

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	50
Attendance AM	95
Attendance PM	32
Wednesday PM	45

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil Tydings; Mozilla Tate; C.D. Arnett; Reagan Blanks; Ruby Cole; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs);
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Deonna Cole; Tena Eslick
Prayers:
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy: Gladys Chittick and 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 July 6 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 7-8
Potter Children's Home:

June 25	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Norris Cole
Song Leader	Lyle Cole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Chris Poole	Norris Cole
Server 2	James Grigsby	Lyle Cole
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Announcements	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
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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WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S HOLINESS

Oran Rhodes

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.

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 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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We must carefully consider the ramifications of 1 Peter 1:15-16: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation: Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." The holiness of God demands that his people be separate from the world. "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Cor. 6:16-17). Saints have been called out of darkness (1 Pet.2:9) and have been called by the gospel (2 Thes. 2:14) to the obtaining of the glory of the Lord. "For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness" (Heb.12:10).

Since God is Holy, He desires a holy nation, a holy priesthood, a holy dwelling, etc. "And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins" (Joshua 24:19). "There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none besides thee: neither is there any rock like our God" (1 Sam. 2:2). "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel" (Ps.22:3). "For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy" (Lev.11:44-45).

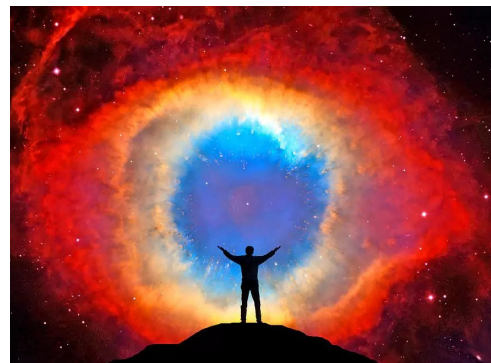
God is called holy in connection with every revelation which impresses man with God's exalted majesty. "So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel" (Ezek. 39:7). As mentioned before holiness is an expression of the quality of divinity (Amos 4:2). It is the relation of men to God, as dedicated to his service, that makes men "saints" in either the Old or New Testament. "And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine" (Lev. 20:26).

Whatever is holy lives a peculiar life and bears a peculiar character; it has been separated from the common sphere and from the common law. It may not be touched. "And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests

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

Let the Bible explain itself

The Lord lives, therefore ...



For the last several years I have tried to improve my worship in song by paying special attention to the words of the songs. While the musical notes are important and participating in four-part harmony singing is so rewarding, the focus in the Bible is on the relationship of my soul and my words.

Singing is described as "...singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). It is not that we are giving grace to Him, but we who have received His grace, sing with hearts filled with grace to Him.

A picture of this attitude toward Jesus is shown in Revelation chapter five. It describes how there is no creature in heaven or on earth worthy to open the book in God's hand. Then, the Lamb of God appears to take the sealed book and starts to open it.

At that moment the heaven of heavens is filled with anthems of praise to the Lord. The twenty-four elders get off their thrones and bow down in worshipping the Lord. They have bowls filled the prayers of His saints, and they ascend as incense to the Lamb. They begin to sing, "You are worthy..."

But it doesn't stop at this point. Suddenly a host of angels joins in singing the same song. How many angels were there in this choir? "The number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands" (5:12). The very words of the song they sing are given. "Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessings."

But it doesn't stop there. Immediately every creature in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and under the sea, and all that is in heaven and earth become part of this chorus of praise to the Lord. "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

But it doesn't stop there. In 1930, Tillit S. Teddlie, a faithful brother in Christ and author of over 100 songs, penned the words to a song we used to sing more often, Worthy Art Thou. It captures the events of this heavenly scene in the first two verses. He then added these words in the last verse. "Lord, may we come before Thee with singing, Filled with Thy Spirit, wisdom and pow'r, May we ascribe Thee glory and honor, Worthy art Thou, Worthy art Thou."

It is not the musical notes that really matter. The early Christians may have sung this with singing characterized by chanting. We sing it in four-part harmony. It is not the music.

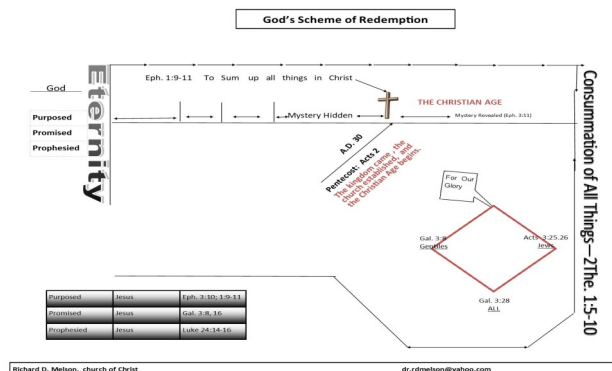
Let me ask you, what is your favorite song? Is it your favorite because of the musical arrangement or because of the spiritual depth and grace it creates in your heart as you sing to the Lord? Think about this.

— Dan Jenkins

In one of the lengthier psalms, David extolled all that the Lord had done for him. The Lord "saved" him (Psa. 18:3), "heard" him (18:6), "flew upon the wings of the wind" for him (18:10), "thundered from heaven" for him (18:13), "took" him (18:16), "drew" him out of danger (18:16), "delivered" him from the enemy (18:17, 43, 48, 50), "supported" him (18:18), "delighted" in him" (18:19), "rewarded" him (18:20, 24), "enlightened" him (18:28), "shielded" him (18:30), "armed" him with strength (18:32, 39), "held" him up (18:35-36), "avenged" him (18:47), "lifted" him up "above" the strife (18:48) and showed him "mercy" (18:50).

There was NO doubt in David's mind that "The Lord lives!" (18:46). That was not a Bible fact he had memorized! It was a reality that he had experienced! Knowing that the Lord lives could only lead to one natural response: "Bless" the Lord..."Exalt" the Lord..."Give thanks" to the Lord..."Sing praises" to the Lord (18:46-49)! Do you know the Lord lives? Is this your natural and daily response toward Him?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them" (Ex. 19:23-24).

Israel was separated by choice, by covenant, and by His law. They were holy because God made them his own possession. "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 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.19:5-6). The same can be said for the church. Thus, we see the composition of it is a set apart, holy people. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Pet. 2:9).

The Devil's Tool Sale

There is an old fable that says the devil once held a sale and offered all the tools of his trade to anyone who would pay their price.

They were spread out on the table and each one labeled—hatred, malice, envy, despair, sickness, sensuality—all well known to everyone. Off to one side lay a harmless looking wooden instrument marked "discouragement." It was old and worn but was priced far above the rest.

When asked the reason why, the devil replied, "Because I can use this one so much more easily than the others. No one knows that it belongs to me. With it I can open doors that are tightly bolted against the others. Once I get inside, I can use any tool that suits me best."

—Bible Illustrator

- ☞ **TACO Tuesday with the Thomas'** - July 18, 6-7:30 PM at 810 Otterbein, Dayton, Ohio. See signup sheet.
- ☞ **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.
- ☞ **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 ; 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