

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	32
Attendance AM	88
Attendance PM	55
Wednesday PM	34

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Rachel Blanks; Tally Poole; Ruby Cole; Virginia Robbins; Katherine Willis; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jack Harley; Geraldine Allen (LA)
Traveling: Norris Cole family; Valerie Melson; Dudley (family); Ashley & Alexandria Thomas
Prayers: Rita McGahee
Repentance: Rita McGahee
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Birthdays: August — 7 Jack Harley; 10 Diane Cole (Norris); 11 Ashley Thomas; 20 Ryan McGahee, Marie Tolley; 21 Naree Poole; 28 Brenda Mamula;
Anniversaries: August — 7 Dwayne and Tena Eslick; 25 Richard and Valerie Melson; 31 Patrick and Penny Cook; Patrick and Ashley Thomas
Ladies Reading Group: August 18 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 7
Potter Children’s Home: Change cans are available in the office

August 7	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord’s Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Denzil Turner, III	James Grigsby
Server 2	James Grigsby	Jerry Thomas
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Frank Brock
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Otis Adair	Jerry Thomas
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
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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THE FOLLY OF UNBELIEF—PART 1

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IT BEGINS IN YOUR HEART

“The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). This text emphasizes the importance of man’s relationship to God. Our relationship with God is all-important. We are to love God with the totality of our being (Matthew 22:37). Man’s relationship with God is the vital matter of all matters as our eternity depends upon it.

Consider the psalmist’s statement, “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 14:1, emp. added). The heart refers to our inner self, our mind, our seat of responsibilities, our soul. Our life is determined and governed by our heart. “Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23). The conclusion is obvious, the man who says “there is no God” does so by his own choice, his own desire, and by a misguided heart! In each man is an innate sense of God’s existence (Romans 1:22); yet, many who do not believe in God and do not want to believe in God think in their hearts they can explain God away. They cannot! Anthropology—the study of ancient civilization—has shown no past civilization existed without a sense of God. It may not be God Jehovah, but all have gods of their own making. This affirms the truth of Romans 1:18-22 of the innateness of God within each. To say, “There is no God” is to contradict man’s inner voice.

What is the fool in Psalm 14:1 governed by? There are only two ways of life—the godly and the ungodly! The godly life cannot deny God is! The ungodly life may deny God’s existence. The fool looks at the ungodly life and desires to live that kind of life. He does two things. First, he denies, against abundance evidence, that God is. Second, he violates his conscience, his inner man. The fact that all mankind has a conscience is unexplainable! Where did our conscience come from? Why is it alive? The fool rejects his own understanding. You argue that this oversimplifies the matter. Me thinks not! Consider the continuing words of the psalmist, “The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. . . . Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?” (Psalm 14:2, 4, emp. added).

Modern-man turns the Scripture around. He argues that it is not the lack of understanding that produces unbelief, but rather it is because of their great understanding that they don’t believe in God (Lloyd-Jones 12). It is argued that Psalm 14 was written centuries ago, long before our present accumulation of knowledge. So? Bad argument! In the abundance of our knowledge, no knowledge exists that proves God does not exist! I feel pity, in one sense, toward those who believe that the only people who believe in God, the Bible, and Jesus Christ are primitives in their thinking and have not come to know that God does not exist! Bad reasoning! In the abundance of our knowledge, no knowledge exists proving God does not exist!

Is unbelief, atheism, agnosticism, or any other ism conferred on the learned who reject the knowledge of God’s existence? If this argument is correct, then all the ignorant of the world would believe in God’s existence; likewise, there would be no people of knowledge—scientists, philosophers—who believe in God. Neither argument is correct! There are many educated people who believe God is! It is the fool who says, “God is not.”

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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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