

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	30
Attendance AM	85
Attendance PM	30
Wednesday PM	29

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Phil and Kim Tydings; Richard Melson; C.D. Arnett; Virginia & Ron Robbins; Janis Bland; Ruby Cole; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs);

**Traveling:** Richard Melson, Jr.; Norris Cole, II; Mozilla Tate; Blanks family; McGahee family; Marie Tolley, Dana Grigsby; Dollie Jones

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Victoria Dudley and family

**Birthdays: February** — 4 Betty Blakley; 13 Tena Eslick; 16 Frank Brock; 18 Katherine Willis; 19 Jace Vance; 21 Catherine Anderson, Jerry Thomas; 22 Brenda Wiley; 28 Deborah Crane

**Anniversaries: February**— 8 Alfred and Katherine Willis; 25 Ronald and Virginia Robbins

**Ladies Reading Group:** Feb. 23 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 3

**Potter Children's Home:**

February 19	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
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	Alfred Willis	Alfred Willis
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
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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## THEY SERVED GOD IN DAYS OF THEIR YOUTH

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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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There is a mistaken notion that Christianity is an adult's religion, that the Lord's work is reserved for those in their majority. Because of this misconception, many young people feel disenfranchised - that there is nothing for them to do- that they might as well wait until they are grown to obey the gospel and begin serving the Lord. Such is exactly what Satan would have them to do.

In contrast with the above, Solomon, the wise sage of Israel, advised, "Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth..." (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Today, there is a place for young people in God's kingdom; in fact such has always been the case. From the Scriptures we learn of numerous young people whose noble examples should be followed (Romans 15:4).

Miriam diligently cared for her infant brother Moses when his life was in jeopardy (Exodus 2:1-8). When the cruel Pharaoh ordered the death of Hebrew baby boys, she stood sentry by his little ark of safety. When Pharaoh's daughter found the child, Miriam arranged for his own mother to be his nursemaid. She had a loving attitude toward her brother; there was no jealousy or rivalry. She was a willing helper to her mother. Young Miriam saved Moses for God and Israel. But for her, Moses would have been raised a pagan Egyptian. All the good that Moses accomplished must be credited in part to his sister, Miriam.

David fought Goliath of Gath and saved God's people. At that time David was "but a youth, and ruddy, and withal of a fair countenance" (1 Samuel 17:42). Yet this youth had great faith in his God. He reasoned that "Jehovah that delivered him out of the paw of the lion and ... bear ... will deliver me out of the hand of the Philistine" (1 Samuel 17:29). The great danger of the occasion was met by David's great courage (1 Samuel 17:32). In all of his exploits, David gave God the honor for victories won. He told Goliath before engaging him, "That all this assembly may know that Jehovah saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is Jehovah's, and he will give you into our hand" (1 Samuel 17:47).

Young King Josiah led his nation in a great spiritual reformation. He inherited the throne of Judah at age 8 (2 Kings 22:1-2). "While he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David (2 Chronicles 34:3). Josiah purged Jerusalem of idolatry, and led his people back to the Bible (2 Chronicles 34:14-33). He taught them how to worship God acceptably.

The boy Daniel refused to defile himself with Babylon's pagan practices (Daniel 1:8,9). He had been taken to Babylon as a hostage of war. Now he had the chance of bettering his situation if he could qualify for a palace job. Yet young Daniel steadfastly refused to violate the precepts of God's law to do so. He stood by his convictions and won. Not only did he get his job - soon he was given the top post in his field (Daniel 2:48).

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

## Forgiveness Is The Best Option

It was Levi Sides who wrote “ Forgiveness is the best option”. Sides says, No doubt the Scriptures teach it. “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.” (Eph. 4:32). But sometimes its hard for me to do what I know the Scriptures teach. But when you examine the options, you know that God’s solution to mistreatment is the best. You may ask “What are my options?” There are only three:

1. Deny It. Try to act as if it did not happen. Try to forget it by suppressing it. Not only is this potentially dangerous psychologically it’s just about impossible.
2. Go For Revenge. Scriptures warn about this. “Do not repay anyone evil for evil (Rom. 12:17). Revenge is self-defeating. Families often suffer from one vengeful act leading to another, and another. Also, most often you will find that revenge is not nearly as sweet as you thought it would be.
3. Forgive. Our Lord knew what was best for us when He told us to forgive. We grew up knowing He said to turn the other cheek, but often make fun of His statement. But healing will not come to us if we do not learn to forgive. You allow the party who hurt you, to continue to do damage if you do not have the heart of forgiveness. The way to stop the hurt and start the healing process is by being ready to forgive when they repent.

When you look at your options, and these are the only ones you have, then being ready to forgive is not only Scriptural, and practical, but it is your best option.

How can I forgive? It’s not an easy thing to do. Four suggestions:

1. Revise Your Thinking About The Person. Your first picture centers on the hurt he/she administered to you. Look for something good about them. Give them the benefit of the doubt, realize they may be under great strain at home, job, etc.
2. When You Think Differently, You’ll Feel Differently. This will cause the feeling of hate to begin to dissolve. You may find yourself actually feeling sorry for the person, much in the way you try to understand one who is sick.
3. Give Up Your Right To Get Even. You cannot undo what’s been done, As Jesus is the model for my life, I will try to follow Him. On the cross He prayed, “Father forgive them ...” May we really learn that forgiveness is the best option.
4. Seek to gain repentance on the part of the one needing your forgiveness.!

- Glenn Hitchcock & Richard Melson

## “Hey, you! Get out of the way!”

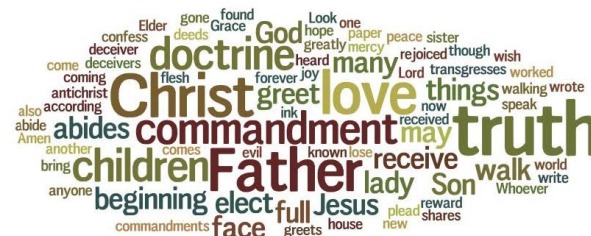


How often have you been driving down the road and someone is in your way—maybe another car driving very slowly, maybe some road workers, maybe a cyclist or pedestrian. Have you ever thought (or even said), “Hey, you! Get out of the way!”

You know, life is like that. Sometimes we can be driving down the road of life, and things or people get in our way. While some obstacles may be easy to identify, how often are we sometimes the ones who get in our own way? Maybe we’re not growing like we should. Maybe the devil keeps getting the best of us. Maybe some challenges seem insurmountable. Maybe we’re not overcoming something like we wish we would.

Have you ever thought that maybe you are the one who needs to get out of your own way? Jesus said to “deny” self (Luke 9:23). John said, “I must decrease” (John 3:30). Paul said to do “nothing... through selfish ambition or conceit” (Phil. 2:3), but to “discipline [the] body and bring it into subjection” (1 Cor. 9:27). Am I in my own way? God, please help me! !

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## 2 John

## Melson’s Musings ...



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Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were young men who refused to violate their religious principles. The arrogant king of Babylon demanded that they worship his idols (Daniel 3:5). They refused to do so on pain of death (Daniel 3:6). They believed that the God they served was able to deliver them from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:17). If God chose not to deliver them, then they were prepared to die rather than compromise their faith (3:18). And deliver them Jehovah did, in so spectacular a way that haughty Nebuchadnezzar was forced to honor their God (Daniel 3:28).

There is the example of the boy who shared his sack lunch with Jesus (John 6:9-13). He was willing to give of his resources to the Lord. As a consequence of his generosity, many hungry people were blessed that day. Because he shared his blessings that boy was privileged to witness one of Jesus' spectacular miracles; the only miracle recorded by all four gospel writers. His deed for Christ has been preserved for the ages.

Timothy learned the Holy Scriptures from his early childhood and served God in his youth (2 Timothy 3:15). As a young Christian worker, he received these words of wise counsel from Paul:

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity...give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. Neglect not the gift that is in thee..." (1 Timothy 4:11-14).

This advice is good for any young folks who wish to enjoy the respect of their elders.

John Mark assisted Barnabas and Saul in their evangelistic work (Acts 12:25; 13:5). A young person cannot expect to be put into a leadership post until he has grown and matured by study and experience. There must be a time for proving one's ability and dependability. Mark was later rewarded for his years of apprenticeship by being selected to write the second gospel.

In closing his lectures to the young, Solomon advised, “Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee ... and walk in the ways of thy heart ... but know thou that ... God will bring thee into judgment ... Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth” (Ecclesiastes 12:9-13).

The time for you to begin serving God is now! 📖

- 📖 **Revive Us Again in 2023 — Psalm 85:6**
- 📖 **Our Spring Gospel Meeting Dates:** March 12–17, 2023 with Dan Jenkins of West Palm Beach, FL



## NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: [www.wvbs.org](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org) ; <http://gbntv.org/> ; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak); <https://fun1071.fm> ; [soulofdayton.com](http://www.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