it'll never happen") that your children will grow up to place more emphasis on the church than you do. They will not grow up to place more emphasis on Bible reading, prayer and Christian living than you do. At best, some will be a Christian at "your level." But most, unfortunately, will be "less" inclined to Christian living than you.

With that in mind, are you giving your children THE BEST opportunity to grow up to be a faithful Christian? Is their soul and their eternal destiny worth not living your Christian life to the absolute FULLEST? .

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



### Strength In Smallness

Nails are tiny things, but they hold big buildings together. Springs are tiny things, but they feed tremendous streams. Helms are tiny things, but they govern great ships. A thought, a word, a smile, a frown, a deed-these are tiny things, but they are tremendous things for good or evil. Watch the little things, and the big things will take care of themselves.

~Bulletin Digest August 1985~

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 Needmore Road Church of Christ Food Pantry has identified the following items for February: Applesauce, Canned Chicken, Rice, Peanut Butter and Dry Pasta. Thanks for being ready to serve!

## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

**Make plans to attend and support our Gospel Meeting with Neal Pollard March 6-9, 2022.**

We thank you for the prayers on our behalf. We are working daily for the Lord and the congregation. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

We are reaching out to members for specific involvement in the work of the congregation. We are being very deliberate in this process.

Due to the recent severe winter weather (ice and snow) there are leaks in several areas of the flat roof. The roofer has been notified and is working to address these issues. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

We have implemented new email addresses: The Office – office@nmrcoc.com; Preacher: dr.rdmelson@nmrcoc.com; alfred.willis@nmrcoc.com. Finance-finance@nmrcoc.com.

Additionally we have upgraded the phone system from an analog to a digital system. Therefore when you call listen carefully to message and follow the new instructions.

The new marquee is installed and almost operational; this is a digital LED display sign.



If you used envelops, checks or electronic deposits for your weekly contribution in 2021, and would like a report of your giving for your tax records please Patrick Thomas.

— 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- 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