

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	32
Attendance AM	72
Attendance PM	25
Wednesday PM	26

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Deonna Cole; Dollie Jones; Ruby Cole; Virginia Robbins; Victoria Dudley (foot); Katherine Willis; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack Harley; Geraldine Allen (LA); Mozella Tate (Michael Blanks mother); Jeremiah Jones (Buffalo, NY);

Traveling: Norris Cole, II;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: July — 2 –Richard Melson, Jr.; 6 Penny Cook; 8 Rachel Blanks; 9 Ruby Nickell; 12 Alfred Willis, Jr.; 15 Glenna Adair; 17 C.D. Arnett, Destiny Soto; 20 Mike Mamula; 22 Otis Adair; 25 Clifford Holt;

Anniversaries: July — 30 Norris and Diane Cole

Ladies Reading Group: July 07 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 7

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

July 03	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	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	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
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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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
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- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
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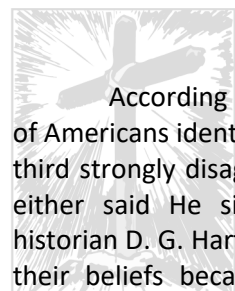
How Is Jesus Related to His Church?

David Hester

1. **HE IS THE BUILDER OF IT.** (Matthew 16:18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
2. **HE IS THE FOUNDATION OF IT.** (1 Cor. 3:11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
3. **HE IS THE HEAD OF IT.** (Eph. 5:23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
4. **HE IS THE OWNER OF IT.** (Acts 20:28) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
5. **HE IS MARRIED TO IT.** (Eph. 5:23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church:
6. **HE IS THE SAVIOR OF IT.** (Eph. 5:23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
7. **HE ADDS THE SAVED TO IT.** (Acts 2:47) Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
8. **HE IS HIGH PRIEST OVER IT.** (Heb. 10:19-22) Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
9. **HE HAS ALL AUTHORITY OVER IT.** (Matt. 28:18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
10. **HE IS COMING BACK FOR IT.** (Eph. 5:25-27) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 📖

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

Was Jesus Really Sinless?



According to a Barna survey, although 83 percent of Americans identified themselves as Christians, only one-third strongly disagreed that Jesus sinned, and two-thirds either said He sinned, or they weren't sure. Church historian D. G. Hart said that Americans are inconsistent in their beliefs because few hold convictions about their faith. "Most Americans have one foot in the biblical camp and one foot outside it. They say they are committed, but to what? They are spiritually active, but to what end?" (*Helen T. Gray, "Professing and practicing not the same," Anniston Star, July 7, 2007, p. 3A, 3D*).

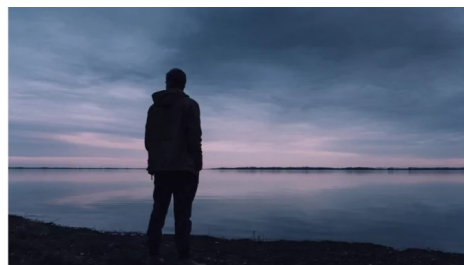
While this survey reflects our culture, and not necessarily the thought patterns in the church, I wonder why do so many who profess to follow Christ reject such a fundamental concept? The ancient Greeks and Romans created their gods in their own image. The gods of the pantheon were powerful, but full of the same problems as the ordinary man. Is this what men have tried to do with Jesus Christ? But if God became man, wouldn't we expect Him to be sinless? Why would we want to worship a God Who can't deal with sin any better than we can?

Perhaps there is a feeling that somehow Jesus is more approachable, more understanding if He sinned as we have. But "we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). He does understand, and He faced the same trials and tribulations we face—and so much more, yet without sin.

Jesus was uniquely qualified to be our Savior by the fact that He as our great high priest could present himself as the perfect sinless sacrifice, as God always required. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19). This is the sinless Savior I want to follow!

-Bob Prichard, 2007

He hurts when you hurt

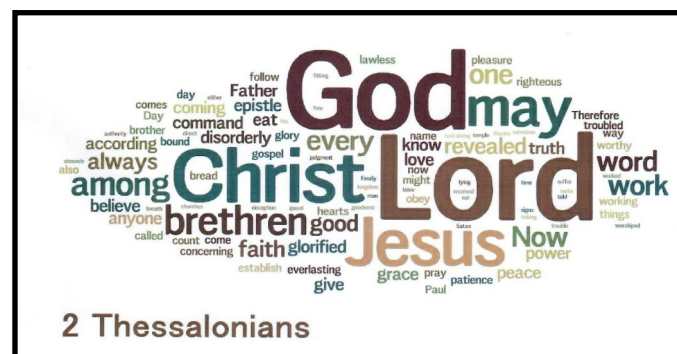


Have you ever watched someone go through a really trying time in their life and your heart just grieved heavily for them? You wanted to reach out and just hug them and console them. You wanted to send them something (flowers, food, a gift) just to show how much you hurt for them and were thinking about them. You were truly hurting because they were hurting. Could you say that in their affliction you were also afflicted? That would be an amazing depth of that love!

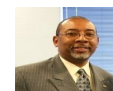
Did you know that your Father in heaven has that depth of love for you? He did for the children of Israel. Through all the trials and troubles that they went through, Isaiah said, "In all their affliction He was afflicted" (Isa. 63:9). Think about that for a moment. Is that the picture that you have of your God? It's certainly not the picture that many folks have of God (especially, as they will call Him, "the wrathful God of the Old Testament"). But that is YOUR GOD!

Remember—in ALL your affliction, He is afflicted! Take a minute and read Hebrews 4:14-16.

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



June 24, 2022, for some is being considered a neo "day of infamy" in American history, for others it is an overdue correction from an egregious and unlawful decision made by US Supreme Court in 1973.

It is tragic when elected officials are so devoid of understanding of God's word, that they would make statements which put human will above the Divine will (e.g., Dayton City Commission and US Congress).

I am not saying that you must divorce yourself emotionally from an issue, but do not allow your mind to be guided by solely by your emotions. God gave us emotions, but they are **not** the standard, God's word is (Prov. 14:12; 2 Tim. 1:13).

"Men often seem to feel the sinful life is the way of pleasure, fun, freedom, and self-indulgence. They seldom recognize that a life of iniquity is filled with guilt, shame, pain, anxiety, doubt, and fear. 'But the way of the transgressors is hard' (Prov. 13:15). (Jim Laws)

"What a blessing it would be if mankind understood there is pleasure in doing right! Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin "for a season" (Heb. 11:25). He esteemed the reproach of Christ "greater riches than the treasures in Egypt" (Heb. 11:26). He looked beyond the momentary pleasures of the present and focused on the greater reward that would be permanent in duration." (Jim Laws)

Let each make up his mind to be faithful to God and His word. We are to be lights and salt in the world (Matt. 5:13-16). The world is need of **Christians who are thinking rightly** about morality and ethics; praying daily our leaders that they will make decisions to support and encourage righteousness (Prov. 14:34). *GR*

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

- ☞ Summer Lecture Series: *God's Help with Life's Struggles* - Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. The July 6th subject will be taught by Glenn Hitchcock.
- ☞ If you have a question from any of the Summer Series lessons and would like for the speaker to address it, please submit it to the office and it will get forwarded to the speaker.
- ☞ Roof work has been completed on the flat-roof sections of the building. The new gutters and downspouts are also installed.
- ☞ 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*).
- ☞ COVID-19: 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. If you are sick stay home.
- ☞ For security reasons doors will be locked about 15 minutes after the start of service. There will be someone at the door to let in those who might arrive late.
- ☞ The Elders will meet with the men on July 9 at 9:00 AM.



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