

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

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| Bible Class | 32 |
| Attendance AM | 67 |
| Attendance PM | 35 |
| Wednesday | 28 |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: C.D. Arnett; Phil Tydings; Carlene Harley; Destiny Soto; Mary Rutland; Ron Robbins; Janis Bland; Ruby Cole; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely;
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.;(work); Norris Cole, II; Mozilla Tate; Valerie Melson (and grandchildren).
Prayers:
Repentance: Patrick Thomas
Baptism:
Sympathy:
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. 26 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 1 &2
Potter Children’s Home:

| January 15 | BRETHREN TO SERVE AM | BRETHREN TO SERVE PM |
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| Opening Prayer | Steven Crane | Steven Crane |
| Song Leader | Lyle Cole | Lyle Cole |
| Lead Lord’s Supper | Frank Brock | Frank Brock |
| Server 1 | Anthony Grigsby | Denzil Turner, III |
| Server 2 | Norris Cole | Norris Cole |
| Scripture Reader | Ryan McGahee | Patrick Thomas |
| Sermon | Richard Melson | Richard Melson |
| Prayer for Responses | Elders / Preacher | Elders / Preacher |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry Thomas | Jerry Thomas |
| Announcements | Patrick Thomas | Patrick Thomas |
| 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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 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
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 - Memphis School of Preaching
 - Greater Midwest Lectureship
 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

SAFELY TREADING THE UNKNOWN OF THE NEW YEAR-3

Charles Pugh, III

Not only is it the case that the uncertainty of material prosperity should humble one as he faces a new year, but the uncertainty of physical health and life should do the same. James asked a question that should cause each one to be deeply impressed with the uncertainty of physical life on Earth. He said, ... “whereas you **do not know** what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life?” (James 4:14, emp. added). Think about this question, and think about it deeply. And know it is the case that not only the question but the answer given to it by James should cause each one to be impacted with the great issues of life and death. In the same context James wrote that a person's life on Earth “. . . is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). Rogers says the word vapor here is from a word that “. . .was used of steam from a kettle or of smoke the wind carried away; it graphically depicts the transience of life” (563).

Life on Earth is **certain** (as to the fact that our life here will one day end), but it is **uncertain** (as to the very moment when that end will come). None knows when the end of his life on Earth will occur. Our days on Earth pass, and we will “finish” our years (cf. Ps. 90:9-10). Which one of us could lose his (her) physical health this year? Any one of us could. Which one of us could have the end of his (her) life on Earth occur this year? Any one of us could. The certainty that our life on Earth is going to end, and the uncertainty that we know not when this end will come should cause both young and old alike to be renewed daily in a greater awareness of what our lives here are all about (cf. 2 Cor. 4:16-18).

There is a sense in which each of us is a terminal case. As James reminds us, not only is it the case that we do not know if we have another year, we do not even know if we have another day! One of the world's leading scientists (a former atheist), put it like this in a book published last year: “In our modern world, too many of us are rushing from experience to experience, trying to deny our own mortality, and putting off any serious consideration of God until some future moment when we imagine the circumstances will be right. Life is short. The death rate will be one per person for the foreseeable future. . . . Don't put off a consideration of these questions of eternal significance until some personal crisis or advancing age forces a recognition of spiritual impoverishment” (Collins, The Language of God 232-33). Good advice. Will we heed it?

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

Lane Ends-Merge Right



Driving down the highway, a merge sign appears, and we must blend with the traffic without bending fenders. It takes practice to do that just right!

“Merge” is also an important business word. Companies are merging right and left, and some are merging right out of business.

The most important merger, however, will be that last-minute merging of our physical lives with eternity. We have no control over when that will happen or how it will occur. We know that it will happen, because we read in Hebrews 9:27, “It is appointed unto man once to die ...” Our appointments are already made, and eternal destiny will ensure we're there! At that appointment, each of our lives will merge with eternity. The ultimate question is whether it will be a happy and joyous occasion with God's angels carrying us through the merge-point on life's expressway before the very presence of Jesus!

Merge we must. One dictionary defines the word merge as “being swallowed up.” For Christians, that should ring a bell in our minds, as we recall, in 1 Corinthians 15:54b, the words of Paul: “...death is swallowed up in victory.” Now that's a statement worth repeating: Death is swallowed up in victory! And because the victory is in Jesus, the merge sign at the end of our lives holds not terror but triumph.

Every time we come to a merge sign on the highway, we can rejoice and thank the Captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10). Have you made plans for eternity?

~Adapted From Homespun Homilies, 2000~

- Glenn Hitchcock

There's always another side



When hearing someone share one side of some incident or situation, it can be so easy to be drawn into their version of things and believe that is the only way of seeing things. It is so very critical when listening to someone at a time like that to remind yourself of two things.

First, there is a very good chance that YOU do NOT need to be hearing whatever is being said. There is a reason that God condemns slander (2 Tim. 3:3) and that He prescribes dealing with matters one-on-one (Matt. 18:15). It may be that you need to tell this person, “You don't need to be telling this to me. You need to go and talk to that person directly.”

Second, there is a very good chance that there is another side to this story that you are not hearing and would change your perspective and your conclusions. There is a reason that God said, “The first one to plead his cause seems right,” and “He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him” (Prov. 18:17, 13). May God help us to be careful when others speak!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day

Melson's Musings ...



A Powerful Reminder

A young Christian once spoke to the congregation and his words left an impression on the local preacher. The following are three points he made.

“It's not very hard to bring someone to worship, just ask them.” At first glance this might not seem especially important until we consider that so many are not doing this now and so many more have never done it at all. Let me ask you, when was the last time you “just asked them”? Have you considered the worst thing they could say to you is that they are not interested. That line from the movie Field of Dreams, “If we build it they will come,” probably doesn't apply to our buildings, but Brayden was simply saying, “If we ask them, they will come.”

“That second of embarrassment can change their lives.” When I heard Brayden say these words I thought of the hesitancy we have in talking to others, and how our fear of rejection compares to the price others have paid. Remember that He left heaven, endured the extreme cruelty of men to change men's lives. Our timidity is meaningless when compared to what He did. The end result also shows the foolishness of our fears and our failure to extend ourselves. Compare the fifteen seconds it takes for us to ask another to come with us to the eternity lying before them and us.

“You don't have to go to Europe or South America to be a missionary. Just stay in your home town and reach out to others.” It frustrates me that we cannot see the truthfulness of these words. Another way of looking at being a missionary is to remember that mission work starts at your front door and extends around the world. Properly understood, every Christian is a missionary. You don't have to go on a mission trip to do mission work. You are on a mission trip. The concept of “going on a trip” lasts about two weeks, the second concept lasts for a lifetime!

Thank you, Brayden, for touching our hearts. But this cannot end with having our hearts touched, we must take his words and make them an active part of our lives. Brayden taught the truth. It's not hard. A few seconds effort can touch eternity. We all live in a mission field. 📖

- Dan Jenkins

SHEPHERDS CORNER

☞ We hope that each **member** will use the Scripture Notes Bible Study Notebook regularly. We believe that this tool can be a benefit to your spiritual growth. If you did not receive your notebook please see either Dollie Jones or Valerie Melson.

☞ **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

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Specific Amount: Text "GIVE (AMOUNT)"

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3. Donors will receive a confirmation via text message.
4. An email receipt will be sent within 30 minutes.

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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