

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	44
Attendance AM	79
Attendance PM	40
Wednesday	31

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); Betty Blakely;

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; (work); Cook family; Norris Cole, II; Mozilla Tate

Prayers: Janice Bland, Berdie Oakes, Catherine Anderson

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Cooks

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 11	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr
Lead Lord's Supper	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Server 1	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Server 2	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Frank Brock
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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Meeting Location:

2211 Needmore Rd
Dayton, OH 45414

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.

Shepherds

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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 Christian's life is many times referred to as a "walk." In fact the Apostle Paul will use this metaphorical meaning 32 times in his epistles. "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called" or "walk not as other Gentiles walk" are but two examples of the use of this term in Paul's epistles (Eph. 4:1,17). The use of "walk" in this way means to "regulate one's life" or "to conduct one's self properly." As Christians, not only do we have the responsibility to watch our walk, but we have the perfect example set before us.

Paul, in the passage cited above, tells the brethren in Colossae that they had "received Christ Jesus the Lord" and that they "had been taught." In Ephesians 4, after pointing to the ignorance that was in the gentiles who remained outside of Christ, Paul made a grand contrast. "But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus" (Eph. 4:20,21). As Christians we can rejoice in the fact that the apostle exalts Jesus Christ and ever sets him before the brethren as the perfect example. In 1 Corinthians 11:1 we read, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Paul's exhortation is to follow Christ, just as I am following Christ. Again in Philippians 2 Paul will exhort the brethren to humble themselves and submit themselves in service. Having done that he then writes, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

Peter will also point to Christ as the great example to be followed. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did not sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Pet. 2:21,22). Even John in the great Revelation in describing the hundred and forty and four thousand said, "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth" (Rev. 14:4). As if the encouragement of these inspired writers were not enough, we remember the words of Jehovah in Matthew 17:5 and the transfiguration. "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased; hear ye him." Certainly there is no Christian who would deny this point.

Yet, in Colossians 2:6&7 there is a certain intensity that is embedded in this passage. Paul says that the brethren had been "rooted and built up in him." Our standing and our sustenance is Christ Jesus. As one Greek scholar puts it "with your roots deeply planted in Him, being continuously built up in Him," we can see the intensity. Paul would say it on various occasions in different ways. "For me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21), and "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," (Gal. 2:20), are but two examples of this point. In Colossians we will find many passages which indicate this thought. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (1:27), "Ye are complete in Him" (2:10), and "When Christ, who is our life" (3:4) all indicate the concentrated need that we have for Christ, and for the essentiality of our following our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. With Paul we would exhort, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." We would also encourage each one to study their Bibles more and more to have a clear picture of the example of Christ. 📖

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

Always Something

Even when it seems there is nothing you can do, there is something you can do. No matter what the situation may be, there is always something positive you can do about it.

Sometimes you can take complete control of what's going on. Other times you may only be able to have a slight, barely perceptible influence. Still other times the only thing you may be able to do is to change your own thinking about the situation. Yet even that can end up being a significant positive step.

Being helpful is infinitely better than being helpless. And being genuinely helpful is an option that is always open to you.

Throw up your hands in despair or frustration if you wish, but don't expect it to get you anywhere. The more effective choice is to know, without a doubt, that there is something you can do, and to then get busy with it.

Life is best when lived not by chance, but by choice.

- Ralph Marston via - Glenn Hitchcock

A GREAT HEART OF COMPASSION

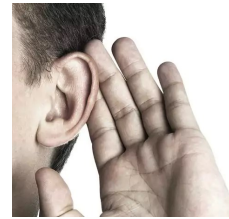
It is reported that during the Civil War two ladies who were related to General Lew Wallace enquired at the White House about the condition of General Wallace following an awful battle in which he had been engaged. The ladies had heard that a man named Wallace was killed in that battle. After learning he was not Lew, they spoke joyfully about how the dead man "was not our Wallace." The great President responded: "But he was somebody's Wallace!"

This story illustrates how Jesus wants us to have hearts of compassion for others regardless of who they are. When we are relieved that bad news about people is not about our loved ones, we should not forget it is about the loved ones of others! As we honor all men, may we never forget the preciousness of every relationship.

~Adapted from "Illustrations that Illustrate" February 1983~

Remember Matthew 7:12 and 1 Peter 2:17 - "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."

Incline your ear



Have you ever been in a crowded, noisy restaurant and you were trying to hear what someone was saying at the table with you, and so you leaned your body and your head in really close and maybe even cupped your hand behind your ear in order to hear? You gave your full, undivided attention and were doing everything you could to hear what was being said.

Forget about the noisy restaurant and just think about that posture of leaning in, tilting your head and giving full attention. That is what God does toward us when we pray. It's not because He's having a hard time hearing us but because of His strong desire to hear every utterance of our hearts. Four times in the Psalms, the writers plead, "Incline Your ear to me" (17:6; 71:2; 88:2; 102:2), as well as in the parallel passages of 2 Kings 19:16 and Isaiah 37:17.

How blessed we are that our Lord inclines His ear to hear our words! Now, do we incline our ears to hear His words (Josh. 24:23; Psa. 119:36; Isa. 55:3)?

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 ...



America Is Calling Evil ... Good!!!

America is calling Evil ... Good (Isa. 5:20; Mich. 3:2). From the beginning God condemns homosexuals (Gen.19:1-29). Homosexuals and Lesbianism are increasing rapidly in our society because the general public is accepting this UNGODLY "lifestyle" as a way of life. This "perverted marriage" man to man and woman to woman is corrupting the minds and lives of our children and young people. Several denominations (counterfeit) churches are now promoting and encouraging these "perverted marriages" and accepting them as active members of their (Satan) churches.

It is nauseating to those who serve God and love His Word to witness these "perverted marriages" on television. The drive of woman's liberation is to gain complete freedom and license for the homosexual life style.

FROM THE BEGINNING: God created them MALE and FEMALE. Thus, the natural and proper sexual relationship is a man and woman joined together as husband and wife in marriage (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18-24; Matt. 19:4-6; 1 Cor. 7:1, 5). It is **UNNATURAL** for a man to have sexual relations with another man. It is **UNNATURAL** for a woman to have sexual relations with another woman. God **DID NOT MAKE** homosexuals. Their actions are a result of their own lust and evil desires (James 1:13-14).

What does God's Word say about homosexuals? They're an abomination and sin against God (I Cor. 6:9-10; Rom. 1:26-27). However, homosexuals can be changed (I Cor. 6:11; Acts 2:38).

If you are guilty of homosexuality, I urge you to be washed, sanctified, justified, and quit this SINFUL practice. We urge readers to investigate the Bible that they may be enlightened of the profound truth. John 8:32.

- Harry Persaud

(Editor's Note: The following article was published in The Star Ledger, Vauxhall, NJ in 1999 with an offer for Bible Study Courses. Because of the advertisement the author's life was threatened). 📖

SHEPHERDS CORNER

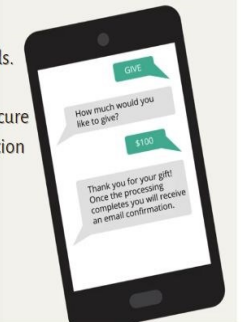
- ☞ **Exit Doors:** All of the entry / exit doors are being repaired. Door #2 will be completely replaced and a handicapped mechanism installed. The stalls in the men's restroom will be repaired as well.
- ☞ **Flu & Covid19:** The flu and COVID-19 remain a serious issue, therefore we encourage everyone 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.
- ☞ **Spring Gospel Meeting Dates:** March 12 –17, 2023
- ☞ **Text-To-Give:** 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.
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 ; 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