

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	29
Attendance AM	77
Attendance PM	27
Wednesday PM	26

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Norris Cole family; Rhea Wallace; David Dudley; Rachel Blanks; Nancy Weimer; Tally Poole; Ruby Cole; Katherine Willis; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Geraldine Allen (LA)
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Ashley Thomas (Alex) & Valerie Melson; Deonna Cole; Norris Cole, II
Prayers: Carolyn Johnson
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Birthdays: September — 3— Ruby Holt; 5 Michael Blanks, Jr. ; 27 Christina Barnes; 29 Florine Thomas;
Anniversaries: September — 1 Chris and Tally Poole; 27— Samuel and Dollie Jones
Ladies Reading Group: Sept. 15 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 9
Potter Children’s Home:

September 04	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord’s Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	James Grisby	Norris Cole
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	C.D. Arnett	C.D. Arnett
Announcements	Alfred Willis, Jr.	Alfred Willis, Jr.
Greeter	Anthony Grigsby	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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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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Man has reached a marvelous age. We have been given time to explore this universe we inhabit and know more about it now than ever before. Has this surpassing knowledge diminished our appreciation of our world and its Creator? Consider...

The heavens declared the glory of God to David (Ps. 19:1); they manifest the wisdom of God (Prov. 8:27). Now that we have set foot on the moon, orbited the earth, and landed rovers on Mars, are we any less impressed?

In approximately the seventh century B.C. Jeremiah marveled that the Lord “made the earth by his power” (Jer. 10:12). In hindsight, after exploring its face, is it any less remarkable?

Jeremiah also said the Lord “placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass.” As much as the waves toss, they cannot pass over it (Jer. 5:22). Now that we’ve sailed across its waters and plumbed its depths, are we bored today by the oceans?

God promised Moses that as long as the earth remained, “seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night” would not cease (Gen. 8:22). Paul and Barnabas astounded the pagans by preaching the God who gave them “rains from heaven and fruitful seasons” (Acts 14:17). Do today’s meteorological advances make us any less dependent on Him for these cycles to continue?

Jesus prayed for daily bread (Mt. 6:11). By providence God empowers us to plant crops and receive the harvest (Acts 14:17). Have agricultural advances like irrigation, farming equipment, fertilizers, and pesticides taken away our fascination with the power of a seed to yield its harvest?

Jesus pointed out that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as the lilies of the field (Mt. 6:28-30). Today we know how to grow a wide variety of flowers of every color, right in our backyards. Are they any less beautiful?

Job was perplexed by the lion, mountain goats, the wild donkey, the wild ox, the ostrich, the horse, hawks, eagles, Behemoth, and Leviathan (Job 38-41). We’ve captured these and more on film and can watch their activities in hi-definition. Are we less amazed than Job, or more?

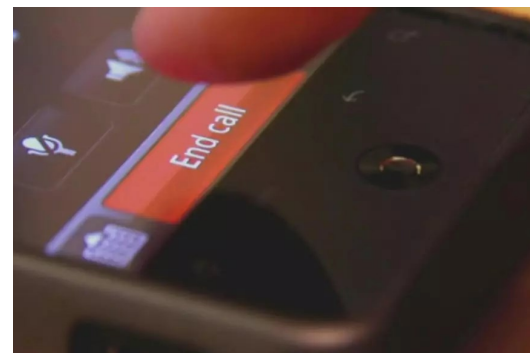
David marveled that he lay down, slept, and woke again, saying the Lord had sustained him (Ps. 3:5). Knowing what we do about the increased rate of anabolism, the decrease in

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



When your temptation starts calling



Esther Medley, of Centralia, WA loves to bowl. She loves to bowl so much that she will not let anything keep her from bowling. Her score of 244 (300 is a perfect game in bowling) in 2006 is her best game so far. What obstacles does she face? Age, for one thing. She is 94. For another, she is legally blind. She gets a partial glimpse of the floor on her first roll, and then her husband Ralph tells her what is left for her second roll. In her high scoring game, which was the second best score of the year in her senior league, she had eight strikes (*World, December 16, 2006*).

Esther is an amazing lady. Not many 94 year-old ladies can pick up a bowling ball, much less bowl a 244. Legally blind and elderly, you would think she would give up. Perhaps she has the spirit of Caleb. Caleb and Joshua were the only two spies that had the courage to conquer the Promised Land the first time. After the forty years of wilderness wandering, they were the only two fighting men of that generation left. At 85, Caleb came to Joshua for permission to take the land God had promised.

“As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said. And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance” (Joshua 14:11-13).

The key to Caleb’s success is in the following verse: “Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb ... because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel” (Joshua 24:14). What wonderful things God can do with seniors who will face challenges as they wholly follow the Lord!

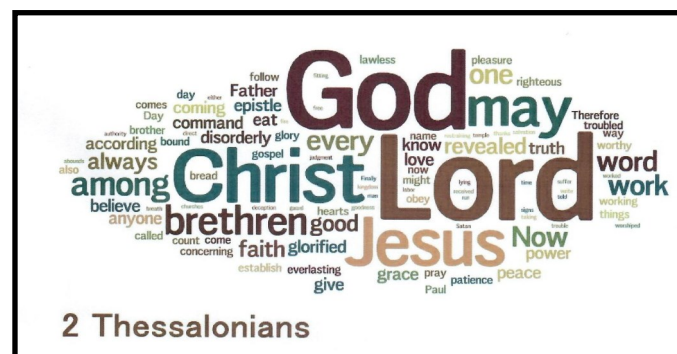
- Bob Prichard

If a snake came and talked to you and offered you a piece of food that your physician had forbidden you to eat, would you give in? Sometimes we are quick to judge. First, we may think, “Who in the world would pay attention to a talking snake?” (Yet, we have another man in the Bible arguing with a talking donkey.) Second, we may think, “Staying away from that one food would be so easy, when there are so many others to eat.” (Yet, staying away from temptation is often very difficult, even when it may seem obvious to others.)

Paul tells us that Satan “transforms himself into an angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14). In his “craftiness” (11:3), he can make a lie sound like a truth (Gen. 3:4). He can make a stone look like a good meal (Matt. 4:3). Others may look at your temptations and think, “That’s silly.” But a temptation is a temptation to the person to whom it is tempting.

Our job is to not be “ignorant of his devices,” so that he cannot “take advantage of us” (2 Cor. 2:11). Then, we need to “resist” him and “draw near to God” (Jas. 4:7-8).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



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catabolism, rapid eye movement, and other sleep-related phenomena, does our understanding leave us “yawning”?

Moses extolled the Lord as his “healer” (Ex. 15:26). James told us to pray to Him when we suffer diseases (Jas. 5:14-15). Does this amazing age of medical advances cause us to pray less when we are faced with illness?

David praised God because he was “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Ps. 139:13-14). Has the discovery of DNA resulted in less wonder or more?

The more we know about ourselves and our world, the more amazed we become. Truly, the work of God’s hands is testimony enough of His eternal power and divine nature! (Rom. 1:20). 📖

Don’t Water The Weeds

What would you think of one who constantly watered weeds and helped them to grow every way he could, but allowed the flowers to die? Weird! Strange! Demented! However, that is exactly what a lot of us do every day.

When we continually point out the faults of our loved ones but never compliment them when they do well, we are watering weeds and letting flowers die. A certain amount of constructive criticism is necessary, but a constant diet of it becomes destructive.

Remember how mad it made you when someone criticized you? It generally did not make you want to improve, did it? However, when someone complimented you, it was encouraging and made you want to do even better, didn’t it?

Your friends and loved ones feel the same way. Don’t be hypercritical of them but make it a habit to look for the good things they do and compliment them for them. Water the flowers and watch them grow! ~Bobby Bates~

SHEPHERDS CORNER

- ☞ **Summer Lecture Series: *God’s Help with Life’s Struggles*** - Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. The September 7th session will deal with another important subject, Preparing For Eternity .
- ☞ 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 other members every third Sunday of each month for a Fellowship 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** remains a serious issue therefore, 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.
- ☞ The exterior doors will be getting repaired and hardware updated.
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ September 17th— There will be another Active Aggressor training session, 9:00 AM— 10:30 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 Telstar 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