

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	30
Attendance AM	92
Attendance PM	28
Wednesday	29

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Rachel Blanks; C.D. Arnett; Phil Tydings; Carlene Harley; Mary Rutland; Ron Robbins; Janis Bland; Ruby Cole; Jim Thomas; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely; Katherine Willis

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

Prayers:

Repentance:

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 22	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Alfred Willis, Jr.	Alfred Willis, Jr.
Server 1	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 2	Steven Crane	Steven Crane
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
Closing Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
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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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
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
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- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

SAFELY TREADING THE UNKNOWN OF THE NEW YEAR # 4

Charles Pugh, III

In contrast to the two great uncertainties that should humble us (i.e. the uncertainty of material prosperity and physical health), James provides a powerful principle to guide us as we seek to safely tread into the unknown of the new year. This powerful principle is the principle of submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Instead of arrogantly boasting concerning that of which we cannot be certain (i.e. material prosperity and/or physical health), James wrote, "Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that'" (James 4:15, emp. added). James says we should submit to the Lordship of Jesus as we face the unknown and the uncertainty connected to life on Earth.

What does this mean? What are the practical results of facing the uncertainties of a new year while in submission to the Lordship of Christ? First, it means we graciously receive what He gives. He gives blessing, prosperity, and health. One who truly lives life under the Lordship of Jesus is conscious of the real Source of blessings. James wrote, "Every good gift . . . is from above. . ." (James 1:17). Facing the new year in submission to His Lordship also means that one will graciously lack what He withholds. If it is the case that He withholds prosperity and/or health then one's attitude is that he will "be content with such things as [he] has" since He has said, "I will never leave you [without support] nor forsake you [desert you in distress]" (Heb. 13:5).

Living in submission to the Lordship of Jesus also means one will relinquish what He allows to be taken. Even though one might suffer the loss of persons or things very precious, submission to His Lordship means a continuing commitment to Him in spite of those losses. Job said it best when he declared, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. . ." (Job 13:15). Furthermore, this principle means one will suffer what He allows to be inflicted. Peter wrote, "...[W]hen you do good and suffer . . . if you take it patiently this is commendable before God" (1 Peter 2:20), and "therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6). Finally, living under the Lordship of Christ means one aims to be what He requires. Paul wrote, "Therefore we make it our aim ... to be well pleasing to Him" (2 Cor. 5:9). Jesus, Himself, said He came "not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 6:38). It was written of Him prophetically that He came to do "Your will, O God" (Heb. 10:7; cf. Ps. 40:7-8).

The most important question in 2023 is not, "How much money will we make? What will be our economic situation? Will we keep our physical health? Will we die?" The most important question for the one who lives with Jesus as Lord is - **"What will my Lord have me do?"** (cf. Acts 9:6; James 4:17). We will tread safely into the unknown of the new year if we put our hand into the hand of God, walk by faith with Him, and with a deep resolve - "The will of the Lord be done" (Acts 21:14). 📖

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

Like The Armadillo



Doing right is not always easy



While driving an interstate highway in southwest Florida, I was surprised to see frequently the remains of armadillos which had been killed during the preceding night. The armor plating of these strange animals had been ineffective against cars and trucks. It was a surprise, however, to learn that in most such highway kills the armadillo is not hit by a wheel. Instead, when startled, this creature jumps vertically, by reflex throwing itself into the underside of the car which would have roared over without bringing injury. Death comes not merely from automobile action but from armadillo reaction.

How often, as our hearts are pounding, our problems are compounding from our reactions. It is then that we need the message of Psalm 46. Sennacherib and his Assyrian army with confident insolence, had laid siege to Jerusalem. But by a direct blow from Heaven itself, the pride of that boastful conqueror was humbled, and he retreated in dismay. Then come God's message to those who had been under siege: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Confronted by some roaring action, avoid the reflex of reaction. Be still. Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. (James 1:19)

- Marlin Connelly via Bulletin Digest 1987

- Glenn Hitchcock

There is a difference between right and wrong. The world, under the influence of the evil one, may try to convince you otherwise, but the God who made us defines right and wrong, and He puts within us the sense of right and wrong. Although children do not have "knowledge of good and evil" (Deut. 1:39), as they mature, they grow to both know it and distinguish it.

When Jesus came, He was determined to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). Whatever was "right," He was going to do it, even when His good friend (John) didn't think He really needed to do at least one "right" thing. Some folks today (maybe even friends or family) may not think that "a certain right thing" is all that big of a deal, but if God does, then it should be a big deal to you.

Doing right is not always easy. But, it puts you in good company—with Jesus and His faithful followers. And, most importantly, it should be a constant reminder to you that only "the RIGHTEOUS" will enter into "eternal life" (Matt 25:46). It is always right to do right! Always!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day

Melson's Musings ...




See People

Jacob Javits was, for many years a United States Senator from New York. As a Senator he was very active and powerful. However, for the past few years Mr. Javits has been suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). Last month the ABC Television Program "20/20" interviewed some people, including Mr. Javits, who have ALS. Mr. Javits was asked how ALS had changed his life and what was the most significant change. He replied, "Before, I was too busy doing this, doing that, and I didn't see people. Now I see people. I am more sympathetic, more sensitive." Powerful, thought-provoking words, which should remind us to see people and their needs.

When Jesus saw the multitudes, he had compassion on them because they were scattered as sheep without a shepherd. (Matt. 9:36). He was moved to the depths of his being because no one was pointing them toward God. When Jesus looked at the crowds, he saw those in pain, in sorrow, the hungry, the loneliness of the banished leper. The Samaritan saw the robbed and beaten man on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. When the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he was sympathetic, sensitive to his needs. Jesus said the Samaritan's actions should be imitated!

Let us never be so involved in work, recreation, business, or theology, that we fail to see people and their needs. Let us commune with God in prayer and study of the Word so that we will not suffer from compassion "fatigue."

Look at the crowds. See the lost, the lonely, the hurting. Then as a child of God, reach out to them with love and the good news of Jesus the Christ. 

David Vaughn
Bulletin Digest April 1984

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

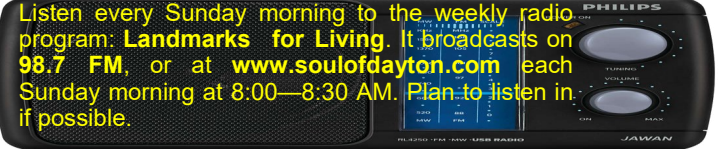
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NEWS AND NOTES

- 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