

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	46
Attendance AM	77
Attendance PM	34
Wednesday PM	38

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil & Kim Tydings; Anthony Taylor (home); Diane Cole (Norris) at home; Krubo Joploh; Richard & Florine Thomas (at home); Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Mary Vance (ribs); Rhonda Fox; Jahmeir Dudley (broken wrist); Dana Grigsby; Marie Tolley

Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.; Richard Melson; Blanks family; Ashley & Alexandria Thomas; Valerie Melson

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Mamula 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—Richard Thomas; 29 - Anthony Grigsby, James Vance

Anniversaries: June — 20—Philip and Kim Tydings; 28 — Jerry and Linda Thomas

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class June 13 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 8 —"Sisters, I Need You"

June 09	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Server 1	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
Server 2	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Sermon	Rob Whitacre	Rob Whitacre
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Greeter		
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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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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All Members

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- Christian Courier
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 - Potter Children's Home
 - Midwestern School of Preaching
 - Central Carolina School of Preaching

I remember seeing a sign posted so all those leaving the building could see it. It said something like, "Evangelism begins as you leave this building and extends to all the world." There is no question that His words, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" and "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15) cause our eyes to look places far removed from where we are. May I suggest that evangelism starts as we leave worship, but actually can begin long before we depart?

Not everyone can conduct a complete Bible study with others, but there are five vital things that every member can do which can open the doors for the teaching of the lost. How many of these are part of your life?

We all can welcome visitors. There is no way to over emphasize the importance of the first impressions made on those who visit our services. From the moment you exit your car, start looking for those you do not know. That friendly word spoken to them as they walk toward our building will never be forgotten. Do not be concerned that the person you greet might be a member you have not met; go ahead and greet them. If they are members, your life will be enriched!

We all can "pass visitors on" to others. Here's the idea behind "passing visitors on" to others. Tell them about the classes we have or bring them to our greeters. Then, if you find out where they work, where they were born or where they now live, use this information and introduce them to someone with similar interests! The point is, do not just walk away from them. Get other members involved in their lives.

We all can write to visitors. The addresses of our visitors are available on Sunday nights, and the opportunity is given to write to visitors every week. Write them a brief note, remind them who you are and encourage them to come again. Of course, you can write all visitors, but those you meet will remember you.

We all can tell others about visitors. We must do all we can to reach those who reach out to us. Tell the elders, preachers or secretaries who you met and what you learned about them. This helps so much in following up on those who come our way.

We all can look for visitors to come again. When you meet visitors in the parking lot, those who happen to sit next to you, or those who were passed on to you, be on the lookout for them at other services. First impressions are so important, but the "second greeting" from you can have an even greater impact. So, let us all begin evangelism long before we leave the building! ✍️

SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 19:10

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

The Indestructible Bible



The Holy Scriptures - The Bible is the oldest book the world has. It antedates the Chinese bible. It has come down to us through the ages. Its enemies have sought to destroy it. Its pages are stained with the blood of martyrs. Empires, kingdoms and states crumbled around it. How do you account for the Bible surviving the wreck of time? The answer is that God is with it and in it.

It was Mears who said, "The lyric poetry of the Hebrews was in its golden age nearly a thousand years before the birth of Horace. Deborah sang a model of a triumphant song a full five hundred years before Sappho was born. The book of Esther was a venerable fragment of biography, more strange than fiction, at least twelve hundred years old at the dawn of the romantic literature of Europe. The proverbs of Solomon are by eight hundred years more ancient than the writings of Seneca."

Though it has been exploded, demolished, and made ready for the grave countless times, it goes on in its triumphant way, giving light, hope, and salvation to unnumbered millions in many lands and many languages.

The Bible lives despite men. False theories of religion profess to be built upon it. A relentless war is waged upon it by those who hate it, and friends to it have become lukewarm. Yet the Bible is here. It is the deathless book. It is as eternal as God. "The word of the Lord endureth forever."

—A. G. Freed (Deceased)

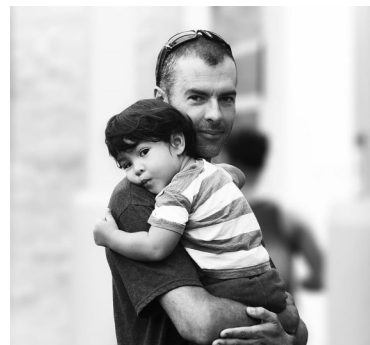
The Bible Is Still The Greatest Read...

Here is an interesting concession from a secular source. Associated Press has evaluated 4,000 self-help books which were written last year. They concluded the oldest and best of the how to's of happiness are in the original self-help book - the Bible.

Peter said, "Seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue" (2 Pet. 1:3). The Bible provides us with all the help we need to live godly lives. Are you a daily reader of the best self-help book of all time?

~Adapted From Tom Moore~

My refuge

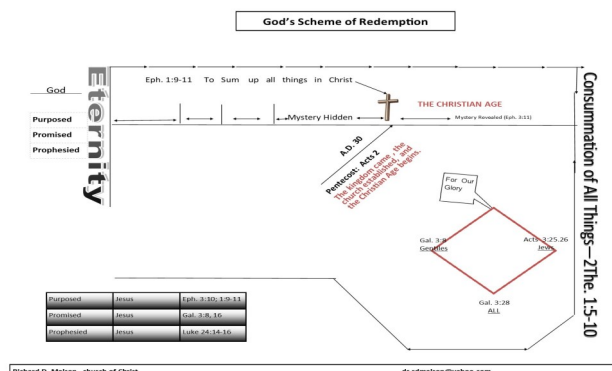


A child's natural reaction when startled, scared, intimidated, overwhelmed or even tired is to run into a parent's arms and bury his/her head in mom or dad's chest. How many times have you seen that? A little boy or girl finding comfort, refuge, peace and rest in the safety and security of the one who is always there and has proven to be the truly trusted and reliable safe haven.

Rethink that first paragraph with a greater and spiritual application. A child of God's natural reaction when startled, scared, intimidated, overwhelmed or even tired SHOULD BE to run into his/her FATHER'S arms and bury his/her head in the Father's bosom. How often do sons and daughters of the Almighty find comfort, refuge, peace and rest in the safety and security of the ONE who is always there and has proven to be the truly trusted and reliable safe haven?!

Look up the over 20 uses of the word "refuge" in the book of Psalms and be encouraged. Then recite, "I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust'" (Psa. 91:2).!

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Are You Among the Nine?

It is difficult for us to imagine the emotions of the ten lepers who met Jesus in Luke chapter seventeen. For years, they had been outcasts, and then they stood before the Lord. He saw them and said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went they were cleansed. Luke tells us that only one returned to express gratitude to the Savior, and he was the Samaritan. Jesus' questions to him deserve careful consideration. "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" Where would we have been if we had been cleansed by Him? How often do we fail to express gratitude for what He gives to us?

When have you given thanks for the blessing of living in this great land? Think of the strife that is around the world. Contrast that with the peace we have in our lives in this land of freedom. We had nothing to do with the land of our birth. Are you among the "nine" who have failed to give thanks?

When have you given thanks for your health? Even if it is bad, there are thousands and thousands of others who are worse off than you are. Think of how blessed we are to have the medicines and doctors to help us. Are you among the "nine" who failed to give thanks?

When have you given thanks for your salvation by grace? Think of the events which brought those who taught you the gospel and lead to your relationship with the Lord. You did not arrive to the point of your salvation on your own. Paul's words, "By the grace of God I am what I am," are so true of each of us. Yet, so often we tend to take this greatest gift for granted. Are you among the "nine" who failed to give thanks?

When have you given thanks to our older members at this church? So many of them have worked tirelessly for decades to create/maintain all that makes this church

what it is. We sit under the trees they have planted and eat the fruit from those same trees. Yet, sometimes we fail to thank them or God. Are you among the "nine" who failed to give thanks?

When have you given thanks to all those who do so much behind the scenes? It is not just many of our deacons who have the heart of a servant, but there are scores of others who have that kind of heart. There are so many who work with our teens, provide transportation, prepare events, teach Bible classes, etc. and often are never mentioned. Are you among the "nine" who failed to give thanks?

The "nine" had to be happy that they were cleansed, but what was lacking was a heart of thankfulness. The Bible is filled with admonitions to be thankful for what we have. May we never be among the "nine."

- Dan Jenkins

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TRAINING THE SAVED TO REACH THE LOST

We welcome the team from the School of Evangelism to provide the congregational training. Rob Whitacre will be with us to lead this training along with Marlon Retana for our Spanish speaking brethren.

- ☞ **Summer Series 2024:** Principles of Victorious Christian Living, each Wednesday June 5—August 28
- ☞ **Senior Lunch** — June 25, Perkins, North Main St in Englewood
- ☞ **2024 Theme:** Seeking The Lost

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NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org ; <http://gbntv.org/> ; 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