

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	25
Attendance AM	70
Attendance PM	28
Wednesday PM	34

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Tally Poole; Ruby Cole; Virginia Robbins; Katherine Willis; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack Harley; Geraldine Allen (LA)

Traveling:

Prayers:

Repentance: Tena Eslick, Janis Bland; Catherine Anderson; Berdie Oates

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: August 4 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 7

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

July 31	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Server 1	Steven Crane	James Grigsby
Server 2	Steven Crane	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Phil Tydings
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Greeter	Denzil Turner, III	Anthony Grigsby
Usher		
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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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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO TRUTH?

Mike Vestal

As far as much of society is concerned truth has been placed on life support, and few really seem to care. The idea that truth is real, that it is objective and absolute is an absolutely archaic idea in a world where, philosophically speaking, relativism rules. And the people of God have not been immune to this problem. Many Christians are scurrying for cover as they struggle to be true to the truth of God's word. They want to take truth seriously, to live it faithfully, and to express it articulately to others-but the world seems to be making that more and more difficult.

Christians are constantly bombarded by a worldview that says things like, "Christianity's true for you, but not for me." "Everything is relative." "Who are you to be so judgmental and intolerant?" "Don't you know you can do whatever you want as long as it doesn't hurt anybody?" "Christianity is just one path among many to God." And the underlying assumptions of statements like these are indeed a world away (this one and the next) from the view contained in Scripture (John 8:32; 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13-14; Acts 4:12).

Christians may be tempted to embrace relativism, but to do so is to be caught in the crossfire of what men think and what God's truth actually is.

Hear the word of God on this matter: "*Buy the truth and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding*" (Proverbs 23:23). Throughout the Bible, there is an emphasis on the fact that truth is real and universal in its scope. Truth is true-even if the majority do not know it. Truth is true-even if it is not popular or admitted. Truth is true-even if few agree as to what it is (Ex. 23:2; Matt. 7:13-14). Truth is true-even if few follow it (John 14:6; Heb. 5:8-9). Truth is true-even if no one but God grasps it fully. Notice that Proverbs 23:23 deals with a commodity, an acquisition and a prohibition.

THE COMMODITY - "THE TRUTH." There are other "choices" out there on the market, but the commodity desired is truth. As relativism has increasingly become the norm of our culture, fact and fault have increasingly diminished. Most institutions of higher learning, the media and many politicians obviously embrace the belief that universal, objective truth (1) does not exist; or,(2) cannot be known. By denying the existence of any ultimate authority or standard, relativism implies that the pursuit of truth is an exercise in futility. Everything, or almost everything, falls into the gray area of opinion. It is highly significant that 2 Thessalonians 2:11 speaks of people being "*condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*" Truth is a commodity that is not to be mocked or taken lightly. And truth is to be found in God and His inspired word (Num. 13:19; Rom. 3:4; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

THE ACQUISITION- "BUY THE TRUTH." Jesus on one occasion spoke of the kingdom of heaven being like "*treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field*"; (Matt. 13:44). We use similar terminology today when we say, "I just don't buy it," or "He sold me a bill of goods." So truth is to be "bought." We are to buy what is *truly* the truth because there are many counterfeits (1 John 4:1; 1 Thess. 5:21): We are to buy *only* truth because Satan is a master at mixing truth and lies (John 8:44). We are to buy the truth *at any price* because it is to be

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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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