

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	33
Attendance AM	80
Attendance PM	37
Wednesday PM	40

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Jace Vance; C.D. Arnett; Ron Robbins; Nancy Weimer; Chris Poole in PT for hip replacement; Ruby Cole; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Geraldine Allen (LA); Medical); Patrick Cook (knee); Levi Cook; Victoria Dudley (sinus infection); Betty Blakely

Traveling: Mozilla Tate; Michael Blanks, Jr. (work); Richard Melson, Jr.; (work); Willis'; Cole family

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: October — 2 Virginia Robbins; 5 Rhea Wallace; 6 Kevin Gilbert; 9 Victoria Dudley; 13 Norris Cole, II; 14 Patrick Cook; 16 Judy Arnett; 17 Dollie Jones, Nancy Weimer;

Anniversaries: October — None

Ladies Reading Group: Nov. 17 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 12

Potter Children's Home:

October 30	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Norris Cole, Sr	Norris Cole, Sr.
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Patrick Cook	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Steven Crane
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
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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COMING TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE GOSPEL MEETING

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Meeting Location:
2211 Needmore Rd
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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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All Members

Supporting

- Christian Courier
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
- Memphis School of Preaching
- Greater Midwest Lectureship
- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

The gospel meeting with Hiram Kemp begins Sunday November 6, and it seems so appropriate to emphasize the importance of every member being present for every service. This has nothing to do with my personal opinion about this, but there are spiritual reasons for why this should happen. Obviously, there are those who, because of physical reasons beyond their control (work, sickness, transportation problems, etc.), could not come, but the following reasons apply to the rest of us. Look at the spiritual reasons for this.

I am coming to every service because Jesus will be present. There is no greater reason than this. The Lord said, "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also" (John 12:26). Every Christian should be described in this verse, for every Christian should be one who serves Him. Every Christian should be one who follows Him. Now Jesus says that those who serve Him and follow Him will be where He is. It is folly to think that the Lord will be absent from any service of the meeting. Where do you think His servants and followers should be?

I am coming to every service because the lost will be there, and the gospel will be preached to them. There is no doubt that the church has worked diligently to invite others to come, and past experience shows that they will come. There is no doubt that Hiram Kemp will preach the gospel clearly to them. There is also no doubt that my presence will contribute to the impact the services will have on them. I want to be part of the salvation of the lost in Dayton, Ohio. My presence reveals if I am seriously concerned about those in sin.

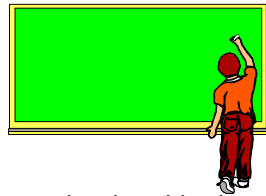
I am coming to every service because the FAMILY needs me to be present. My brothers and my sisters have prayed and invited others to come with the expectation that the Lord's family will be present to welcome those friends who will come. My absence will not only send a silent message to those who come, but it will discourage those who have finally made headway in getting others to come. Think about it. My physical presence or absence reveals how much I actually enjoy being with my FAMILY.

I am coming to every service because I hunger and thirst after righteousness. I have not arrived at the place in my life where my righteousness is complete. I know I need to be fed from the Lord and drink from the fountain of life. I know that preaching has changed my life and fed me in the past, and that it will feed me now.

I am coming to every service because there is no place I would rather be. Think about this! What possible reason can there be for being elsewhere?

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

“No I Ain’t!”



The little boy has misbehaved at school and had to write, “I am a bad boy” five hundred times. “I got even with the teacher, though,” he said. “When I got home I wrote, ‘No I ain’t’ five hundred and one times!”

The little boy understood something. Words do matter, and good words matter even more. Our lives need to be spent in seeking the good of all, and our words will often make the difference. Solomon said, “A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!” (Proverbs 15:23). What we say to others makes a difference!

Solomon also said, “He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him” (Proverbs 11:27). In words and deeds, we most often find what we are looking for. If we are looking for evil, we will find it. If we are looking for good, we will find it.

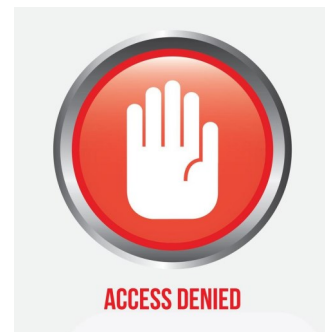
Satan looks at us, and says we are worthless. As he came among the sons of God, Satan said of Job, “Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face” (Job 1:9-11). Even Job, who God described as “a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil” (Job 1:8), is supposedly only faithful because of all the blessings he has received. Even after the loss of his children and all of his material possessions, Satan still says of Job, “Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face” (Job 2:4-5). Satan, the accuser, still says that we are worthless.

In contrast, consider the words of God through John the apostle: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:16-17). Because of His love, God sent Christ to die for us.

When Satan says I am so bad that I am not worth saving, God says, “No he ain’t!”

- Bob Prichard

Access denied



Have you ever had your password declined and you could not access a computer, or a website, or an app? Have you ever, perhaps, even forgotten a password and tried several different passwords that you thought might work, but without success? That can be rather frustrating!

Can you imagine if prayer worked like that? What if you forgot the “password” for prayer and your access to God was denied? How horrible would that be!

Here’s the “key” to prayer. God’s “ears are open” to the “prayers” of the “righteous” (1 Pet. 3:12), who “keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight” (1 John 3:22). God’s children have “confidence” that “He hears us” when we pray (1 John 5:14-15). But, here is when the access is denied: “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination” (Prov. 28:9). What a blessing to have direct access granted to our Father in heaven whenever we pray! Let’s take advantage of that every day! .

David Sproule
Thought for the Day

Fall Gospel Meeting: Focus in a Distracted World

You are cordially invited to attend our gospel meeting with Hiram Kemp of Bowling Green, KY

November 6-10, 2022



Bible class:	9:30 AM	Staying Faithful in a Faithless World
Sunday —	10:30 AM	True Unity
Sunday -	1:30 PM	The Pathway to Spiritual Maturity
Monday:	7:00 PM	What the Thief on the Cross Believed
Tuesday:	7:00 PM	What to Look for in a Church
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Pressing toward the Goal
Thursday:	7:00 PM	Questions Christians Must Answer

Melson’s Musings ...



Abstract, or in Concrete

The following story seen in “Sunshine Magazine” about a professor of psychology illustrates how difficult it is to love others.

Although he had no children of his own, whenever he saw a neighbor scolding a child for some wrongdoing, he would say, “You should love your boy, not punish him.”

One hot summer afternoon the professor was doing some repair work on a concrete driveway leading to his garage. Tired out after several hours of work, he laid down the towel, wiped the perspiration from his forehead, and started toward the house. Just then out of the corner of his eye he saw a mischievous little boy putting his foot into the fresh cement. He rushed over, grabbed him, and was about to spank him severely when a neighbor leaned from a window and said, “Watch it, Professor! Don’t you remember? You must ‘love’ the child!”

At this, he yelled back furiously, “I do love him in the abstract but not in the concrete!”

That’s so true. It’s easy to love people “in the abstract”. It’s easy to talk about love and the importance of love. What’s much more difficult is to love people in “concrete” ways, especially when we’re dealing with people who are very unlovable, who have been unkind and irritating to us.

But love is not something for us to talk about -- it is something for us to demonstrate in some very practical ways, as Paul makes clear in this familiar passage:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” (1 Cor. 13:4-7).

How about it -- are you loving in the abstract, or in the concrete? ~Sunshine Magazine 2000~

—Glenn Hitchcock

SHEPHERDS CORNER

- ☞ **November gospel meeting** with Hiram Kemp of Bowling Green, KY. November 6-10, 2022.
- ☞ **Song Practice:** On the last Wednesday of the month there will be congregational song practice at 7:00 PM. —We had a wonderful time learning new songs. Thank you to our song leaders.
- ☞ Remember to pray for our children in K-12 grades.
- ☞ If you go out for candy, please be safe as you go.
- ☞ Reminder that Daylight Saving Times ends November 6, 2022 (“Fall Back” one hour before going to bed on **November 5**).
- ☞ The exterior doors will be getting repaired and hardware updated. There will a handicap button added to door #2 (inside and out).
- ☞ The stall doors in the men’s restroom will be repaired.
- ☞ **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.



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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