

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	29
Attendance AM	80
Attendance PM	23
Wednesday	34

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: C.D. Arnett (MVH); Ron Robbins @home; Janis Bland (broken toe); Chris Poole in PT for hip replacement; Ruby Cole; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Levi Cook; Victoria Dudley (migraine); Tena Eslick (migraine) Betty Blakely (UTI); Carlene Harley

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; (work); Lyle Cole family; Norris Cole, II; Norris Cole family

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Diane Cole

Birthdays: December — 11 Nina Netheron; 15 Dwayne Eslick, Sr., Dana Grigsby, Richard Melson; 18 Mike Blakley; 24 Mia Gilbert; 26 Theresa Wallace

Anniversaries: November — None

Ladies Reading Group: Dec. 15 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 13

Potter Children's Home:

December 04

BRETHREN TO SERVE AM

BRETHREN TO SERVE PM

Opening Prayer	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
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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BIBLE PREACHING REQUIRES ... THE BIBLE

David Sproule

Too many pulpits these days are filled with stand-up comedians, motivational speakers and professional salesmen. Well, maybe not literally, but that appears to be the case in many places. A man gets up to speak during a worship service and he tells a funny joke, he shares some moving stories, he offers some advice for life, and oh, he sprinkles a couple Bible verses in there. Some may think that is an exaggeration, but it's actually not far off in many places. And, of course, the response might be, "Well, that's what the people want." The question preachers should be asking is, "What does God want?"

When God came to this earth, He relied upon and based His preaching on Scripture! When He went to the synagogue in Luke 4, He started by reading from Isaiah (Luke 4:16-21). A lawyer later asked Him a question, and Jesus responded, "What is written in the law?" (Luke 10:25-26). When the men on the road to Emmaus were confused about the events of the crucifixion, Jesus preached to them, "And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Luke 24:27), and "He opened the Scriptures to" them" (24:32). Jesus preached from "the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms (24:44). On at least six occasions, He asked His hearers, "Have you not read?"

Not only did Jesus rely upon and base His preaching on Scripture, but so did all of the apostles! Read Peter's sermon in Acts 2 and see how much Scripture was at the heart of His lesson. In his preaching, Paul "reasoned with them from the Scriptures" (Acts 17:2), "saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said" (Acts 26:22), "persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets" (Acts 28:23). Read the New Testament epistles (from Romans through Revelation) and see how much they quoted from Scripture, even as they were writing new Scripture.

People today can turn on late-night television if they want to see a stand-up comedian. They can get on Facebook if they want some motivational quotes. But what they need from preachers is the Bible! How can preachers today think that they know how to preach better than Jesus and the apostles, and choose to have "a little Bible" in their "talks"? Preaching is NOT about the preacher! He needs to hide himself inside and behind the Word of God and make sure that is what is prominent in the teaching and learning associated with his preaching. "Oh, but you need to give the people what they want," someone says. Paul warned about that in Second Timothy 4:3-4, right after giving the top priority to this young evangelist in verse 2, "Preach the word!" If you're a preacher, preach the word! If you're a hearer, demand "the Word"!

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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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- Christian Courier
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- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

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

God Gives Us:

Make it a happy thought !

- Pain to make us aware of Healing
- Love to make us aware of Feeling
- Joy to make us aware Acceptance
- Trials to make us aware of Life
- Hope to make us aware of Endurance
- Fear to make us aware of Dependence
- Choice to make us aware of Judgment
- Each other to make us aware of Himself [God]
- Fellowship to makes us aware of Eternity
- Physical Death to make us aware of our Pilgrimage
- The Bible to give us return directions Home

- Glenn Hitchcock

The Test of Adversity



A jeweler will tell you that an imitation diamond is never so brilliant as a genuine stone, but sometimes the inexperienced eye cannot detect the difference. A simple test is to place the stone underwater. The imitation diamond is practically extinguished, while a genuine diamond sparkles even under water, and is visible. The contrast between the two when under the water will be apparent to the least experienced eye. When Christians are under the waters of adversity will the light of the gospel shine through?

~Adapted From G.B.F. Hallock



Through use of anthropomorphism, the Bible speaks of God's knowledge and understanding of things on this earth by talking about His "eyes." Consider these thoughts.

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3). "The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths" (Prov. 5:21). "His eyes are on the ways of man, and He sees all his steps" (Job 34:21). "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron. 16:9).

For some people, the thought of God watching everything that they do can be terrifying. But it doesn't have to be. For God's children, the thought that God knows all that is happening in their lives (Heb. 4:13-16) can be reassuring and comforting. His "eyes...are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry" (1 Pet. 3:12). Oh, how excellent is that (Psa. 8)!

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 ...



God's Family Values

It is clear that we have leaders throughout America (national and local) who are either unconcerned about what God has said, or are ignorant or just ambivalent about the divine instructions concerning the family. Why do I say this? The most recent decision by US Senate clearly manifests an anti God and anti Christian disposition. If someone speaks something that is presumed to be anti-Semitic and that person is immediately charged with hate speech! What about these 61 U.S. Senators who obviously hate the Almighty? What are they to be charged with?

The Standard For Family Values

For those who do not believe in God, the standard is whatever they want it to be, and it varies greatly from person to person. But for the believer, the standard is set by God and is revealed in the Scriptures. So the family values of God become the family values of God's people.

Some of His Values

- One **man** and one **woman** married to each other as long as both shall live (Matthew 19:3-9).
- Sexual faithfulness each to the other (I Corinthians 7:2).
- The love of the husband for his wife is patterned after the sincerity and depth of Christ's love for the church (Ephesians 5:25-29).
- The wife loves, respects and submits to her husband as she does to the Lord (Ephesians 5:22; Titus 2:4).
- The husband leads his family both physically and spiritually (Ephesians 5:23).
- Father and mother rear children in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:4).
- Children obey and honor parents when they are young and care for them when they are old (Ephesians 6: 1; I Timothy 5: 8).

The greatest threat to the family in our community is not actually the family values of unbelievers, but the "lip service" that is paid to God's family values by half-converted "believers".

- adapted from Jack Harriman 📖

SHEPHERDS CORNER



- ☞ **Potter Children's Home Christmas Gift Shop.** We want to thank everyone for the great outpouring love you expressed in the items you gave (the image is everything as of Thursday, additional gifts arrived Friday after the printing of the bulletin).
- ☞ **Spring Gospel Meeting Dates:** March 12 –17, 2023
- ☞ Those members who desire to use the **Text-To-Give** on Sundays 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.
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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 ; www.apologeticspress.org ; 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