

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	25
Attendance AM	60
Attendance PM	24
Wednesday	21

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: C.D. Arnett; Ron Robbins; Janis Bland (broken toe); Chris Poole; Ruby Cole; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt (eye surgery); Richard & Florine Thomas; Levi Cook; Betty Blakely; Frank Cook; Levi Cook; Rita McGahee; Victoria Dudley

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

Prayers: Those in Buffalo, NY area

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Family of James Lacking

Birthdays: January — 5 Lisa Owens; 15 Jennifer Arnett; 16 Valerie Melson; 31 Chad Arnett, Krystal Thomas

Anniversaries: January — 1 Steve and Deborah Crane; 2—Timothy and Melody Angus

Ladies Reading Group: Jan. 12 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 1

Potter Children's Home:

January 01	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 2	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Denzil Turner, III	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris 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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SAFELY TREADING THE UNKNOWN OF THE NEW YEAR-1

Charles Pugh, III

M. Louise Haskins (1908) captured the uncertainty of a new year in words that were quoted to the British Empire in the 1939 Christmas radio broadcast of King George VI. Haskins wrote: And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown," and he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way" (Bartlett, Familiar Quotations 881). At this time, we are reminded of the element of the unknown that can result in apprehension as a new year dawns. Shakespeare wrote, "...[L]ook into the seeds of time, And say which grain will grow and which will not" (Macbeth, 3:58). However, there is a sense in which none of us can look into the seeds of time and know what will occur. There are many unknowns concerning the New Year that is on us.

Some of the timeliest counsel concerning safely treading the unknown of a new year is found in the following from the epistle of James.

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell [engage in business, NASV], and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that" (James 4:13-15).

James reminds us of two great uncertainties that should humble us, and one powerful principle that should guide us, in safely treading the unknown of a new year. The two great uncertainties that should humble us are (1) the uncertainty of material prosperity and (2) the uncertainty of physical health. In contrast, the powerful principle that should guide us is submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is summed up in the victorious faith that declares: "The will of the Lord be done" (Acts 21:14). 📖

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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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 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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Happy New Year

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

How to be Happy

Are you almost disgusted with life my good man?
I'll tell you a wonderful trick
That will bring you contentment, if anything can,
Do something for somebody quick!

Are you awfully tired with play, my dear girl?
Wearied, discouraged, and sick --
I'll tell you the loveliest game in the world,
Do something for somebody quick!

Though it rains, like the rain of the flood, my good man,
And clouds are forbidding and thick,
You can make the sunshine in your soul, little man,
Do something for somebody, quick!

Though the stars are like brass overhead, my dear girl,
And the walks are like well-heated brick,
And your earthly affairs in a terrible whirl --
Do something for somebody, quick!

-- Boles Home News, via Gospel Digest, March, 1960
From: Tom Moore [preacher@hsnp.com]

Inflation-proof gift



Inflation makes shopping a challenge. That is true of regular shopping for groceries and everyday merchandise. But it is also true of holiday shopping. "Stuff" costs a lot! But there are many gifts that you can give that are inflation-proof. Consider just one.

There is a gift that you can give to everyone, even to those who are unthankful (Luke 6:35). There is a gift that you can give to persons of all ages, old and young (1 Tim. 5:1-2). There is a gift that you can give any time of year, as it is good for all seasons (Gal. 6:9-10). There is a gift that you can give that never goes out of style or gets old (Luke 10:34; Acts 28:2). There is a gift that you can give that will not cost you anything (Prov. 15:1; 31:26).

This holiday season, give kindness (Eph. 4:32)! Give kindness to members of your family and to your church. Give kindness to your coworkers and your neighbors. Give kindness to the stranger at the checkout line and to the delivery person. Give kindness to all, imitating your God!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day

The Lord Is My Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible—Psalm 23.

She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verses. Little Rick was excited about the task—but he just couldn't remember the psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Rickey was so nervous that when it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."



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Melson's Musings ...



New Year's Resolutions

New Year's Resolutions are a popular tradition. Statistics show that 40 to 45% of American adults make one or more resolutions each year. Around 16% of Americans keep some of their resolution. Around 13% of Americans keep none of their New Year's resolutions. Among the top New Year's resolutions are:

- Exercise more,
- Lose weight
- Get organized
- Learn a new skill or hobby
- Live life to the fullest
- Save more money / spend less money
- Quit smoking
- Spend more time with family and friends
- Travel more
- Read more

Additional statistics show how many of these resolutions are maintained as time goes on: Past the first week: 75%; Past 2 weeks: 71%; After one month: 64%; After 6 months: 46%.

In a particular study, 52% of participants in a resolution study were confident of success with their goals, but only 12% actually achieved their goals.

People achieve their goal more often when they engaged in goal setting: Lose a pound a week instead of "lose weight"
Read so many chapters a day instead of "read the Bible".

While the vast majority of people who make New Year's resolutions will ultimately abandon them, research shows that making resolutions is useful. People who explicitly make resolutions are 10 times more likely to attain their goals than people who don't explicitly make resolutions. 10 times!

So, while we may think New Year's resolutions are silly, or we don't usually make them, or whatever the case may be, as Christians, we should always be looking for ways to grow closer to God. And setting those goals (or "resolutions") is a step in the right direction. As the famous motivational speaker Zig Ziglar once said, "If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time!"

- Doug Caudill

SHEPHERDS CORNER

We want to thank each member of the congregation for their support in 2022 by prayers, giving, work, words of encouragement, and dedication to the Lord. By the end January we'll provide you with the theme for 2023 and the emphasis of work. Till then, continue to remain faithful ever looking for opportunities of evangelism and service to the Lord.

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 with Dan Jenkins of West Palm Beach, FL

Text-To-Give: Those members who desire to use the **Text-To-Give** on Sundays follow the directions below:

— The Elders

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