

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	34
Attendance AM	89
Attendance PM	31
Wednesday PM	32

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Mary Vance; Phil Tydings; C.D. Arnett; Virginia & Ron Robbins; Ruby Cole; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Jerry Thomas; Richard Melson (tests)  
**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Michael Blanks, Jr. Richard Melson, Jr.; Mozilla Tate  
**Prayers:**  
**Repentance:**  
**Baptism:**  
**Sympathy:**  
**Birthdays: May** — 2 April Gilbert; 4 Patrick Thomas; 19 James Grigsby; 27 Michelle Saunders; 30 Ron Robbins  
**Anniversaries: May** — None  
**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class May 25 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 6.  
**Potter Children's Home:**

May 14	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Chris Poole	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Lyle Cole
Server 1	James Grigsby	Frank Brock
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Scripture Reader	Lyle Cole	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Lyle Cole	Patrick Cook
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
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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## STAY GROUNDED

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**Meeting Location:**  
 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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 All Members

- Supporting**
- 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

One of life's most difficult challenges, is dealing with difficult challenges. How do we cope with tragedy, cancer, war, or dozens of other issues we encounter in life? The painful reality is that many of life's challenges are simply beyond our control. Neither you nor I have any bearing on the ultimate outcome of the war in Ukraine. We cannot dictate economic policy in Washington, and we cannot prevent a fatality accident caused by a drunk driver. As much as we would like to bring the events of this world under our discretion, we cannot. Thus, the definitive question for us is how to cope with things which we cannot control but still affect us to varying degrees.

Counselors often employ what is called a grounding technique. The idea is to bring a person to the "here and now." Often our anxieties are fueled by concerns over the future or regrets about the past. We fret over unrealistic monsters of our own making. So, we must find a way to focus on what is real and present. We must concentrate on the known instead of worrying over the unknown. This is what a grounding technique is designed to accomplish.

Interestingly, this technique is found throughout the Bible. Consider, for example, Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God..." The Assyrian army had encircled Jerusalem and closed the people like a caged bird. Jerusalem was outnumbered, outmatched, and their resources scarce. During this great challenge Hezekiah appealed to God and He delivered them.

Psalm 46 commemorates this event. How do we cope with trying events in life? We focus on what we know and Who we know—the God of heaven and earth. He sits on the throne. He rules; He controls; and nothing escapes His sight. Our faith is grounded in Him, and so we must trust Him to carry us through the difficult times. Be still and know that He is God! *✍️*

**Happy Mother's Day**

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

## God is Bigger

## Church friends

There is a scene in the movie Prince Caspian where Lucy



approaches Aslan the great Lion (who symbolizes Christ). "Aslan' said Lucy 'you're bigger.' 'That is because you are older, little one' answered he. 'Not because you are?' 'I am not. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger.'"

The Bible teaches that God does not change. Malachi 3:6 says, "For I am the Lord, I do not change." Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Psalm 102:27, "But You are the same, And Your years will have no end." The Bible also teaches that human beings are to grow spiritually. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). These two truths work together. Without stability, there can be no growth. Without the good ground, the plant won't germinate (Matthew 13:8). Without the river, the tree won't bear fruit (Psalm 1:3).

We are not plants or trees, but people. Growth occurs from the nourishment of the word of God, our faith in it, and under conditions where faith is tested. "For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights" (Proverbs 3:12). It's not until those times of testing that we learn God actually is bigger, not because He has changed, but because we have. Do we teach our children to sing "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty; there's nothing my God cannot do," and then shrink back? When we do so, we deny ourselves the opportunity to experience and know our big God. What are we doing to walk by faith?.

- Kevin Cauley

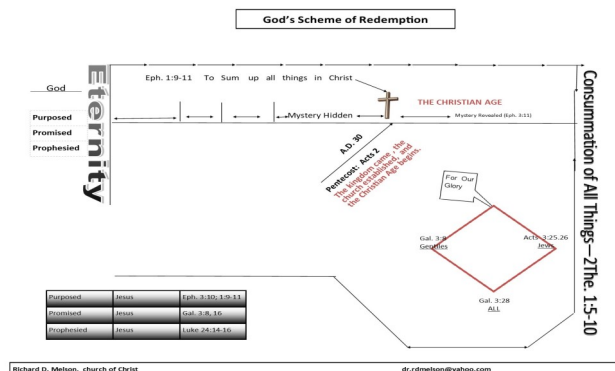


There are NO friends like church friends! Sometimes you have "school friends" or "work friends" or "neighborhood friends" or even "family friends," but there are NO friends like church friends! They are the kind of friend, as wisdom would suggest, "who sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24), because they truly are a "brother in Christ"! Church friends love you deeper, truly care for you as a person and want the very best for you in every way.

Someone says, "Well, I don't have any church friends." Go back and read the first part of Proverbs 18:24—"A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (NKJV). We know that to be true, whether the Bible says it or not. Have you earnestly sought out church friends? Have you come early and lingered late at church services, in order to visit? Have you involved yourself in all the activities of the church? Have you invited folks from church to go to lunch?

The number of and strength of your church friendships will reflect how much effort you expend. Let us build and enjoy the best friendships heaven has to offer!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



### Mothers

#### A Woman That Feareth The Lord Shall Be Praised

Deep in each heart God puts the need  
 Of a love that is tender and strong,  
 The need of one who will understand  
 Each sorrow and share each song.  
 And to us all, He grants one gift  
 Sweeter than any other,  
 To answer this need for tenderness  
 He gives us each a MOTHER.

#### A MOTHERS PRAYER

Oh give me patience, when the little hands  
 Tug at me with ceaseless, small demands.  
 Oh, give me gentle words and smiling eyes,  
 And keep my lips from hasty, sharp replies.  
 Let not weariness, confusion and noise  
 Obscure my vision of life's fleeting joys.  
 And when in years to come my house is still  
 No bitter memories its rooms may fill.

- 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—August 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	Speaker	Topic
7-Jun	Tim Hatfield	Holiness of God
14-Jun	Raymond Sweet	Holiness of Christ
21-Jun	Kevin Berry	Holiness in Transformation
28-Jun	Bob Vincent	Holiness and Worship
5-Jul	Richard Nepaul	Holiness and Respect for the Scriptures
12-Jul	Patrick Powers	Holiness and Overcoming Temptation
19-Jul		Holiness and Being a proper Example
26-Jul	John McGiffin	Holiness in Recreational Activities
2-Aug	Norris Cole	Holiness and Drug Use & Abuse
9-Aug		Holiness and Abstaining from Evil
16-Aug		Holiness and Personal Finance
23-Aug	Keith Allen	Holiness and Purity of Speech
30-Aug	Patrick Cook	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