

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	49
Attendance AM	94
Attendance PM	38
Wednesday PM	36

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Phil Tydings; Dana Grigsby (MVH); C.D. Arnett; Virginia & Ron Robbins; Ruby Cole; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Reagan Blanks; Jhameir Dudley.

Upcoming Surgery: Reagan Blanks (6/12); Mozella Tate (6/14); Wife of our Terminix service man (she has cancer)

**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.; Norris Cole, Sr.; Mozilla Tate; Melson family; Naree Poole; Ashley & Alexandria Thomas; Lyle Cole

**Prayers:** Marie Tolley

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Naree Poole, Ruby Holt, family of Catherine Anderson; Valerie Melson & family

**Birthdays: June** — 1 Stephanie Hoover; 2 Alyse Poole; 4 Janis Bland; 5 James Vance III; 6 Carlene Harley; 8 Randy Farmer; 13 Chris Poole; 17 Deonna Cole; 19 Linda Thomas; 25 Charles Chittick, Richard Thomas; 29 Anthony Grigsby; James Vance

**Anniversaries: June** — 20 Philip & Kimberly Tydings; 28 Jerry & Linda Thomas

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class June 22 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 7

**Potter Children's Home:**

June 11	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Chris Poole	Frank Brock
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	James Grigsby	Frank Brock
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Scripture Reader	Norris Cole	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Raymond Sweet	Raymond Sweet
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Closing Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
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 HOLINESS OF GOD -1

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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

We often sing the wonderful hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy", but just what are we singing about? Of course, it is praise to God, but what is meant when we speak of Him being "holy"? The psalmist writes, "Exalt the LORD our God, - and worship at his holy hill, for the LORD our God is holy" (Ps. 99:9). The wise man used the same term in Proverbs 9:10: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy is understanding." Yet, while we sing about holiness, talk about holiness, quote the scriptures about holiness, a clear cut grasp of its grandeur may very well elude us. Thus, we need to examine the intent and content of holiness that we may truly worship God in the "beauty of holiness."

Holiness means separateness. It is from the [Hebrew] word *qdsh* and its root *qd*, meaning to cut, to separate. It was that quality in God which separated or distinguished Him from things finite and created. "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come ... Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Rev.4:8, 11). The idea of separateness from the world is never lost in the meaning of holy. In the New Testament, the idea of sanctification is closely akin to the idea of holiness in the Old Testament, in *hagiasmos*, which translates as separation to God. "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30). "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (2 Thes. 2:13).

*Holy* is used in two senses in the Bible. The first sense is that of separateness, or transcendency. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Ex.20:8). "But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (Hab.2:20). *Holy* is used first of all with reference to all kinds of persons and things which have been separated from their ordinary sphere and placed in a peculiar relation to God and His service. Take note of the following:

**Holy ground-**"And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Ex.3:5).

**Holy Sabbath-**"And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord" (Ex. 16:23).

**Holy nation-**"And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel" (Ex.19:6).

**Holy place-**"And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and boil its flesh in a holy place" (Ex. 29:31 / ASV).

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

## You Learn So Much When You Read the Bible Slowly

It might seem as an unusual way to begin writing about God and His concerns for our tears, but take the following quiz to see just how carefully you are reading Bible stories. It is important to read the Bible, but it is far more important to read it slowly enough to remember what it says.

### Unusual Bible Quiz About Weeping

1. Who does God specifically say wept in the ark?
2. Who wept because they did not have meat to eat?
3. Who wept for seven days because her husband would not tell her the answer to the question she asked?
4. Who wept every day for three years?
5. Who wept and those around her thought she was drunk?
6. Who was barefooted and wept on the Mount of Olives?
7. Who wept when he heard his hometown was in ruins?
8. What three times did Jesus weep?
9. Who wept when he heard a rooster crow?
10. What prophet did God tell to stop weeping? (How did you do? Answers at end of article).

### God and Our Tears

The Bible has much to say about our tears when with broken hearts we come to Him.

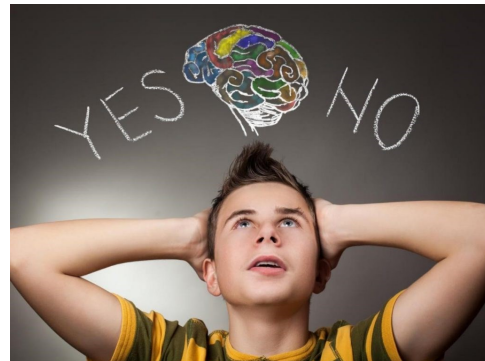
Isaiah had just told Hezekiah that he was about to die, and the righteous king immediately prayed to God. Before Isaiah got outside the palace, God came to him and told him, "Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father, 'I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years'" (Isa. 38:5).

In the psalms, David cried and prayed to God. "All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears" (Psa. 6:6). "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not be silent at my tears" (Psa. 39:12). "Put my tears into your bottle; are they not in your book?" (Psa. 56:8). David then described God's response, "For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling" (Psa. 116:8).

Oh, the joy of knowing that God sees our tears. Look at those questions again and see God's involvement in them. Then, pray fervently knowing just how much He cares.

— Dan Jenkins

## What did Jesus not do?

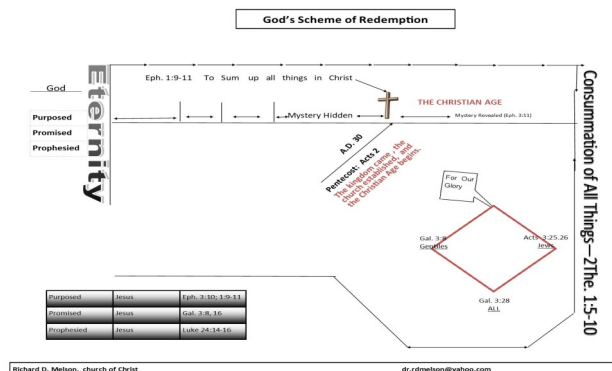


When faced with challenging situations in life, it is a good practice to ask, "What would Jesus do?" An even better practice is to ask, "What did Jesus do?" When considering what Jesus actually did, consider also what Jesus did not do.

When Jesus was put on trial and even while He hung on the cross, Jesus was "mocked" (Matt. 27:29, 31, 41), "treated...with contempt" (Luke 23:11) and "reviled" (Matt. 27:44). They "spat upon" Him (Matt. 27:30), "struck" Him (Matt. 27:30), "beat" Him (Matt. 26:67) and "blasphemed" Him (Matt. 27:39). Look at how Jesus responded. Look at what He did not do.

"When He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten" (1 Pet. 2:23). If you want to "follow His steps" (2:21), you must learn to respond to maltreatment as Jesus did and not return evil for evil. Instead, Jesus kept on committing Himself to God (2:23). Living like Jesus involves what we do and what we do not do!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



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**Holy covenant**—"Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land"(Dan.11:28).

**Holy promise**—"For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant" (Ps.105:42).

The other sense in which we find *holy* used is in reference to moral purity. "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?"(Hab.1:13). "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God"(Rom.12:2)."And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

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### Answers—from page 2 column one

1. Moses—Exodus 2:6
2. Jews in Wilderness—Num. 11:4
3. Samson's wife—Judg. 14:16-17
4. Paul—Acts 20:31
5. Hannah—1 Sam. 1:9-13
6. David—2 Sam. 15:30
7. Nehemiah—Neh. 1:3-4
8. Jesus—John 11:35; Luke 19:41-42; Heb. 5:7
9. Peter—Matt. 26:75
10. Jeremiah—Jer. 31:16.

- ☞ **Read The NT**—Starting July 1—we will have a congregational reading of the New Testament in 180 days. More information coming.
- ☞ **Bible Marking for Ladies**: Whoever wishes to join, every 3rd Sunday at 4 PM today.
- ☞ **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 Nepal	Holiness and Respect for the Scriptures
12-Jul	Patrick Powers	Holiness and Overcoming Temptation
19-Jul	Kevin Berry	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	TBD	Holiness and Abstaining from Evil
16-Aug	TBD	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](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