

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	35
Attendance AM	94
Attendance PM	34
Wednesday PM	34

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Mia and Kevin Gilbert; Virginia Robbins (knees and blood sugar); Reagan Blanks (foot); Gladys Chittick (Grandview); Victoria Dudley (foot); Katherine Willis; Jerry and Linda Thomas; Jim Thomas; Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack and Carlene Harley; Geraldine Allen (LA); Anthony Cravin (LA) stroke;

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Norris Cole

Prayers: Brethren in Ukraine

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: May — 2 April Gilbert; 4 Patrick Thomas; 27 Michelle Saunders; 30 Ron Robbins

Anniversaries: May — None

Ladies Reading Group: 6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 4

Potter Children's Home: Change cans are available in the office

May 01	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Tomas
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Server 1	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGhaee	Anthony Grigsby
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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THE EDIFIER

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WE HAVE OVERCOME!

Jeff Sweeten

Our world is falling apart. Our country is going down the toilet. Smut, garbage and trash of all sorts are thrust in our faces while society grows comfortably numb and the church languishes under the burden. It seems like all is lost.

Tired of hearing "gloom and doom"? Well, allow me to remind you of something gloomy Christians seem to have forgotten. "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Do you remember that verse?

By some Christian's actions and attitudes, you would think that all is lost, that we are fighting a losing battle. Too often, we see Christians mull about their daily life with heads hung low in grief and sadness, appalled by the supposed fact that they can do little to change the downward spiral into which "everything" and "everyone" seems to have fallen. But, such should not be. "Everyone" and "everything" is way too broad a generalization. There are still those who have overcome!

God scolded a self-pitying Elijah when he thought the odds were too great and the battle lost, pointing out that Elijah was not alone. "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him" (1 Kings 19:18). In the New Testament, Paul, in the midst of persecution says, "Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation" (2 Corinthians 7:4). How could Paul preach such gladness in such turmoil? Where did he get his strength? I think he took literally the words of our Savior: "... the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it (*the church, JDS*)".

In Jesus' church, we have won! No matter how difficult the road, how great the trials, how far society plummets away from godliness, we have overcome the world. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Be of good cheer! Just imagine it, a world confused and searching for joy turning to Christ Jesus for the answers of life. They experiment with every harmful and damaging perversity of Satan only to find that it leads to hopelessness and frustration. And then they notice the Christian, always at peace, happy to be alive to do the Master's bidding. For some lost and confused soul, you may be the only difference they experience that turns them to heaven from hell. You can with a confident smile lead them to heaven, or you can convince them with your sad, defeated countenance that Christianity has no more answers than the many experimental, failing philosophies of life.

Smile, and be confident about this life. The church of Christ stands and we have overcome the world in Christ Jesus. *JS*

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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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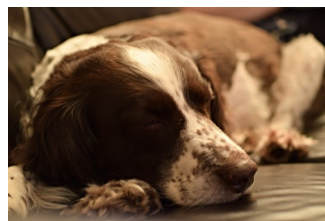
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- Christian Courier
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
- Memphis School of Preaching
- Greater Midwest Lectureship
- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

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

A BUSYBODY DOG



A man was driving along a road when he overtook a farmer with his dog walking beside him. The man offered them a ride. The farmer got into the front seat and put the dog in the back. After glancing at the dog who seemed too tired to even wag his tail, the driver remarked, "You must have been walking a long time from the looks of your dog."

Laughingly the farmer said, "It wasn't the trip that wore him out. He was running back and forth across the road, sticking his nose into every gate and wrestling with every stone wall. He had to chase every cat and scare all the chickens he saw. If a dog barked at him he barked back ten times in return. No wonder he's tired."

The old farmer pushed back the hat on his head. He was silent for a moment, then said, You know, people are like that. If they get worn out on their journey through life, it's usually not the distance they've covered that makes them tired. It's the extra work they asked for themselves by minding everybody's business but their own."

May the God of heaven grant direction and a spiritual focus to each one of us! 📖

Phil. 3:13-15- Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

1 Thess. 4:9-12 - But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

- Glenn Hitchcock

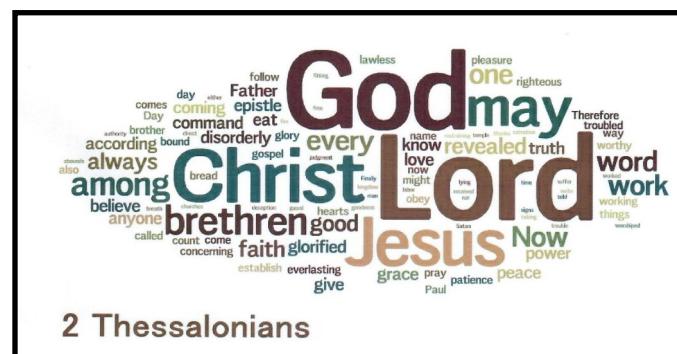
It's ok to not have all the answers, as long as we know ...



Sometimes things happen and we want to know, "Why?" We look and search and dig and wonder and fret and worry about the "Why?" We get so desperate sometimes that we start to make up reasons and explanations in our minds to satisfy our search for "Why?" Oftentimes (and almost always) those reasons and explanations are not well-founded and cause us to settle our thoughts on some conclusions that have no (or very little) basis.

We would do well to remind and convince ourselves that it is ok to not have all the answers (i.e., all the reasons) when bad things happen. Unfortunately, the truth is that "time and chance happen to...all" (Ecc. 9:11). It does NOT mean that God is not there (Heb. 13:5). It does NOT mean that God does not care (1 Pet. 5:7). Rather than dwell on what we do not know, let us dwell on what we do know: God is (Heb. 11:6). God knows (Matt. 6:8). God loves (Rom. 8:31-39). God cares (Phil. 4:6-7). God can (Eph. 3:20-21). God will (Rom. 8:28). Let us trust Him (Prov. 3:5-6)!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



We Have Overcome

While the article by brother Sweeten on page one was written in July, 2003, nearly two decades ago, yet when you read his words, they still ring true in 2022!

Even though it is not a sin to read the newspaper or watch the television news, do not let the world drown out your joy which those who have obeyed the gospel have in Christ.

The world needs to know the reconciliation, the joy, and the hope that we have in Christ.

John wrote to the church in the first century, faced with much persecution reminding them:

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 Jn. 4:4 NKJ).

Brethren we must remember who it is that we serve and that He is greater than our adversary. Therefore let the world see the light of Him who is in us. ✨

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

- ☞ **Summer Lecture Series: *God's Help with Life's Struggles*** - Every Wednesday at 7 p.m., beginning June 1 through August 31 we will have various teachers and preachers speak on this subject. More information to follow.
- ☞ 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 pastry, fruit cups, coffee, and orange or apple juice. *(We ask do not take the drinks or food into the auditorium).*

- ☞ There are new security night lights around the building for everyone's safety.
- ☞ Please take advantage of the updated tracts: **In Defense of God's Plan of Salvation; Instrumental Music in Worship: Is It A 'Big Deal?'; Christianity and World Religions;** and a **Christian Response to Racism**, along with other evangelism and study resources available in the foyer. We will be adding new titles quarterly.
- ☞ The first Sunday of each month there will be a monthly calendar insert in the Edifier listing the activities of the congregation and member birthdays of the month. The Office maintains the calendar.
- ☞ We encourage everyone to continue to practice good hygiene. Do not let your guard down. Wash your hands regularly.

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

Needmore Road COC Food Pantry

May Items: Jelly or Jam; Meal Kit (e.g. Hamburger Helper); Canned Green Vegetable



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