

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	34
Attendance AM	69
Attendance PM	21
Wednesday PM	32

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: Norris Cole, II; Norris Cole family; Lyle Cole; Michael Blanks, Jr. Richard Melson, Jr.

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 May 11 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 6.

Potter Children's Home:

April 30	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Chris Poole
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Alfred Willis, Jr.	Alfred Willis, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Announcements	Alfred Willis, Jr.	Alfred Willis, Jr.
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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THE NEED FOR EVANGELISM

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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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J. W McGarvey once said, "I would esteem above every other gift that could be bestowed upon me as a preacher the power to adequately conceive what sin is and to adequately set it before the people." Why was this so vital to brother McGarvey? He knew of the horrible nature of sin. Sin, a transgression of God law (I John 3:4), has terrible consequences. Because of the end result of sin there is a great need for evangelism. To help us understand and appreciate the need for evangelism let us consider a few of the things that sin will do to us.

We need evangelism because sin separates. The Almighty, through Isaiah declared, "Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2). Paul said that in sin we are afar off from God (Ephesians 2:13). Thus, sin separates man from God.

Sin also separates man from a better self. Paul exclaimed, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other; that ye may not do the things that ye would" (Galatians 5:17). Paul experienced this very plight, for he explains, "For the good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I practice. But if what I would not, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwelleth in me" (Romans 7:19-20). Sin will also divide a man from his family (Luke 12:49-54), and from his brethren (Roman 16:17-18).

Paul said, "Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (I Corinthians 1:10). These divisions that can occur show us the need for evangelism.

We need evangelism because sin is seductive. Satan is very deceptive as is seen in the very beginning of time as he tempts Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1 ff). The devil will try to snare us as a hidden trap tries to ensnare its prey (2 Timothy 2:24-26). Satan also has deceptive messengers who will try to lead us astray (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

Sin itself is also deceptive. Paul said sin "beguiled" him (Romans 7:11), and is a deceiver (Titus 3:3). The Hebrew writer encouraged us to "exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called Today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13). We are constantly warned throughout the New Testament not to be deceived (Ephesians 5:6; 2 Thessalonians 2:3; 1 John 3:7; et al.). We are deceived by sin when we say we have no sin (I John 1: 8-10). We are fooled by sin when we say that evil companionship do not corrupt good morals (I Corinthians 15:33). We are deceived by sin when we think

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

A Great Difference

An English writer has said, "The early Christians did not go around saying, 'Look what the world is come to.' Rather they went out with great joy and said to all men, 'Look what is coming to the world!'" There is a great difference between these two attitudes. Yes, the world is in bad shape; but read the second chapter of Romans and you will find that the world was in an awful condition in Paul's time.

Nearly all thoughtful men agree that man is in a terrible predicament, but the unique Gospel of Jesus Christ offers the solution to man's problems. Look! See what has come into the world—God's revelation of Himself in all His power, wisdom, and love through Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. This is indeed glorious news!

This is a message which we cannot keep to ourselves, but we must tell everybody "it". No wonder Christians are radiant with joy. They have found the treasure all men are seeking. They have seen what has come into the world in the presence of Jesus Christ, and they are working for the advancement of His kingdom until He comes again.

Author Unknown

WORRY

Anger and worry are the most unprofitable conditions known to man. While they are in possession, mental, physical, and spiritual growth are suspended. Anger is a highway robber, and worry is a sneak thief.

- Horace Fletcher

Phil. 4:6-9 - *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.*

- Glenn Hitchcock

When one thing does NOT lead to another

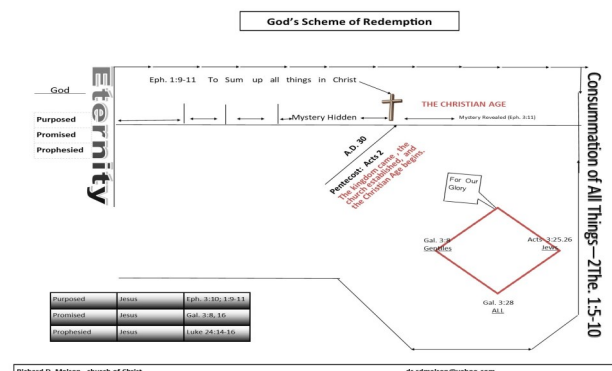


As Christians, a primary goal for which we must be striving is to truly "become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). This involves being acceptable to God and in a right relationship with Him, which is achieved not only through His working in us but also as we "work" and "practice" righteousness ourselves (Acts 10:35; 1 John 3:7). That should be our goal!

However, note carefully what James says. "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (Jas. 1:19-20). Did you catch that last part, in contrast to our first paragraph? If I am trying (as I should be) to "produce the righteousness of God" in my life, then I must be ever-conscious of the fact that, when I am not "slow to wrath" and I allow my anger to be conceived and to grow, I am not able to meet my goal of the righteousness of God.

"Dear Lord, please help me to control my anger!" ?

*David Sproule
Thought for the Day*



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Melson's Musings ...



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we can be hearers only and not doers of the word (James 1:22-25). Sin appears to be right when it is wrong (Proverbs 14:12). Sin appears to be beautiful when in reality it is ugly (Isaiah 1:5-6). The deceptive nature of sin emphasizes the need for evangelism.

We need evangelism because sin is shattering. Sin will demolish your good name (Proverbs 22:1). Sin will destroy our bodies through such things as immorality (1Corinthians 6:18-21) and alcohol (Proverbs 20:1). Sin will destroy us emotionally with inner conflicts (Romans 1:14-25) and guilt (Psalm 32:1-4). Sin will obliterate the church. Sin was destroying the church in Corinth and was ruining the church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22). We need evangelism because of the powerfully destructive nature of sin.

Evangelism is greatly needed in our day because of the horrible evils that sin can do. The separating, seductive, and shattering influence of sin must be stopped. It is the gospel message that has the power (Romans 1:16) to put an end to the destruction that sin will bring to our lives. "There is a message true and glad, for the sinner and the sad" Ring it out, ring it out! 📖

The first annual **Equipped Workshop** was a tremendous blessing for all who attended. The 2023 theme was Practical Christianity: Studies in the Book of James. From Thursday evening through Sunday evening there were great lessons presented. Those who attended from Needmore Road have been better equipped to serve the Lord (Eph. 4:11-13). Next year's theme is **Living Faith: Studies in the Gospel of John, April 18-21, 2024.**

- Richard

- ☞ **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



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](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