

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	34
Attendance AM	78
Attendance PM	30
Wednesday PM	40

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Ruby Holt; Ruby Cole; Virginia Robbins (knees); Reagan Blanks (spine); Gladys Chittick; Victoria Dudley (foot); Katherine Willis; Jerry and Linda Thomas; Jim Thomas; Otis & 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:**

**Prayers:** 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:** June 9@6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 5

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

May 29	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Denzil Turner, III	Jerry Thomas
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Server 2	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Scripture Reader	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.
Announcements	Alfred Willis, Jr.	Alfred Willis, Jr.
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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## REPENTANCE—PART ONE

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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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Repentance is fundamental to Christianity, yet it often provokes controversy, including among God's people, when a person suggests that repentance requires more than saying, "Oops!" When Paul addressed the Corinthians in his second epistle, he commended them for their positive response to his first epistle, especially in regard to the matter of church discipline, using it as a motivation for positive response to this second letter. Moreover, Paul's word choices in this section of scripture augment his overall argument.

**Repentance is an intellectual response to God's Word.** Paul wrote, "For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season"(2 Cor. 7:8). While the emphasis in verse eight is on the feelings of both the Corinthians and Paul, what produced these feelings is significant-Paul's epistle. The word translated "repent" in the KJV would better be rendered regret." Paul did not regret sending the letter; he regretted the necessity of having to do so. Paul's inspired letter forced the Corinthians to think about their actions intellectually. This thought, in turn, provoked an emotional response-sorrow. Emotion therefore has a proper role in Christianity. Emotion, however, should not be the guiding force or decision maker, but our emotions should be affected once we consider intellectually what God's Word says. Therefore, to respond emotionally is not wrong; it is simply incomplete. The Corinthians' sorrow was an appropriate response to the message of Paul's letter, but it would have been insufficient if it were the *only* response.

**Repentance follows the recognition of sin and its consequences.** He continued, "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing" (2 Cor. 7:9). Paul's joy was not centered on the expression of Corinthian sorrow but on the intellectual change to which it led-repentance. The Corinthians' sorrow had value because they were sorry for the right reason. They were not sorry they got caught. They were not sorry Paul "felt that way." They felt sorrow over their sin. They were brought to their knees as a result of being confronted by Paul with God's will (after a godly manner). Therefore, they understood that their souls stood in jeopardy if they did not make the proper corrections. If a person truly repents, it is only after he has been willing to admit his participation in sin and recognized his lost condition. "Confessions" that fail to acknowledge sinfulness and the loss of fellowship with God indicate that a person feels bad but is not yet ready to repent.

**Repentance requires an entire change in mindset.** Paul then concluded, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (2 Cor. 7:10). An honest, intellectual consideration of God's Word will produce an emotional response--guilt (Acts 2:37), but we must then respond intellectually

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

## Building According To The Code



In 1992, Hurricane Andrew destroyed thousands of homes in South Florida. Yet in an area where the wreckage looked like a war zone, one house remained standing, still firmly anchored to its foundation.

When a reporter asked the homeowner why his house had not been blown away, he replied, "I built this house myself. I also built it according to the Florida state building code. When the code called for 2" x 6" roof trusses, I used 2" x 6" roof trusses. I was told that a house built according to code could withstand a hurricane – and it did."

Jesus talked about the importance of building our lives on a solid foundation. He said that the person who obeys His Word is like "a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Mt. 7:24). If we build according to His code of obedience, we will not be swept away when crises hit with hurricane-like force. The tempests of temptation, the storms of suffering, and the winds of false doctrine will not be able to sweep us off a solid foundation of faith and obedience. Adversity and temptations may come, yet because we have built according to the code of the unshakable Rock, Jesus Christ, we can emerge with our character strengthened.

Are you building your life according to Jesus' code? Remember, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Pro. 14:12).

Think About It!  
Have A Great day!!

- Tom Moore

## Do we trust that He really knows?

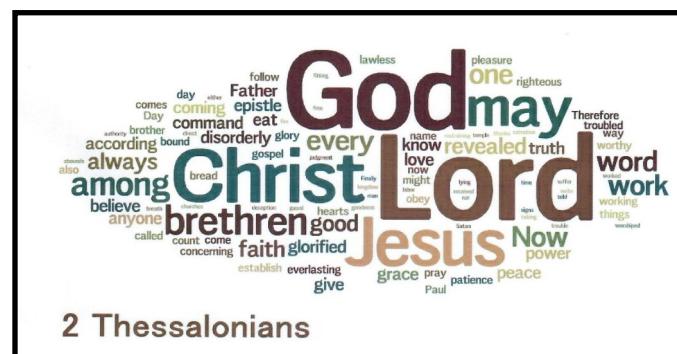


After the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples of Jesus took time to go fishing. However, John 21 tells us that they fished all night and "caught nothing" (21:3). These guys were professional fishermen (at least we know that Peter, James and John were). Maybe they were showing the other disciples their expertise in "how to fish." But, that morning, they had nothing.

Jesus appeared to them on the shore and told them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat," and the catch was so large that they were "not able to draw it" into the boat (21:6). Can you imagine being one of the disciples? "How did He know? Wait, we fished every side last night!"

Too often today people want to question the word of Jesus and think they "know better." They might say, "I know that's what the Bible says, but I feel in my heart..." It doesn't matter who you are, what you know and where you have expertise! Jesus is the all-knowing Lord (1 John 3:20). Rather than question Him, let's trust and obey Him (Heb. 5:9; Prov. 3:5-6)!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



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once more to make the corrections required by God's Word. In this verse, Paul uses the normal word for repentance (*metanoia*) as well as another form of the word he used in verse eight meaning regret (*ametameleton*). The difference between these words is important. They both contain the preposition meta which denotes a difference or change. The first word indicates a change in thinking or mindset, while the second implies a change in how one feels. Godly sorrow does not produce just a change in how you feel (guilt) but also produces a change in thinking-repentance. To make the appropriate corrections required by God's Word, one must correct the disparity between what God says and the current situation in your life.

God's Word is the foundation of repentance. People cannot repent until they know that God says they are in sin. But a person must be willing to acknowledge his situation as an abomination to God that will cost him his soul. Repentance is the intellectual determination to make our lives right with God according to His Word. Repentance does not make something that was wrong right. Repentance does not erase the consequences of past sins. Repentance is the mindset that determines to correct those matters regardless of the consequences.

We once again find ourselves grieving with our fellow Americans, this time in Uvalde, Texas. When human beings have no respect for God, then we should not be surprised that they do not value human life. When people reject the reality of heaven and hell, do not be surprised at how they live this life and treat others. Our political leaders wasted no time throwing barbs at one another;

but understand the solution is not to be found in politics but in the gospel (Rom. 1:16-18).

## 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.
- ☞ 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*).
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ We encourage everyone to continue to practice good hygiene. Do not let your guard down. Wash your hands regularly. If you need wear a mask, wear a mask.

## Young Adult Game Night

June 10 from 6:30 PM—9:00 PM at the building



## 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](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