

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	30
Attendance AM	89
Attendance PM	48
Wednesday PM	35

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil and Kim Tydings; Stephanie Hoover; Steven & Debra Crane; Richard Melson; Valerie Melson C.D. Arnett; Virginia & Ron Robbins; Ruby Cole; Otis & Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Debbie Rowland;
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Norris Cole, II ; Michael Blanks, Jr.; Mozilla Tate

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Family of Clifford Holt

Birthdays: March — 5 Brandon Lease; 6 Melody Angus; 9 Rita McGahee; 10 Samuel Jones, Jr. 11 Pat Norris; 18 Layne Vance; 27 Lyle Cole; 28 Cynthia Lease; 30 Timothy Angus, William Bogan

Anniversaries: March — None

Ladies Reading Group: March 23 @6:00 PM via Zoom Lesson 4

Potter Children's Home:

March 19	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Server 1	Denzil Turner, III	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Lyle Cole
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.

Preacher

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- 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

WHAT WILL HELP ONE EXCEL AS A CHRISTIAN?

Curtis A. Cates (deceased)

It is my belief that most Christians wish to make their lives as effective for the Lord and His cause as possible. We are not satisfied with the ordinary, just being mediocre, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl. 9:10). We want to give God our full measure, using to the greatest possible potential the talents He has given us. What will help us please Him in this way?

One, the Christian must have "God within," Enthusiasm. "What do ye more than others?" (Matt. 5:47). Do we go the extra mile (Matt. 5:39-44)? Let Christ be seen in you (John 3:1-2; Matt. 5:13-16; Acts 6:10).

Two, the Christian must prepare for effective, dedicated service. If you have the ability and potential to preach, develop those talents (2 Tim. 2:2). If you have the ability to teach Bible classes, prepare yourself (Heb. 5:12-14; 2 Tim. 2:15). If you can carry a tune, young men, develop as good song leaders. And, what a need we have to develop as great elders and deacons (1 Tim. 3:1-15)! Use your talents, brethren.

Three, the child of God must be confident in the Lord. "And who is sufficient for these things?" (2 Cor. 2:16). Paul knew that in the Lord and with His help (Phil. 4:13), he was sufficient. The Spirit strengthens us through His Word, through faith (Eph. 3:16, 17; Rom. 10:17; Eph. 6:17). Realize, dear reader, that you (as Esther) may be raised up "for such a time as this" (Esth. 4:14). Stand in the gap, dear friend!

Four, Christians must have the courage of their convictions. The Christian soldier is not afraid of criticism. In fact, the Lord tells us the faithful will undergo persecution (Matt. 5:10-12; 1 Pet. 4:16). "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye men, be strong (1 Cor. 16:13). "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3). "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord is with thee..."(Josh. 1:9). If you work for the Lord, believe me, the devil is not pleased and will criticize you! One can do nothing and avoid criticism.

Five, faithful children of God have one unified goal -- to seek the kingdom first (Matt. 6:33). What did Paul say? "This one thing I do..."(Phil. 3:13-14). Those who seek the praise of God rather than of men have their priorities straight (John 12:42-43).

Six, we must be dedicated, diligent, hard workers. With our minds on the Lord (Phil. 1:21), we will labor. "...if any would not work, neither should he eat," Paul observed in the secular realm (2 Thess. 3:10); can we expect approval from God and be lazy slackers in the spiritual realm? Success does not come from breaks in life but from hard work. The command is to "work" (2 Thess. 3:12; 1 Cor. 15:58)! "Give of your best to the Master" (cf. 2 Pet. 1:5-11). Do not be satisfied with mediocrity; God is not! 📖

