

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	31
Attendance AM	79
Attendance PM	32
Wednesday	31

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: C.D. Arnett; Ron Robbins; 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; Betty Blakely; Frank Cook

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

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism: KeAnDra Bower

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: December— None

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

Potter Children's Home:

December 18	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Lyle Cole Sr	Michael Blanks, Jr
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Server 1	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 2	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry 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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JESUS SHARED FOOD AND STILL 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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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 last chapter of John describes the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection. He had manifested Himself to them when Thomas was absent, then again when Thomas was with them. This chapter describes how seven of the disciples (including Thomas) had spent the entire night fishing and had caught nothing. They did not recognize the Man who told them to cast the nets on the right side of the boat, but they did as He told them.

The events which followed convinced them, and they saw and recognized that the "stranger" was Jesus. They rushed to shore and discovered He had prepared a fire and had fish and bread ready for them to eat. Think for a moment about the Lord and His eating with them. The Jesus who had been raised from the dead was the Jesus who had walked among them. It was His nature to share food with those around Him.

Jesus often ate with others. Just a few days earlier He sat in the upper room and ate the Passover meal with the apostles, and now He shared that fish beside the Sea of Galilee. They had toiled all night in their boat, but without fishing He had a fish already cooked for them. Jesus ate with others.

He ate with sinners and tax collectors. Shortly after He called Matthew to become a disciple, He went to Matthew's house where there were many other tax collectors and shared a meal with them (Mark 2:15-16). The religious leaders of Jesus' day would never have eaten with such "evil" men, but Jesus came to live among sinful men and lead them to heaven.

He fed the multitude of followers with only a handful of loaves and fishes—five thousand and then four thousand men (not counting the women and children who also ate). What is remarkable is that many of them only followed Him because of the food He gave (John 6:26).

He ate at the home of a Pharisee and did so without washing His hands (Luke 11:37-38). The Pharisees always ritualistically washed their hands, but Jesus did not do this. He was not concerned about how one ate food but was gravely concerned about sin which in the hearts, even of those who washed their hands.

There are many other accounts of Jesus eating with men while on this earth but take time to consider one special account of Him eating with others. In the upper room, He spoke of how the Passover was to be fulfilled in the kingdom of God where He would assemble again with them in a weekly feast, the Lord's supper (Luke 22:15-16). He gave them a direct command to insure that it was done remembering Him. He longs to eat around that table with you every week. How can anyone choose to fail to be at that special feast with Him! 📖

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

Drinking From The Saucer

I have never made a fortune, and I will never make one now. But it really does not matter, because I am happy anyhow. I go along my journey, reaping better than I have sowed. I am drinking from the saucer, cause my cup has overflowed.

I do not have many riches, and sometimes the going's tough--but while my kids still love me, I think I am rich enough. I will thank God for His blessings, His mercy bestowed - I am drinking from the saucer cause my cup has overflowed.

If He will give me strength and courage, when the road grows steep, and rough - I will not ask for other blessings—I am already blest enough.

May I never be too busy to help bear another's load. I am drinking from the saucer-because my cup has overflowed.

Because He has graced me with these blessings – My life is dedicated - a gospel lesson! Amen and thank You!

- Adapted via - Glenn Hitchcock

The Privilege of Living

Thank God for the privilege of living,
The privilege of breathing the air,
The privilege of being alive in the midst
Of such beauty everywhere!
Thank the Good Lord for His mercy
In giving me eyes to see,
A mind to learn, and a voice to speak
And a faith in Eternity.
Thank God for the privilege of living –
For sharing His earth and His sky –
That a gift so rare as the gift of life
Is given to such as I.

- Glenn Hitchcock

Accept adversity?



There are some verses in the Bible where the reader might do a double-take and think, "Did it just say that?" Job's statement in Job 2:10 is one such passage. In verse 9, Job's wife told him, "Curse God and die!" How would Job respond to that? "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?"

It is certainly easy to "accept good" and be excited about "good" when it comes into our lives. We would never think about blaming God for "good." But then "adversity" comes. Do we blame God? Do we throw it in His face? Or do we "accept" it and see that God not only can (and does) work in the "good" times, but He also works in our lives during the "bad" times? When we allow Him, our God can bring about greater "perseverance," "character" and "hope," as a result of our adversity (Jas. 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-4). Read the end of the book of Job and that's exactly what you find. Will you accept adversity and let God strengthen you through it? ?

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. Bring your favorite Brunch food, and holiday cookies for the cookie exchange.

Melson's Musings ...



Standard Equipment

The days of the Pony Express are long past, but they are a part of our American history. The Pony Express began in St. Joseph MO and covered 1900 miles to Sacramento CA. The trip required 40 men, 500 horses and 10 days.

To assure high speed, clothing was light, saddles small and no weapons were carried. Letters were written on thin paper and cost \$5.00 an ounce, [and we complain at .56¢]. Each rider carried a Bible because the Bible was *STANDARD EQUIPMENT*. In frontier times, God was important and they realized the value of the Word of God.

Life is much like the Pony Express. Each of us are but "strangers and pilgrims" (1 Peter 2:11) on our journey toward eternity. Our destination will be either heaven or hell.

God has made the Bible part of our **STANDARD EQUIPMENT**, the Bible serves as:

A LIGHT AND A LAMP. The world is filled with darkness (John 12:35). Satan's kingdom is "full of darkness" (Rev. 16:10). David teaches that God's words guides us (Ps. 119:105). It is our obedience to Christ via the Word by which we are delivered "from the power of darkness, and hath been translated into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Col. 1:13).

A PURIFIER OF OUR SOUL. Sin corrupts and destroys the soul (Ezek. 18:4). Peter describes Christians as having purified their soul (1 Peter 1:22-23).

QUENCHES OUR SPIRITUAL HUNGER AND THIRST. The soul of man desires to be at peace with God (Ps. 42:2-3) cf. (Heb. 6:5). Jesus says men are happy who "hungers and thirsts after righteousness: (Matt. 5:6). It is no wonder we are to give diligence to rightly divide "the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

EDIFIES THE SOUL. In living our journey of life we need encouragement and edification. Paul's instruction to the elders of Ephesus was: "And now, brethren, I command you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32). The Bible lifts our spirit when we are discouraged, down and having difficult times. 📖

- W. Terry Varner

SHEPHERDS CORNER

☞ **Exit Doors:** All of the entry / exit doors have been repaired. Door #2– you may safely use both side. We are still going to replace these doors and install a handicapped mechanism. 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:

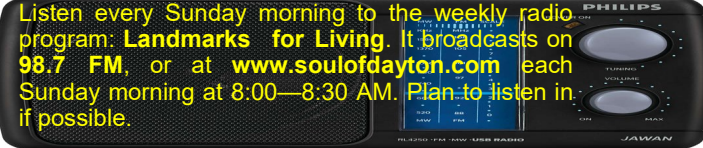
Text to Give: (844) 542-1443
Specific Amount: Text "GIVE (AMOUNT)"

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