

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	44
Attendance AM	71
Attendance PM	34
Wednesday PM	31

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Tally Poole (MVH/ICU); Ruby Cole; Virginia Robbins; Katherine Willis; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack Harley; Geraldine Allen (LA)
Traveling: The Cooks
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 — 23 Chad & Jennifer Arnett; 30 Norris and Diane Cole
Ladies Reading Group: July 21 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 7
Potter Children's Home: Change cans are available in the office

July 24	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Ryan McGahee	Norris Cole
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Chad Arnett	Patrick Cook
Sermon	Alfred Willis, Jr.	Alfred Willis, Jr.
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Otis Adair	Jerry Thomas
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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TAKING THE WORTH OUT OF WORSHIP (3)

Mike Vestal

What's the purpose of the church? What should God's people today truly emphasize? What are we to be all about? The book of 2 Timothy is a letter that specifically deals with our conduct and behavior as Christians (1 Timothy 3:15). Perhaps too often the church gets involved in "busyness" and becomes a "corporation" with something of a spiritual facade, but in such misdirection, we fail to properly emphasize Christ and what He desires for His people.

Because of **Who** Jesus is and **What** He has done for us (1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; 4:10), we are to follow Him out of love and humility. The letter of 1 Timothy accentuates some "building blocks" (principles) that we must emphasize as the people of God. Earlier articles noted how Christians must properly emphasize **doctrine** (1 Timothy 1), **worship** (1 Timothy 2), **leadership** (1 Timothy 3), and **ministry** or **service** (1 Timothy 4). This final article in the series addresses two more matters of emphasis from the final two chapters of 1 Timothy.

Emphasizing Relationships - Chapter 5. The church of Christ really is not behaving as the body of Christ unless it seeks proper relationships. After all, Jesus came to earth in the first place and suffered on the Cross in order that we might be reconciled to God (John 15:13; Romans 5:1-10; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

1 Timothy 5:1-2 concerns how to treat all people in an encouraging way. Verses 3.-16 deal with how widows are to be treated. These verses also include information as to which widows are and are not to be financially assisted by the church. 1 Timothy 5:17-20 is about how to treat elders. This passage clearly establishes that shepherds who oversee well are "worthy" of "double honor." And such leaders may even receive financial support from the congregation they serve. Verses 19 and 20 have to do with how to handle accusations against elders and how to deal with those in sin.

So many people in society today are relationally starved. Maybe that's one reason all the "one another" passages are in the Bible. It is simply a **must** that Christians seek to relate to one another and to the lost in a way that points the way to Christ and honors Him.

Emphasizing Priorities - Chapter 6. When possessions possess us, we're in trouble spiritually. When covetousness consumes us, we're not behaving as God desires, and we're emphasizing the wrong things. In every relationship and circumstance it should be our desire "that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed" (1 Timothy 6:1). Failure to emphasize this priority reveals some tragic character flaws (6:3-5). Whether we are rich or poor is not the primary matter (1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19); but "godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6).

After describing those who have the misplaced priority of desiring riches (6:9-10), the chapter goes into greater detail as to what the priority of godliness necessarily entails (6:11-16). A godly person is known by **what they flee from** (vs. 11), by **what they pursue** (vs.

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Sunday
 Bible Study 9:30
 Worship 10:30 A.M.
 5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday No 5:00 PM

Wednesday
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 7:00 P.M.

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