

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	41
Attendance AM	63
Attendance PM	32
Wednesday PM	37

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Rhonda Fox (back surgery); Carlene Harley; Florine Thomas; Pat Norris (home); Glenna Adair; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); ins; Janis Bland; Naree Poole; Desiree Butler (Plainfield, NJ); Pat Cook; Kerry Ivy (Rehab)

**Traveling:** Michael Blanks, Jr.

**Prayers:** Al Washington and family; Central Carolina School of Preaching students; Linda Thomas' sisters and brother-in-law in Colorado Springs (especially Karen)

**Repentance:**

**Baptism:**

**Sympathy:** Montgomery family and Sawyer family (cousin of Dollie and Florine)

**Member Birthdays: May** — 2—April Gilbert; 4—Patrick Thomas; 19—James Grigsby

**Anniversaries: May** — None

**Ladies Reading Group:** Zoom Class May 14 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 6 in "The Begging Place"

May 10	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Chris Poole
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Announcements	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
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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## MOTHER!

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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
- Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
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- Greater Midwest Lectureship
- Potter Children's Home
- Midwestern School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching

It does seem to be "not enough" merely to have a "day" for mothers. Oh, I am not trying to change the nation's calendar, but should it not be "Mother's Month" instead of "Mother's Day"? It all goes back to our own mother, through whom we came into this world. What she was like is a major factor in who we are and in our view of motherhood, and even life today.

I have known children whose mothers were not the paragon of virtue they should have been, though expected to be "everything" to a child. My time as a teacher in what was then called "Junior High School" brought me to reality. I discovered that not all mothers were like mine, that some did not have the best interests of their children at heart. Instead, those were the exception, and most did not put the best interests of their children ahead of their own. Most of us do what I am doing, using my mother as the means of defining "mother" and motherhood. Was she perfect? Of course not, but she was who she needed to be for her children.

There is another consideration necessary to any discussion of mothers, and that is to males and their choice of the mother of their future children. Finding a wife who can also be the virtuous, loving mother of our own children may not be a major consideration of some young men. "Can she be a real mother to our children?" should be a question considered early in a courtship for young men seeking a wife. Perhaps the following can be a starting place in a young man's quest.

**Magician:** Yes, a mother oftentimes must be a magician to make a delicious meal out of a pound of hamburger and one or two other ingredients. It may be that money is scarce, but she does what she can because she wants her family to be fed with things they enjoy—and that are good for them.

**Old School:** Not "old-fashioned," but favoring the ways that are tried and true. Mothers like new things as others do, but "old school" mothers will look for the best moral codes, the best choices for her children; the biblical ways to serve God and others. She will go back to God's word for her views regarding today's problems and their reasonable solutions (Jer. 6:16).

**Thankful:** No, she may not have all the things she wants, but she is thankful to God and her family that she has what she needs to care for her family and herself. She is able to make do with what she has and does not pine away about things she does not have (Heb. 13:5).

**Homemaker:** There are many houses in every town, but she wants her house to be a real home, and she does what it takes to make it a real home. It is a home where the family

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**STRONGER THAN EVER IN 2026 - EPH. 6:10**

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

## Quotations Concerning Mothers

## Go to church anywhere?

Woman in the home has not yet lost her dignity, in spite of Mother's Day, with its offensive implication that our love needs an annual nudging, like our enthusiasm for the battle of Bunker Hill" (John Erskine).

"A suburban mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once, and by car forever after" (Peter De Vries).

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her" (George Washington).

"It would seem that something that means poverty, disorder and violence every single day should be avoided entirely, but the desire to beget children is a natural urge" (Phyllis Diller).

"A sweater is a garment worn by a child when its mother is feeling chilly" (Ambrose Bierce).

"By and large, mothers and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great vacation-less class" (Anne Morrow Lindbergh).

"You may have tangible wealth untold—caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I you can never be—I had a mother who read to me" (Strickland Gillilan).

"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that she served nothing but leftovers for thirty years. We have never found the original meal" (Calvin Trillin).

"You do not really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around—and why his parents will always wave back" (William Tammeus).

"All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That is his" (Oscar Wilde).

"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie" (Tenneva Jordan).

—Submitted by Sam Willcut "

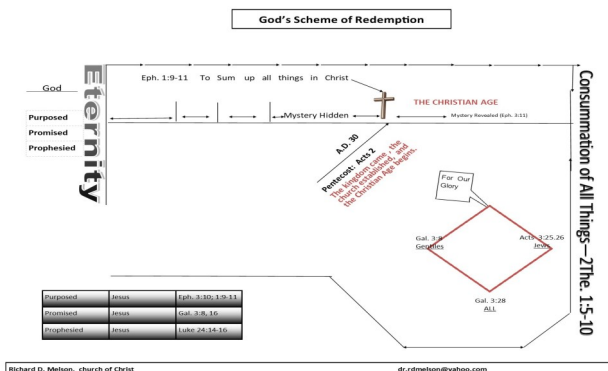


"As long as I'm going to church, does it really matter where?" Sometimes it may be easy to think that one church is as good as another. But is that true?

Does it matter to you if the doctor you see has a degree from a medical school or from a culinary institute? Does it matter to you if your airline pilot was trained at a certified aviation school or just watched videos online? Does it matter if your pharmacist fills your prescription exactly as the doctor wrote it or substitutes something "close enough"? Does it matter if your GPS gives you the correct route or just a route that seems right? Does it matter if your paycheck is deposited into your account, or is one account as good another?

Isn't that interesting! We demand truth and precision in matters that affect our health, safety and future. Why would we not demand truth and precision in matters that affect our soul? Jesus saves in one way (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:36-41), and He places the saved into His one church (Acts 2:41-47; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27). His way, His salvation, His church matter!

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



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loves one another, where the children respect their parents and where the children are taught how to live in a world created by the God they find in their daily Bible studies and Bible reading.

**Energetic:** My mother was always up before I was, and usually still up when I went to bed. She could get more done with less time than anyone I ever knew. To my surprise, I found that my wife can do the same. There are things that need to be done every day, and all too often she does most of them. That energy comes from her love for family and her home.

**Ready:** No one can always have their way in the home or in any other area of life. It may be true that mother will be the one who is ready to do what it takes to make a family what it ought to be, what it must be. Needing household things that are necessary to keep the home as it should be kept, she often has to do without some of those things. She is ready to do whatever she must do to keep that home in the ways of the Lord, and in the way of cleanliness and of pleasant surroundings. Often—far too often—it is mother who does without when the going gets tough. It is not enough to say that and praise her for it, but there must be a significant effort for equality in a home.

*Solomon had much to say about mothers, and his words are worthy of our remembering:  
A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. [Prov. 10:1]*

*My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. [Prov. 1:8]*

Thank you to mothers everywhere, especially to those here and those "back home." *RS*

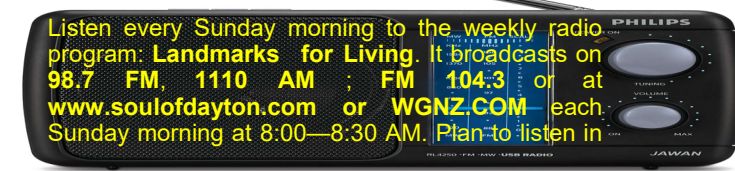
## What Is a Mother?

Grace Noll Crowell

I search among the plain and lovely words  
To find what one word "Mother" means; as well  
Try to define the tangled song of birds;  
The echo in the hills of one clear bell.  
One cannot snare the wind, or catch the  
wings Of shadows flying low across the  
wheat;  
Ah, who can prison simple, natural things  
That make the long days beautiful and  
sweet?

Mother—a word that holds the tender  
spell Of all the dear essential things of  
earth;  
A home, clean sunlit rooms, and the good smell  
Of bread, a table spread, a glowing hearth.  
And love beyond the dream of anyone...  
I search for words for her...and there are none.

- ☞ Happy Mother's Day to our mothers.
- ☞ We will be honoring our two graduates: **Jace Vance** (Brookville HS) and **Camron Nesbitt** (Central State University) more to come on the date.
- ☞ **Singing School** with Andy Baker: Every member should mark these dates and plan to attend. **May 29-31**. It is not just for the song leaders but for everyone who loves to sing



## 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/>;
- View: In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM; [www.anchorofthesoul.com](http://www.anchorofthesoul.com)
- 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