

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	34
Attendance AM	84
Attendance PM	30
Wednesday PM	34

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Ruby Cole; Virginia Robbins (knees); Reagan Blanks (foot); Gladys Chittick; 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; Mary Blanks (MVH); David Dinkins (MVH); Rhonda Fox; Tally Poole

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Lamont Cole; Nancy Wiemer; Patrick and Penny Cook

Prayers: Brethren in Ukraine; Kevin and Miranda Cook

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

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

Anniversaries: May — None

Ladies Reading Group: May 26@6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 5

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

May 22	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Ryan McGahee	Ryan McGahee
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Otis Adair	Jerry Thomas
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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RESTORING PROPER ATTITUDES

Oran Rhodes

The great principles of restoration have evidently been placed in mothballs-something to keep in a box and be brought out again occasionally as a curiosity, to support a certain position, or to ridicule. The real concept and vitality of true restoration are lost upon the current generation. When one quotes, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths . . ." (Jer. 6:16), too often he is thought of as some mossy backed old codger who is on the edge of senility. Modern approaches, on the other hand, have little to offer to any serious student of the word of God. The grab-bag approach to study, to hermeneutics, and to application of scripture gives us a present scene of confusion, error, and outright apostasy.

Restoration is a must and is of immediate need, but we must not make the mistake of trying to "restore the restoration." In other words, we should hold in deep respect those who pioneered efforts to get back to the Bible; we should appreciate the great strides made to "speak where the scriptures speak, and be silent where the scriptures are silent;" and we should hold fast to the great truths restored in the worship and organization of the church.

On the other hand, we must not be wedded to the traditions built up over the years to the neglect of re-examining them in the light of the scriptures. We must not be bound by some of the erroneous-and conflicting-views of some of the great men in our heritage.

Above all, we must not continue in the misconception that since the worship and organization of the church have been properly restored to first century standards, that there is no longer need of continued effort to restore other aspects of New Testament Christianity.

We have on one side those who are willing to listen to and to do just about anything, while on the other side we have folk who would "rather fight than switch," even when shown their error. In the middle is a large number of people so unlearned in the Word, that they are unsure of which way to jump. Brethren, the situation is not hopeless, but it is CRITICAL. We desperately need to revive the interest in and understanding of restoration and make sure we go all the way back to Jerusalem instead of stopping at Cane Ridge or Bethany.

The gospel has been so watered down that even those gospel preachers, who are strong and sound, sometimes fear the brethren might choke on a full dose of the gospel. How frightening! A diluted gospel will produce a diluted Christian and thus an unhealthy church. Preachers must not shun to "declare all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), and those who heed it will be the only ones who please God anyway. Purity of doctrine will be the only thing that will produce purity of practice and purity of life. Those who have tricked

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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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