

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	49
Attendance AM	102
Attendance PM	35
Wednesday PM	42

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil Tydings; Janis Bland; Mozilla Tate; C.D. Arnett; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Lori Phillips; Jonathan Jenkins
Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.; Norris Cole, II; Vance families;
Prayers: David Lawrence
Repentance:
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Birthdays: July — 2 Richard Melson, Jr; 6 Penny Cook; 8 Rachel Blanks; 9 Ruby Nickell; 15 Glenna Adair; 17 C.D. Arnett; 20 Mike Mamula; 22 Otis Adair;
Anniversaries: July — 18-Mike and Brenda Mamula; 23 Chad and Jennifer Arnett; 30 Norris & Diane Cole
Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class July 20 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 8-9
Potter Children's Home:

July 23	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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FAITH OR ARROGANCE?

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Meeting Location:
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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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- Christian Courier
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 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
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When I was growing up, there was a Lay's Potato Chips ad campaign that ran several times. It had an extremely catchy slogan: "Betcha can't eat just one!" As a child, I would think, "Duh! Of course, I could!" However, every time I found a Lay's Original bag in my lunch, I never seemed to find the willpower to give it a try.

We tend to overestimate our ability to resist temptation, don't we? Especially when we are sitting in a pew. It is easy to say, "Amen!" to whatever challenge the preacher gives us. As he warns the congregation to abstain from a particular sin, we imagine ourselves overcoming such a temptation without any trouble at all. However, how often do we find ourselves lacking willpower when we are confronted with temptation?

In Daniel chapter one, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego demonstrate the self-control to which we should all aspire. During the Babylonian captivity, they were chosen to be the personal servants of King Nebuchadnezzar. To prepare them for this service, the king commanded that they eat the king's delicacies and drink the king's wine. However, Daniel recognized that eating the king's food would violate God's law. So, he and his three brethren refused the king's meals and asked for a substitute (Dan 1:8).

Now, Daniel's request was not that simple. This meal was part of their preparation to serve the king. If the chief eunuch gave them something else to eat and it hurt their appearance, the king could execute him (v. 10). Their defiance was a matter of life and death—not only for themselves, but also for this eunuch!

Daniel and the others were facing tremendous temptation. If they would along with the program, not only would they be free of danger, but they would be eating and drinking the best meal in all of Babylon. How easy would it be for them to just keep quiet and eat? But that's not what they did.

How were they able to resist so easily? Verse 8 tells us, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself..." He made a covenant with himself to remain faithful. Daniel was prepared for whatever temptation would come his way because he already made his mind up.

It is easy for us to nod our heads and imagine the great faith we might muster when met with temptations we've never known. But we will fail if we haven't made the preparations necessary to face them. Is our faith a self-gratifying show of arrogance, or do we take temptations seriously and purpose in our hearts to remain faithful like Daniel? *✍️*

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

Occupational Hymns

Don't listen to the crowd



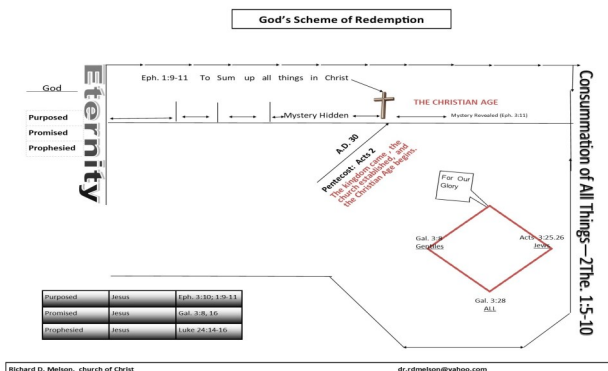
- Astronaut: "Nearer My God, to Thee"
- Baker: "I Need Thee Every Hour"
- Barber: "A Parting Hymn We Sing"
- Baseball Batter: "Seek Thee First"
- Builder: "How Firm a Foundation"
- Carpenter: "The Nail-Scarred Hand"
- Civil Engineer: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
- Dentist: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
- Electrician: "Send the Light"
- Fisherman: "Shall We Gather at the River?"
- Golfer: "There Is a Green Hill Far Away"
- Historian: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"
- IRS: "All to Thee [I Owe]"
- Librarian: "We've a Story to Tell"
- Lifeguard: "Come to the Water"
- Mathematician: "10,000 Times, 10,000 Times"
- Medical Technician: "Revive Us Again"
- Mountain Climber: "The Rock That Is Higher Than I"
- Obstetrician: "He Is Able to Deliver Thee"
- Optometrist: "Open Mine Eyes That I Might See"
- Philosopher: "I Am Thinking Today"
- Politician: "Standing on the Promises"
- Real Estate Agent: "I've Got a Mansion"
- Steeple Builder: "Lift High the Cross"
- Stonecutter: "Rock of Ages"
- Switchboard Operator: "A Call Comes Ringing"
- Trucker: "On the Highways and Byways of Life"
- Voice Teacher: "Sing Them Over Again to Me"
- Watchmaker: "Take Time to Be Holy"
- Watchman: "Silent Night"
- Weatherman: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"

How critically important it is to be an objective listener! Too often today people just believe what they hear without evaluating what they hear. We must examine the evidence! We must not let what "everyone is saying" become "the truth"! We must search out the truth!

In Luke 23, the crowd was making false accusations against Christ (23:1-5), and they were shouting, "Away with this Man...Crucify Him!" (23:18-21). Pilate repeatedly asked, "What evil has He done?" But no reasonable explanation was given. So, Pilate announced three times, "I find no fault in this Man" (23:14-22). Later that same day, while the crowds around the cross were mocking Jesus, one thief examined the evidence and concluded, "This man has done nothing wrong" (23:41).

Pilate was an objective listener and drew the proper conclusion, but then he made the wrong decision. The thief was also an objective listener and drew the proper conclusion, and he made the right decision. What will you do? It starts with being an objective listener, then drawing only conclusions demanded by the evidence!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Answers to Reading Questions

Matthew 5

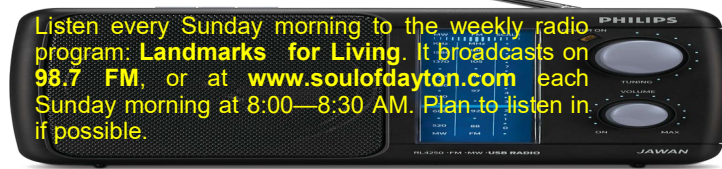
- 1) To whom was Jesus speaking in chapters 5-7? To his disciples (1-2)
- 2) What does "blessed" mean? "happy" (3)
- 3) What two items did Jesus use to illustrate our influence? Salt and light (13-14)
- 4) What did Jesus do to the law? He fulfilled it (17)
- 5) What did Jesus indicate would prevent murder and adultery? Don't get angry, and don't look at a woman to lust after her (21- 22, 27-28)
- 6) Jesus condemned divorce for all but what cause? Sexual immorality / fornication (32)
- 7) What did Jesus teach about our speech? Don't swear (34)
- 8) What did Jesus teach about revenge? Not ours to take (39)
- 9) To whom are we to be nice? To even our enemies (44)
- 10) Who/what is our standard of conduct? Our heavenly Father (48)

Matthew 6

1. What did Jesus teach about giving? Not to be seen by men (1-2)
2. What is a hypocrite? Someone who pretends to be what he is not; someone who does what he does "to be seen by men" (1-5)
3. What did Jesus teach about prayer? Don't do it to be seen by men (5)
4. On what condition will God forgive us? If we forgive others (14)
5. Did Jesus command fasting? No (16-18), he simply said what to do if you fast
6. Where will one's heart be? Where one's treasure is (21)
7. Why can't one serve two masters? Because he will hate the one and love the other (24)
8. Why don't you need to worry about the necessities of life? God will provide (26-30)
9. What will happen if we seek God's kingdom and righteousness first? All the necessities of life will be given to us (33)
10. Why don't we need to worry about tomorrow? Tomorrow will worry about itself; each day has enough trouble its own (34)

- ☞ **New Bible Study Class:** Wednesday 11:00—12:00 PM
- ☞ **Read The NT**—We are engaged in a congregational reading of the New Testament in 180 days. If you have received your associated questions see Dollie.
- ☞ **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 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 Melson	Holiness and Abstaining from Evil
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		Holiness and Drug Use & Abuse
9-Aug	Richard Nepal	Holiness and Respect for the
16-Aug	Jeffery Battles	Holiness and Personal Finance
23-Aug	Keith Allen	Holiness and Purity of Speech
30-Aug	Patrick Cook	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