

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	25
Attendance AM	89
Attendance PM	48
Wednesday PM	66

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Rachel Blanks; Reagan Blanks; Sherry Baker; Mary Sanders (at home); William Bogan (hip); Walter Tolley; Victoria Dudley; Herman and Beulah Farmer; Katherine Willis; 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; Dollie Jones

Prayers: Brethren in Ukraine

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: March— 5 Brandon Lease; 6 Melody Angus; 9 Rita McGahee; 10 Samuel "Brandon" Jones; 11 Mary Vance; 17 Pat Norris; 18 Layne Vance; 27 Lyle Cole; 28 Cynthia Lease; 30 Timothy Angus, William Bogan

Anniversaries: March —

Ladies Reading Group: March 17 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 3 via Zoom

Potter Children's Home: Commodities Outreach— Week of April 10, 2022

March 13	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	James Grigsby	Patrick 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	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Greeter		
Usher		
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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IT IS WRITTEN

Burt Groves

"And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead" (Acts 4:1-2).

Persecution against Peter and John began because they announced the coming resurrection of the dead. How else could they preach Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)? Why would anyone oppose such preaching? The Jewish leaders must have known that Jesus raised Lazarus, and they knew that Jesus had conquered death. Otherwise, they would not have bribed soldiers to tell that Jesus' body had been stolen by His disciples (Matthew 28:12-15).

Rejoice In The Resurrection

Jesus came to deliver man from the fear of death (Hebrews 2:14-15). His resurrection proves that all men will experience victory or suffer defeat in the last day (John 5:28-29). Materialists of the 21st century cannot believe because of their faith in matter and physical man. Humanism, another word for atheism, blinds men to reality and causes immorality (Psalm 14:1). As Jesus survived death so shall His disciples. The persecutions suffered by the early church included death, but as Christ gave them victory He will give victory to the faithful of our day!

As the way to Calvary caused suffering, so does the way to Heaven, where Jesus rules at the Father's right hand. Rejoice in the Lord!

"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:11-12).

The Jewish court could not disprove Peter's affirmation because proof of the apostles' miracle stood beside them (Acts 4:14). The Sanhedrin resorted to commanding them not to preach Christ (Acts 4:17-18). Christians detest authorities who attempt to exploit people by misusing their power, but how many consider the privileges and responsibilities of discipleship?

Rejecting the Stone

God provided in Christ the Stone necessary for the construction of His spiritual temple. When they rejected that Stone their building collapsed. As the Savior taught in closing the Sermon on the Mount, foolish men build structures which cannot stand because they build on sand (Matthew 7:21- 29). The church of Christ consists of spiritual stones erected on the foundation of truth revealed by and in Christ (1 Peter 2:5).

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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

Wednesday

Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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- Potter Children's Home
- Midwest School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

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

Dummer Students?

Are there enough “Dummer” students? Apparently there will be no more Dummer students after the 2004-2005 school year. It's not that they are getting smarter, it's just that there will be no more Dummer school. Over the objections of many alumni, the Governor Dummer Academy, in Newbury, MA, which opened in 1763, is planning to change its name. The school, which has always carried the name of Massachusetts governor William Dummer, has decided that the name is not good for public relations, and makes it hard to recruit students. It seems that too many just don't want to be known as Dummer students. Headmaster John Doggett says they are changing the name because “rightly or wrongly, first impressions make a difference.”

Although I don't have any relationship to the school, it seems sad that a school that has been around for almost 350 years feels like it must change its name. That is for them to decide. Names are important, however. “And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone” (John 1:42). That generous Levite from Cyprus, a great encourager, was renamed by the apostles from Joses to Barnabas [The son of consolation, or son of encouragement] (Acts 4:36-37).

Barnabas understood the importance of bringing Saul (later to be known as Paul) to the great missionary congregation at Antioch. “And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26).

They wore that name of Christian with the understanding that it meant something. Peter said, “Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf” (1 Peter 4:16).

A young soldier that had been a coward was brought before Alexander the Great. When he learned the soldier's name was “Alexander,” he said, “Either change your name, or change your actions!”

If we wear the name Christian, we must live a life unashamed before the world. To do anything else would simply be dumber !

- Bob Pritchard

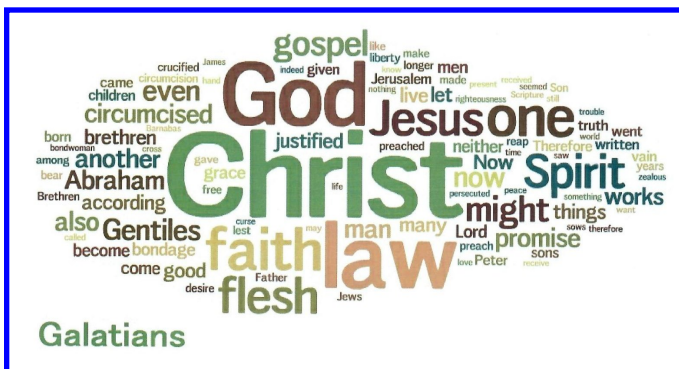
Is the world still alive?



When the first-century world wanted someone put to death in the most open, dependable and confirmable fashion, they would crucify them. That was certain to drain every bit of life out of their bodies. Isn't it interesting, then, that the Bible uses that very same term to describe how a Christian, who has been “called out darkness” (1 Pet. 2:9), is to relate to the ungodly world? A child of God must be able to say, “the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (Gal. 6:14). That is only possible when “those who are Christ's” (you and me) have done what is necessary to “have crucified the flesh with its passion and desires” (Gal. 5:24).

Fellow Christian, let me ask you—have you crucified the world to yourself? Have you taken the necessary steps to drain every bit of life out of the world's stranglehold on you? Or is it still alive to you? Sometimes we allow the world (with its passions and desires) to keep a little place in our lives, but when we do, it has the freedom to revive at any time and take control. Friends, let's nail each ungodly passion of the world to a cross...once and for all! .

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...




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Those who honor Jesus as precious obey Him as Lord. "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed" (1 Peter 2:7-8). Those who imagine that justification is by faith without obedience, reject God's corner Stone for an imagined ease on sand, but it cannot stand (Hebrews 5:8-9). The disobedient perish eternally (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Those who attempt to incorporate the theories of the secular into God's spiritual temple cannot tolerate God's presence. In contrast, consider the beauty of plans that originate in Heaven. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief comer stone: in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:20-22).

No Other Savior

Much of Christendom imagines that Jesus will save sincere pagans who continue in their paganism. Choosing faith of fables they lack concern about the truth of the Bible. Jesus spoke emphatically of His Lordship (John 8:24, 14:6). He is the one source of life; there is none other. Error must be rejected (1 John 4:1; 2 John 9-11) if peace in Christ is to be experienced (Romans 5:1; James 3:18). Those converted to Christ must keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6; Galatians 5:22-23). 

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

The gospel meeting was a great success, even though no conversions were had, the truth was sown, members were encouraged, and the attendance was very good. Thank you to everyone who helped make the meeting what it is was. A wonderful start to 2022.

- ☞ The water fountains are operational once again.
- ☞ Please take advantage of the updated tracts along with other evangelism and study resources available in the foyer.
- ☞ We will soon be posting weekly attendance and contribution data in the auditorium.
- ☞ Songbooks and Bible are back in the pews.
- ☞ There will be a fence on the west side of the property to mitigate foot traffic and provide better security.

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



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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>; 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