

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	31
Attendance AM	88
Attendance PM	32
Wednesday PM	37

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Ruby Cole; Virginia Robbins; Reagan Blanks (spine); 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: Blanks family; Vance family; Lyle Cole; Eslick family

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: June — 1 Stephanie Hoover; 2 Alyse Poole ; 4 Janis Bland; 6 Carlene Harley; 8 Randy Farmer; 10 Berdie Oakes; 13 Chris Poole; 17 Deonna Cole; 19 Linda Thomas; 25 Charles Chittick; Richard Thomas; 26 Ricardo Cabrea 29 Anthony Grigsby, James Vance;

Anniversaries: June — 23—Jack and Carlene Harley

June 05	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Chad Arnett	Patrick Cook
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 TWO

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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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- 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

Repentance, as 2 Corinthians 7:8-10 demonstrates, is not sorrow, but neither is it itself the change in behavior. Repentance is the mindset that lies between the two. However, interpretations attempting to make clear the mindset of repentance have oversimplified it, failing to analyze it as the whole of a series of internal changes in viewpoint. Paul actually provides an explanation of the changes required in repentance in 2 Corinthians 7:11. Commending the Corinthians for their response to his previous letter, and calling on them to maintain the same disposition, Paul reminded them the nature of changes their godly sorrow-provoked by the words of inspiration-had produced. "For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter" (2 Cor. 7:11).

Repentance implies the determination to make whatever correction is required. "Carefulness" would better be translated "diligence." Diligence is directed determination coupled with effort. To be diligent is to give your attention to a matter quickly and completely. Until you take your sinfulness seriously, until you realize that other things should not matter when sin is on your record, you will never give the effort necessary to correct your situation. Such diligence implies the willingness to do whatever God's Word requires in order to take care of the problem. So long as a person limits the changes he is willing to make, he has yet to repent.

Repentance implies a rational response to God's Word. "Clearing" is the same Greek word as "answer" in 1 Peter 3:15, apologia, from which we receive the word "apologetics." It is a compound word, combining the preposition apo used in composition, "from" or "away from," with the root logia, a brief message. The combined sense thus indicates a rational response to what another has said. Since God's Word is the original message -an indictment of our sin-our reply, if rational, should be to respond in whatever is required to clear away the guilt. In brief, our response should be an acknowledgement of the truth of God's Word, both in condemning our sin and in what it requires us to change.

Repentance implies viewing sin from God's point of view. "Indignation" is anger directed toward perceived wrongdoing. All too often, when a person is aught or caught up in sin, he directs his anger toward God for condemning his actions and toward all those who rightly tell him so. A penitent person is angry with himself. To repent you must understand that your behavior is sinful-not just "poor judgment" or a "mistake." God knows it is sin, and He holds the sinner responsible (Rom. 2:6). Therefore, a person must accept responsibility for his sin and accept the blame for it (Jas. 1:13-15). In other words, we should feel guilty

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

The Key Factor



One of the key factors in church growth has little to do with attendance drives, promotion, personnel, or programs. The number one factor in church growth is what I call “love relationships.” If brethren are unable to maturely deal with the personality quirks of each other then they will likely continue to deteriorate as a group.

The hardest part of being a father is to live closely with your children and, day after day, deal with them as they grow and change. It gets tiring and you want to rest or quit some- times. If you do a good job it takes staying-power and you will “learn” to love them even when they don’t act like you think they ought or the way you prefer. But if you keep on truly loving them your relationship deepens and deepens.

The same concept works in the church. If the vast majority of a congregation learns to love each other in spite of their differences, strange as they may be, growth will occur. You see, people like to come back to be a part of a group of people where love is obvious. A loving atmosphere gives off warmth. A cold, sterile and stiff group of people shows up immediately, and what one teaches, even if it be the whole truth, will not make up for a lack of love.

Have A Great day!!

- Bill Goodpasture

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

19 We love Him because He first loved us.

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. (1 John 4:17-18, NKJV)

“So I have come down to deliver!”

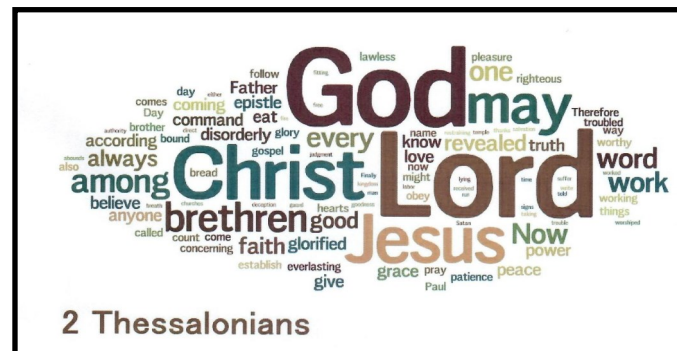


How long had Israel been slaves in Egypt? Well, that depends on who you ask, but by the end of Exodus chapter 2, that generation of Israelites had not known any life except the one there in Egyptian slavery. Do you think they had ever “groaned because of their bondage” before Exodus 2:23? No doubt they regularly groaned and cried out to God because of the daily trials they were facing. And, no doubt, those cries had been heard. But the response from God was one of patiently waiting.

Then, the time came. They “groaned because of their bondage, and they cried out...So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant...And God looked upon the children of Israel...and God acknowledged them...And the Lord said, ‘I have surely seen the oppression...have heard their cry... I know their sorrows...So I have come down to deliver them’ (Ex. 2:23-3:7).

I don’t know what you’re going through and how often you’ve been crying out to God. Just know this. He hears, He cares and He will deliver. Trust Him. And trust His time.

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



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because we are guilty. Until he sets aside all excuse making (Gen. 3), a person has not repented.

Repentance implies the realization of being lost as a result of the sin. Fear is sometimes loosely redefined as "respect" or "reverence," but this loses the full sense of the word. The point is that a person who is not right with God is in danger of the judgment and should fear his current situation. Too often today people have adopted the attitude that they may sin "mildly" but that this never -endangers the soul. Repentance is simply impossible until a person realizes just exactly where he stands with God and how his soul stands in jeopardy. For the unforgiven sinner, fear is appropriate. 📖

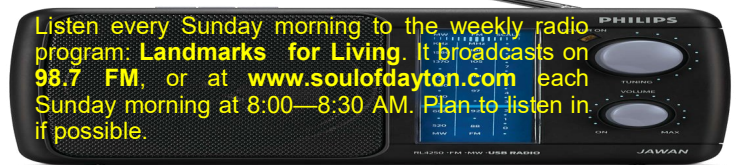
Our First Annual Summer Series started on June 1. The theme, **God’s Help with Life’s Struggles** is fitting one for such a time as we are faced with. Use this as an opportunity to invite non-members to the midweek service. Jesus was “a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (Isa. 53). He frequently encountered people very much like us. Their plea, “Lord, help me!” rings throughout the gospel message. He helped many of these hurting people change into happy, trusting followers of God’s way. “Victorious living is not found simply by eliminating all problems, Rather, it is found in addressing our challenges with all the resources we can gather.” It is found when one surrenders to the gospel and continues in it (1 Cor. 15:1-2). The life of Christ and His teachings exemplify the basic ingredients of God’s plan for our lives. We need know Him more intimately, and through Him experience the love of the Father. God does care! He knows what we need and ready to help. 📖

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 educational materials: The doorknob hangers have web links that will take a person directly to an online study about subject on the hanger; for example Why So Many Churches? (There is also a QR code which will take them to the material). New tracts: **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 10th from 6:30 PM—9:00 PM at the building



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