

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	27
Attendance AM	86
Attendance PM	42
Wednesday PM	34

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Walter Tolley (MVH); Lavern Clayton (TLH); Rhea Wallace; Victoria Dudley; Herman and Beulah Farmer; Katherine Willis; Samuel Jones (husband of Dollie Jones); Jerry and Linda Thomas; Jim Thomas; Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack and Carlene Harley;

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Norris Cole

Prayers: Brethren in Ukraine

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: April— 8 Beulah Farmer, Dwayne Eslick; 11 Mary Sanders; 12 Diane Cole (Lyle); Jacob Hoover; 23 Norris Cole; 25 Carolyn Johnson; 30 Gladys Chittick

Anniversaries: April — 1 Otis & Glenna Adair; C.D. and Judy Arnett

Ladies Reading Group: April 14 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 4 via Zoom

Potter Children's Home: Commodities Outreach— Pick up on Monday April 11, 10:00 AM

April 10	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Server 1	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Ryan McGahee
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	C.D. Arnett	C.D. Arnett
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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SHAME IS A GOOD THING

Cody Westbrook

Western culture has done a masterful job of normalizing abnormal, unhealthy, and immoral behavior. This, in large degree, is due to the fact that we have sought to remove every ounce of shame from our society. Shame is a feeling of humiliation and embarrassment brought about by wrongdoing. Though our world rejects the notion, Scripture teaches that a feeling of shame and embarrassment can be a good thing because it prompts us to turn away from what is wrong and pursue what is right.



Many of us recall our parents saying, "You should be ashamed of yourself!" whenever we did something wrong. Parents must teach their children that a standard of appropriate behavior exists, and when that standard is violated we should feel a sense of shame. The same principle applies to the will of God. His law is holy and when we violate its precepts, we sin (1 John 3:4). We stand contrary to the will of our Creator, therefore we should feel ashamed (Rom. 1:27).

The feeling of shame and disgrace that accompanies sin serves as a motivating factor to improved behavior. A well-trained conscience (Rom. 2:15) hates the idea of opposing a loving God, and therefore seeks to avoid humiliation. Consider the example of Ezra who cried to God and said, "O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens" (Ezra 9:6). Ezra's love for God and hatred of standing in opposition to God forced his humble recognition and confession of sin.

Contrary to culture it is the lack of shame that is problematic. In Jeremiah's day God's people "refused to be ashamed" (Jer. 3:3) and therefore their sin increased to the point of God's rejection. Consider the powerful words of Jeremiah 6:15: "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them they shall be cast down, says the Lord." Shame is a good thing. ✍️

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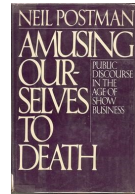
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- Greater Midwest Lectureship
- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

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

“Amusing Ourselves To Death”



Neil Postman described serious problems in modern culture in his insightful 1985 book *Amusing Ourselves to Death*. His thesis was that public discourse has been reshaped to such an extent by television and entertainment that thoughtful discourse has been replaced by “show business” hype, affecting advertising, politics and religion. Postman’s conclusion is that none of these changes have made for improvement.

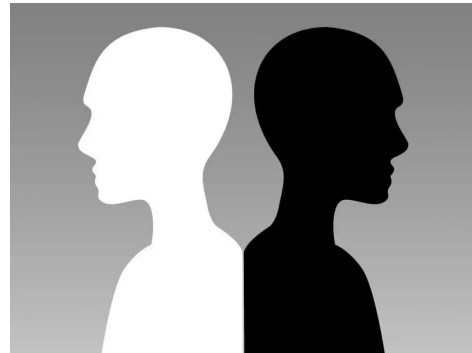
The problem with the modern entertainment orientation is that the very **object of worship** is forgotten. God, who created and commanded worship, is the “audience” for worship. “God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). To worship God in spirit and truth means that worship is from the heart, not just outward acts, and that it is done in exact obedience to God’s commands. Worship must be directed to Him, not to the whims or desires of the worshipers.

God’s regulations for worship as set out in the New Testament are neither boring nor out of date. They are God-centered, while modern entertainment innovations in worship are man-centered. The most often used words related to worship in the New Testament denote the concepts of bowing down or kissing toward deity, offering devotion and love. This is what our worship must include.

There is nothing wrong with the worshiper enjoying worship. God intended the blessings of worship for all of His children. But when worship is merely window dressing for an entertainment performance, it cannot be pleasing to God. The apostle warned, “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God” (2 John 9). Paul condemned things that “have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship” (Colossians 2:23). “Will-worship” is worship fashioned after man’s desires, which God must reject. Worshiping God in spirit and in truth is more important than catering to man’s desire for entertainment.

- Bob Pritchard

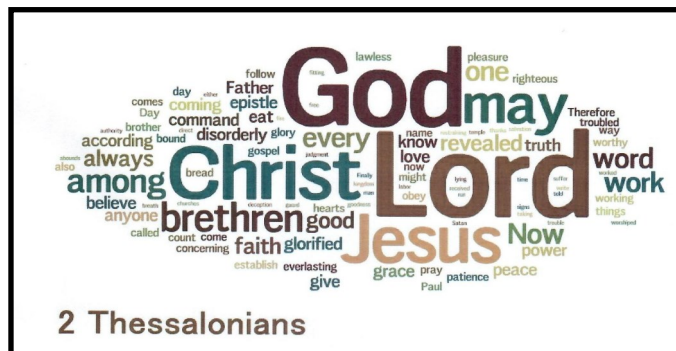
Are you a black Christian or white Christian?



Our society is doing its very best to divide people, to force everyone into one-side-versus-the-other-side, to stir up hatred toward others, and to punish anyone who has “a differing opinion” on something. Brother and sister in Christ, people in our country are trying to get you to see everything and everyone through the lens of someone’s skin pigmentation. Brethren, please don’t be drawn into man’s way of identifying, evaluating and treating others. We must remain strong and strive to identify, evaluate and treat others AS CHRIST DOES!

As Christians, we wear a name that is not “black” or “white”! In Christ, those identities have been stripped away! In the first-century church, there were no “Jewish Christians” or “Gentile Christians”—to divide and differentiate between two ethnicities (Gal. 3:28)! There were only CHRISTIANS! That’s the only identity that matters! Friend, you need to decide “if you are Christ’s” (Gal. 3:29) or not. Those who “are Christ’s” are only concerned about how He identifies, evaluates and treats others (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Heb. 2:9; Acts 10:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:4)!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Exploring The Mind of God

With the launch of the Axiom mission on Friday April 8, with the businessman from Dayton, it reminded of an article I read from Dave Brannon and Allen Webster.

In 1977, THE United States launched a rocket into space... On board was a small craft called Voyager I, a probe that was jettisoned into space to explore the planets. After Voyager was done sending back photos and data from the planet Jupiter and its neighbors, it didn't stop working. It just kept going.

Today, almost 30 years later, that tiny vehicle is still going -- traveling at a speed of over 38,000 miles per hour. And it's nearly 9 billion miles from the sun! That's mind-boggling! Brilliant scientists have sent a ship to the edge of our solar system. It's astounding. It's amazing.

THOUGHTS: But it's absolutely puny when compared with what God has done. It would be like hearing someone brag to the architect of the Empire State Building that he had traveled to the second floor. We have barely begun to explore the vastness of God's creation. But every small step by mankind should continue to put us in absolute awe of God's power and creativity. Think of this: While we have left the realm of one star with a spaceship, the Creator of the stars "calls them all by name" (Isa. 40:26). After all, He made them. Exploring the universe is amazing. But exploring the God who made it all: That's beyond amazing.

Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. (Ps. 102:25 NKJ) 📖

90th Birthday Celebration for Mary Sanders is today from 2-4 PM in the fellowship hall.

SHEPHERD’S CORNER

- ☞ The Elders met with the men on Saturday April 9
- ☞ The Elders will meet with the congregation April 10 after morning service.
- ☞ Beginning April 17, join the Elders every third Sunday of each month for a Fellowship Continental Breakfast starting at 8:30 am until 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall consisting of donuts from Donut Palace, bagels from Panera Bread, fruit cups, coffee, and orange or apple juice. *(please do not take the drinks or food into the auditorium)*
- ☞ 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 a register board.

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



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](http://www.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