

## RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

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| Bible Class   | 41 |
| Attendance AM | 80 |
| Attendance PM | 41 |
| Wednesday PM  | 31 |

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

**Traveling:** Mozilla Tate; Blanks, Jr. (family); Richard Melson, Jr.; (work); Richard Melson, Sr.

**Prayers:****Repentance:****Baptism:****Sympathy:**

**Birthdays: November** — 14 Ruby Cole; 16 Tally Poole; 26 Cadence Vance

**Anniversaries: November** — None

**Ladies Reading Group:** Dec. 01 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 12

**Potter Children's Home:**

| November 20          | BRETHREN TO SERVE AM | BRETHREN TO SERVE PM |
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| Opening Prayer       | Patrick Cook         | Patrick Cook         |
| Song Leader          | Lyle Cole            | Jerry Thomas         |
| Lead Lord's Supper   | Patrick Thomas       | Patrick Thomas       |
| Server 1             | Norris Cole          | Norris Cole          |
| Server 2             | Anthony Grigsby      | Anthony Grigsby      |
| Scripture Reader     | James Grigsby        | Patrick Thomas       |
| Sermon               | Richard Melson       | Richard Melson       |
| Prayer for Responses | Elders / Preacher    | Elders / Preacher    |
| Closing Prayer       | Steven Crane         | Norris Cole          |
| Announcements        | Richard Melson       | Richard Melson       |
| Greeter              | Anthony Grigsby      | 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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## A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Dan Jenkins

The book of Psalms is remarkable in so many ways. Many of the psalms come from the heart of a shepherd boy of Bethlehem and give us great insight into the very soul of a man after God's own heart.

One of the psalms repeats a phrase over and over. The psalmist said, "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (Psa. 107:1, 8, 15, 21, 31). This phrase makes a natural division of five situations in this psalm where men should be filled with thanksgiving.

**Thanksgiving for redemption.** The first section (vss. 1-7) describes the times when God brought Israel from adversity and returned them to the land He promised Abraham's descendants. While it is true the sin of God's people often was the reason they were scattered, the psalm shows just how merciful God is toward His children. Those who were redeemed from the nations could so readily sing this psalm of thanksgiving.

**Thanksgiving for souls which have been refreshed.** In this section, the psalmist looks at the souls which have been brought low by the adversity around them. Their hearts are filled with darkness which is the result of ignoring God. They are bound up in affliction. Yet, when they cried out to God, He heard them. Their souls were filled with the blessing He gave to them. Their lives turned into joy because His mercy gave them what had been missing. The psalmist said, "Give thanks to the Lord for His wonderful works."

**Thanksgiving for deliverance to those who were at the gates of death.** This third section (vss. 15-20) parallels thoughts found in the previous section of those who were surrounded by distress. They were so burdened they could not even eat, yet when they cried out to the Lord, He heard them and saved them out of all their afflictions. "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness."

**Thanksgiving from those who were tossed in the seas.** The psalmist turns his attention to those who sailed the seas and found themselves surrounded by tempestuous waves. As the waves lifted them to the heavens and then dropped them in the depths of the troughs, hope could so easily be lost. At their wit's end, they cried out to God, and He heard them, calmed the storms and brought them to safe havens.

**Thanksgiving from those who assemble to worship in the company of the elders.** The mercy of God is shown in the fruitful seasons where He waters the wilderness and feeds His people. Their crops increase and their herds multiply. He exalts the poor. Oh, that men would give thanks for all He does.

**Thanksgiving from our hearts.** The imagery in this psalm is different from what is around us, but the lesson is so obvious. God help us to give thanksgiving for all He does! 📖

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

## Thanksgiving

“Count Your Blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.” How long has it been since you counted your blessings? When or if you do so, “It will surprise you what the Lord hath done.” Consider:

- Spiritual Blessings Located “In Christ” (Eph. 1:3). One of them being “Salvation which is in Christ...” (2 Tim. 2:10). And the only way to enter is by “baptism into Christ” (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27).
- Think of Your Material Blessings, such as your food, shelter, clothing, transportation and source of income. Jesus said, “But seek ye first the Kingdom of God...and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33).
- Look at Your Family. “...children are an heritage of (a gift from) the Lord” (Psalm. 127:3).
- Count Your Friends. “...There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother” (Prov. 18:24).
- What About Your Health? It is greater than wealth! Fortunes are spent to regain it. To “Count your blessings” may be more time consuming than one might expect.

“The Lord Has Been Mindful of Me... Through the valley .. ever in troubled sea .. grief .. sorrow .. adversity, the Lord has been mindful of me .. How excellent is His name!” Paul wrote that God is “...The God of all comfort, who comforts us all in our tribulation...” (2 Cor. 1:3-4). Another apostle said, “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him: for He careth for you” (1 Peter 5:7). The writer of Hebrews said in reference to God, “...He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Heb. 13:5-6).

“Father We Thank Thee For Night .. for light, for .. loving care, and all that makes the day so fair .. Help us to do the things we should, to be to others kind and good. In all we do, in work or play, to grow more loving every day.” This song points out our obligation to show our Thanksgiving by “Thanksgiving” in gratitude for blessings received. This is the true art of Thanksgiving.

*Do You Show Your Thankfulness By The Way You Live?*  
- Glenn Hitchcock

## Unshaded lamp



A completely dark room is hard to navigate. A dimly lit room is only a little better. Have you noticed that the best lighting in a room is when it is hanging from the ceiling, so that the whole room benefits from it? That's exactly what Jesus said that Christians are to be! We are to be “the light of the world” (Matt. 5:14), but where are we?

Are we a “light” that is kept down low near the ground, where we are less visible? No! Are we a “light” that is shaded to keep from being too obvious or bright? No! Christians are to be a light that is put “on a lampstand” (5:15). The lampstand would be in a prominent place in the home. It was elevated to provide maximum coverage for “all who are in the house.” Do we want our faith to be prominent in our lives, or do we hold it back? Do we seek to provide maximum coverage for all people, or are we selective about who we want to see our faith? True Christians are unshaded lamps of the gospel of Christ (2 Cor. 4:3-7).

*David Sproule  
Thought for the Day*



## The Ugly Christmas Sweater Brunch

December 24th at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall  
Wear your best and ugliest Christmas sweater to see who will win.

## Melson's Musings ...



### Thanksgiving is Thanksliving

By now you have heard me express my protest to the commercialism, secularizing and materialism of our times that has us, counting the days until Christmas, instead of counting our blessings day by day. (We cannot even enjoy summer without the push for Christmas sales). Even though for many their favorite holiday is Thanksgiving, as one unknown writer once said, “it's Thanksliving that's important”.

**True Thanksliving** gives thanks even in the midst of trials, God declares in Daniel 6:10 says, “Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, (that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days ... he shall be cast into the den of lions), he went into his house; and, his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.”

**Constant Thanksliving** not only gives thanks for the Lord's supper on the Lord's day, (Luke 22:19; Matthew 26:27; Acts 20:7), but gives thanks for each daily meal, (Mark 8:6; Luke 11:3; Acts 27:35; Rom. 14:6; 1 Tim 4:3-4). Why are we ashamed to give thanks for our food in public or too busy in the privacy of our own homes? We owe it to God (Psa 50:14) - “Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most high.”

**Consistent Thanksliving** will make one more thankful. E. O. Excell reminds us “Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.” Consistent thanksgiving will make one more hopeful. Read what the apostle Paul said to the Philippian Christians, Philippians 1:3, 19-26.

**Consistent Thanksliving** will make one more faithful. I'm convinced the amount of Thanksgiving in our lives bespeaks of our belief in God! If I give credit to my own ingenuity, for what is there to be thankful? If however as James 1:17 tells us that “All good things come from God,” then if I believe the Word, I will be consistently thankful!

As we enjoy this holiday season let us reflect on such scriptures as (Psalm 100; 103; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; 2 Corinthians 9:11-15; Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18), and realize, for the child of God, **Thanksgiving is Thanksliving!** 📖

## SHEPHERDS CORNER

- ☞ **Potter Children's Home Christmas Gift Shop.** The purpose of the Christmas Gift Shop is for the children to have the opportunity to shop and wrap gifts for their families, teachers, and other special people in their lives. “We strive to teach the children that Christmas is not about what Santa is going to bring them, but to learn to think of others and learn to give”. The Christmas gift shop items will be picked on Saturday December 3rd by Byron Henbest of Potter.
- ☞ **Song Practice:** On the last Wednesday of the month there will be congregational song practice at 7:00 PM. Thank you to our song leaders.
- ☞ **Spring Gospel Meeting Dates:** March 12 –17, 2023
- ☞ Those members who desire to use the Text-To-Give on Sunday follow the directions below:

Text to Give: (844) 542-1443  
Specific Amount: Text "GIVE (AMOUNT)"

**First-Time Donor Setup**  
Initial donations can be completed in less than 60 seconds.

1. Donors text "GIVE" to 844-542-1443.
2. New donors will receive a link in a text message to a secure online donation form to enter basic contact info, donation details, and credit card and payment info to complete their donation.
3. Donors will receive a confirmation via text message.
4. An email receipt will be sent within 30 minutes.

Listen every Sunday morning to the weekly radio program: **Landmarks for Living**. It broadcasts on **98.7 FM**, or at **www.soulofdayton.com** each Sunday morning at 8:00—8:30 AM. Plan to listen in if possible.

## NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: [www.wvbs.org](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org) ; <http://gbntv.org/> ; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak); <https://fun1071.fm>; 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