

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	44
Attendance AM	79
Attendance PM	27
Wednesday PM	38

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Phil Tydings (home); C.D. Arnett; Virginia & Ron Robbins; Ruby Cole; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Debbie Rowland; Patrick Cook (tests); Jerry Thomas (tests); Richard Melson

**Traveling:** Melson Family; Cole family; Norris Cole, II; Blanks family; Dollie Jones; Ashley & Alexandria Thomas; Mozella Tate; Cook family

**Prayers:**

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:**

**Birthdays: April** — 8 Beulah Farmer; 11 Mary Sanders; 12 Diane Cole (Lyle) and Jacob Hoover; 23 Norris Cole, Sr.; 25 Carolyn Johnson; 30 Gladys Chittick

**Anniversaries: April** — 1 Otis & Glenna Adair and C.D. & Judy Arnett; 16 Michael & Rachel Blanks

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class April 27 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 5.

**Potter Children's Home:**

April 23	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Denzil Turner, III	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Sermon	Norfleet Stitts	Norfleet Stitts
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Greeter	John Bouse	John Bouse
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
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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## WEIGHED AND FOUND

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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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**"WEIGHED AND FOUND"**

**DAN. 5:25-31**

**WANTING**

**"ANY CHURCH"**

**INFANT BAPTISM**

**"JUST PRAY THROUGH"**

**"ANY NAME WILL DO"**

**"SAVED BY FAITH ONLY"**

**"SAVED BY GRACE ONLY"**

**"BAPTISM UNESSENTIAL"**



**THE BIBLE**  
**1 Jn. 4:1; Rev. 2:2**

**NOT WANTING**

**Mt. 16:18; Acts 2:47**

**Acts 2:38; 18:8**

**Jn. 9:31; Acts 22:16**

**Acts 11:26; 26:28**

**James 2:20-24**

**Tit. 2:11-12; Heb. 5:8-9**

**Mk. 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21**

Welcome today brother Norfleet Stitts and family from the Summit City congregation in Fort Wayne, IN. Brother Stitts will be leaving in June to attend the Brown Trail School of Preaching, in Bedford, Texas, where Kevin Rhodes is the Director.

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

## The Blessings of Pain

Ashlyn Blocker's kindergarten teachers put ice in her chili so it won't be scalding hot. On the playground, someone stays within 15 feet of her at all times. They keep her off the jungle gym—too dangerous. After recess Ashlyn gets daily check-ups with the school nurse. Why, you ask, does a little girl deserve all this special attention? Ashlyn has a congenital insensitivity to pain with anhidrosis, or CIPA, a rare genetic disorder that makes her unable to feel pain.

Ashlyn's parents, John and Tara Blocker, discovered her problem when she was eight months old. They took her to the doctor for a bloodshot, swollen left eye. The doctor put drops in her eye to stain any particles that might be irritating it. Everyone was amazed to see the infant smiling and bouncing in her mother's lap as the dye revealed a massive scratch across her cornea.

Baby teeth posed big problems. Ashlyn would chew her lips bloody in her sleep, bite through her tongue while eating, and once even stuck a finger in her mouth and stripped flesh from it.

People with chronic aches and pains might envy little Ashlyn's condition, but they shouldn't. "Pain's there for a reason," said Ashlyn's mother. "It lets your body know something's wrong and it needs to be fixed. I'd give anything for her to feel pain" (*Russ Bynum, "Rare disease leaves Georgia girl feeling no pain at all," Associated Press, 2004*).

Pain comes in many varieties. Sometimes it is sharp; sometimes it's dull. We describe our pain with adjectives ranging from "dull" and "aching" to "torture" and "excruciating." Pain can be "biting," "burning," "raw," "sore," "inflamed," "tender," "unpleasant," "throbbing," or "irritated." Sometimes it is all the above. Some people suffer from pain for a day; some deal with it for a lifetime. But however it is described, pain was given to us for our good. It is the body's alarm system when there is trouble.

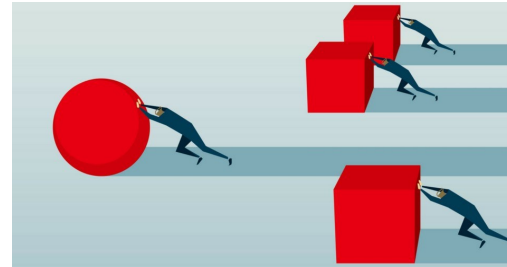
The conscience produces spiritual pain when sin creates a problem in the soul. We often refer to it as guilt. On the day of Pentecost Peter's audience experienced a "cutting" in their heart (Acts 2:37). It may have been uncomfortable, but it eventually led to their salvation (Acts 2:38-41).

Paul said that "godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death" (7:10). If a sinner responds in a positive way to his inward pain, he will repent and obey the gospel. This, in turn, will bring him to God's salvation. But sinners who try to ignore their guilt eventually die.

When you experience pain of a spiritual nature, follow the procedure prescribed in 1 John: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1:9). Like medicine on a wound, John's advice will heal an injured soul.

- Drew Kizer

## Don't make it harder than it is !

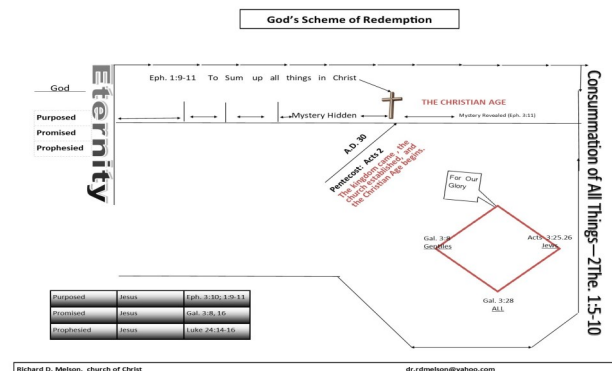


Do you know any Christians who make being a Christian "harder than it should be"? Some folks look at living the Christian life as a "hard" thing to do (and certainly some things are "difficult," Matt. 7:14), but most of the time what folks are doing is making it "harder" in their heads than it actually is.

Folks say things like, "The elders want me to go to church three times a week. I'm not sure how I'm going to do that." Or, "I can't keep up with this Bible reading schedule. It's way too much, so I need to take a break." Or, "I don't get to go out with my friends, because they're going places that I'm not supposed to go and doing things that I probably shouldn't be doing."

Friends, so much of this is just a matter of the heart. "As [a person] thinks in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). When you throw your heart into living for Jesus, things like this stop being "hard" and start being "fun," "desired" and "preferred." Is all-out living for Jesus your "preferred" lifestyle?

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



### How is Jesus Related to His Church?

1. HE IS THE BUILDER OF IT. (Matthew 16:18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
2. HE IS THE FOUNDATION OF IT. (1 Cor. 3:11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
3. HE IS THE HEAD OF IT. (Eph. 5:23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
4. HE IS THE OWNER OF IT. (Acts 20:28) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
5. HE IS MARRIED TO IT. (Eph. 5:23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church:
6. HE IS THE SAVIOR OF IT. (Eph. 5:23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
7. HE ADDS THE SAVED TO IT. (Acts 2:47) Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
8. HE IS HIGH PRIEST OVER IT. (Heb. 10:19-22) Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
9. HE HAS ALL AUTHORITY OVER IT. (Matt. 28:18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

10. HE IS COMING BACK FOR IT. (Eph. 5:25-27) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

—David Hester

- ☞ **Bible Marking for Ladies:** Whoever wishes to join, every 3rd Sunday at 4 PM at the building starting May 21st.
- ☞ **3rd Sunday Breakfast:** Starting in May you can meet for breakfast in the fellowship hall at 8:30-9:15 AM.
- ☞ **Summer Series 2023**—Theme "*Called Unto Holiness*", June 7 – August 30, each Wednesday we'll have a different speaker for each subject. The tentative schedule is:

Date	Topic
7-June	Holiness of God
14-June	Holiness of Christ
21-June	Holiness in Transformation
28-June	Holiness and Worship
5-July	Holiness and Respect for the Scriptures
12-July	Holiness and Overcoming Temptation
19-July	Holiness and Being a proper Example
26-July	Holiness in Recreational Activities
2-August	Holiness and Drug Use & Abuse
9-August	Holiness and Abstaining from Evil
16-August	Holiness and Personal Finance
23-August	Holiness and Purity of Speech
30-August	Holiness and Personal Maturity



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## 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 (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