

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	24
Attendance AM	65
Attendance PM	24
Wednesday PM	36

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; Geraldine Allen (LA)
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr. & Denzil Turner, III; Mamula's
Prayers:
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy: Harley family
Birthdays: August — 5— Steven Crane; 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: Sept. 1 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 9
Potter Children's Home: Change cans are available in the office

August 14	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Franck Brock
Server 1	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Cook
Server 2	Steven Crane	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	C.D. Arnett	Norris Cole
Announcements	Alfred Willis, Jr.	Alfred Willis, Jr.
Greeter		Anthony Grigsby
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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THE FOLLY OF UNBELIEF—PART 2

W. Terry Varner

UNDERSTANDING TRUTH IS IMPORTANT

"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1). To deny God on the basis of learning is foolish as the ignorant, unlearned say the same thing—"There is no God." We can produce numerical evidence among the learned and the unlearned that God is; as well as those who claim God is not. Numbers prove nothing! Truth and knowledge prove God is. The fact is those who deny God's existence are governed in life by something other than truth, knowledge, and understanding.

David's statement, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1) was written nearly 3,000 years ago. Why did David write these words? In David's time, there were people who said God does not exist, or David would not have made the statement. It is no different from what some say today. The field of science is one area that makes the so-called factual (?) claim, "There is no God." The question of God's existence is not a matter of science! Science can neither prove nor disprove the existence of God. The existence of God is revelatory [general and special revelation] and philosophical, not scientific.

The psalmist continues about the fool. "They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that does good, no, not one" (Psalm 14:3; 53:3). The psalmist states that which governs the fool to say, "There is no God" is they do and believe what they want to do and believe. It is the corruption of poor understanding and knowledge.

In listening to people claim, "There is no God," we find their understanding is flawed. They base their conclusion on faulty evidence and then jump to their conclusion. Have you listened carefully to the questions of someone attempting to defend the erroneous and faulty position that "There is no God?" They say: "If there is a God, then why do we suffer? If there is a God, then why do we have natural disasters that take a toll on life—earthquakes, draught, floods, fires, tsunamis, etc.? If there is a God, then why do we have wars? If there is a God, then why do we die?" On and on they go, They jump to conclusions, they are prejudiced, their evidence is insufficient, their thinking is corrupt, and they are governed by 'the lust of the eyes, and the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life' (1 John 2:16). Improper and inadequate reasoning, alone or combined, results in every conclusion mentioned above and others as well.

The above objections to the existence of God will not stand against the eternal truth of the Bible (John 8:32; 17:17; Matthew 24:35). Their conclusions are faulty. Consider their objection, and it is one of their main objections, "If there is a God, then why do we suffer?" While there are a number of answers to this question, David said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted . . . Before I was afflicted I went astray" (Psalm 119:71, 67). Have you ever considered the implications of the truth from these verses? You say, "I don't like to

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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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 - Greater Midwest Lectureship
 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

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

You, Not The Preacher, Preach The First Sermon

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the minister, but by you! What are the messages you are delivering each Sunday?

You preach a message of **GOOD CHEER** when you meet someone in the parking lot, or in the foyer, or in the hallways, or the classroom and say "good morning" with a smile, you're preaching.

You preach a message of **WELCOME**. You say, "We have room for you," as you slide over in the pew instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you.

You preach a message of **HOPE AND JOY**. When you enthusiastically sing during song-service, you're preaching a beautiful message.

You preach a message about the **POWER OF PRAYER**. When you fervently enter into the prayer service, you are saying, "I believe in the power of God."

You preach a powerful message on the **BLOOD AND BODY OF CHRIST**. When you reverently partake of the communion, listening to the prayer-leaders and with your Bible open to a scripture, e.g., 1 Cor. 11: 23-30, you're telling a great message!

You preach a powerful sermon when you **GIVE OF YOUR FINANCIAL MEANS**. You say, "I love you this much, Lord, and I am giving in accordance with I Corinthians 16:2 and II Corinthians 9:6-7." You are preaching a powerful sermon.

You see, many messages have already been preached long before the preacher stands in the pulpit to deliver his message. If your message has been positive and consistent, the message from the pulpit will be much, much better. Will you come faithfully each Lord's Day prepared to preach your **BEST SERMON**?

*Adapted from Tim Hatfield
July, 2003*

Nothing to joke about!

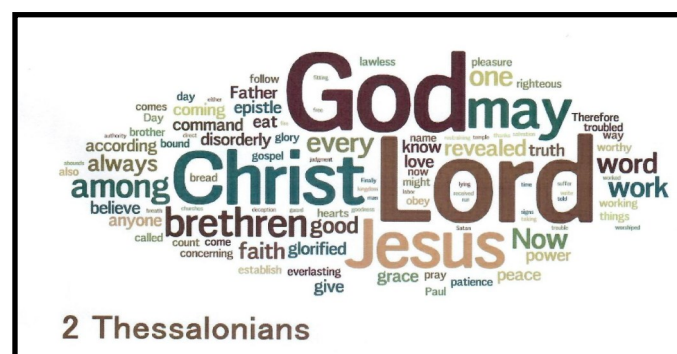


After playing AC/DC's 1979 hit, "Highway to Hell," the classic rock radio DJ quipped, "When life on this spinning ball called earth is over, will you ascend the beautiful 'Stairway to Heaven' or will you speed full throttle down the 'Highway to Hell'? I know where I'm going! And I'm gonna need my sunglasses and shorts, because it's going to be really hot! Ha!"

The rich man in Luke 16 wasn't even in hell yet, when he "cried" from "torments in Hades... 'I am tormented in this flame'" (16:23-24). Does that sound like a joke? Jesus Himself described hell as "everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46), "everlasting fire" (Matt. 25:41), "outer darkness" (Matt. 25:30), where "the fire shall never be quenched" (Mark 9:43-48), "their worm does not die" (Mark 9:44-48), and there will be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 8:12). It is "prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41), "away from the presence of the Lord" (2 Thess. 1:9).

Hell is **NOTHING** to joke about! It is **EVERYTHING** to avoid! Thank God for showing us "the way which leads to life" (Matt. 7:13-14)! ?

*David Sproule
Thought for the Day*



Melson's Musings ...



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suffer. I don't want to suffer." Neither did David. Neither do I. Life is not made of what I like, what I do not like, and what I want! Life is real!

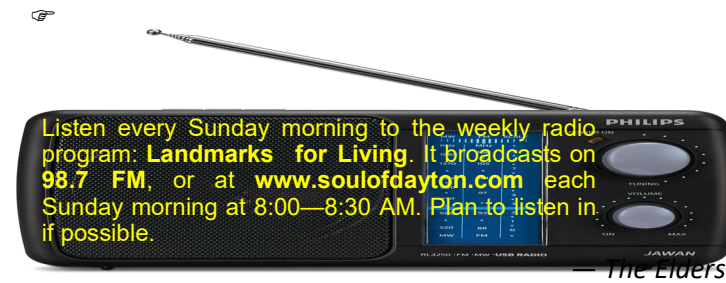
Do we understand Jesus? There is only one way to explain Jesus and that is God (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 Timothy 2:5-6). Jesus is Savior (Matthew 1:21). No man comes to God, but by Jesus (John 14:6). One must obey Jesus to find peace (Matthew 11:28-30). He does so by faith (Hebrews 11:6), repentance (Luke 13:3), confession (Acts 8:37), baptism (Romans 6:3-4), and faithfulness (Revelation 2:10). From every aspect, it is sheer folly to say, "There is no God." GOD IS! 📖

While we were not able to have all our senior members present, what a blessing to have those who were able to come. The picture below is a part of those in attendance. Here are the names of those **not able to attend** but are included in the class of members 70 years old and above: Herman and Beulah Farmer; Rhea Wallace; Dick and Gladys Chittick; Richard and Florine Thomas, Pat Norris, Betty Blakley; Jack and Carlene Harley; C.D. and Judy Arnett; Clifford and Ruby Holt; Naree Poole; Brenda Wiley; William Bogan and David Ward. God bless you. 🙏



SHEPHERD'S CORNER

- ☞ We want to thank everyone who helped to make the 70 and over luncheon a success.
- ☞ **Summer Lecture Series: God's Help with Life's Struggles** - Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. The August 17th session to be taught by Alfred Willis, Jr. will deal with another important, subject, **Balanced Living**.
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ 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:** With the rise in infections, we encourage everyone to continue to practice **good hygiene**. **Do not let your guard down**. Wash your hands regularly. If you need to wear a mask, wear a mask. If you are sick stay home. Should you become infected with COVID-19, especially if you were in the assembly, please let us know.
- ☞ 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.



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