

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Repentance - Luke 13:3
Confession - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for remission of sins -
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in the
light - Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7

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that had been made after the Exodus or one David made of that design), 2 Samuel 6:17. Referring to the Tabernacle as the "house of the Lord" was entirely appropriate; it was the designated place where God's people came to worship, and Jerusalem was the recognized city where they observed the three major annual feasts.

Question: Are you glad when it's time to assemble for worship? We understand that it's not the meeting house but the Christians meeting in it that are the "house of God." But Christians do, indeed, meet! The very word "church" means "assembly." So, my question remains: "Are you glad when it's time to assemble for worship?"

Psalms 122 (quoted above) is a "song of ascents," one of the songs the Israelites sang as they ascended to Zion (Jerusalem) for one of the feast days. For Christians, the first day of each week is a feast day. But the focus of our feast isn't satisfying our stomachs with food and drink; it's remembering the body and blood of our Savior by eating unleavened bread and drinking the fruit of the vine in memory of Him. We also celebrate our oneness in Christ as we observe this spiritual feast together.

I was greatly edified a short time back when one of our young men, while leading a prayer, mentioned that "we are happy to be here." That certainly was David's attitude as he penned the psalm, and it ought to be ours as well. -via the *Church of Christ in Justin, TX*

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[*"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."* Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV] - Wayne



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We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that - if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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Welcome To 2024 - To Changes!

Today is the first Lord's Day of 2024. This year already greets us with changes. The first noticeable change will be the change in our minister. The church here at Horse Cave has been unique when it comes to preacher changes. For the past 55 years, there has only been one change which occurred in 2002 when Beauford Fudge who preached here for 33 years retired due to health concerns. It was then that the elders invited me in 2002 to become their next minister, and I was blessed to serve here for 22 years. Now I am retiring due to health issues some of my own but most of all to be able to better care of my wife Becky. She has been a faithful and dedicated co-worker with me in the Lord's church. Over the past three years or so, her health has been adversely affected.

Now for the next change. We are looking forward to Dennis Hogan beginning as our minister. Dennis and his wife Peggy live in Bowling Green. We will soon be sharing more information about Dennis. He has been preaching for a small congregation in Calhoun (McClain Co. KY). He gave them a 30 day notice that he had accepted the work here. For that reason, he will begin preaching here on Sunday evenings this month and will then be preaching both services in February as well as teaching the auditorium class on Sunday mornings.

The elders have asked me to continue doing some of the background things I have been doing for the past 22 years. I will be able to do most from home so I can be near when Becky needs me.

We welcome people to the exciting changes in store. May God continue to bless this good congregation of the Lord's people.

- Wayne

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Doris Wallace is doing well after her back surgery; Malon Schuler recuperating at home and resume driving his school bus route; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week. Wayne is her caregiver; Billy Bybee; Jackie Coop spent a few days in hospital; Becky Bush; Mike Thompson; Joyce Dye will have one more melanoma skin cancer removed in Feb.; Mary Whittington; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Joey Palmore; Helen Edwards in Bowling Green; Don Waddell; Carl Thomas; Steve Seaton; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Ron Hogan recovering in Anchorage from back surgery; sympathy to the family of Tommy Harper, Charles Leonard Stinson and several other residents of Horse Cave who have passed away in the last few days including the families of Pearl Faw and Billy Holsinger of Cave City

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE in Horse Cave

Brenda Jagers

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
World English Institute (WEI) Darrell Wallace
Manna Project

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10 a.m.

We are in our Winter Quarter studying the book of *Esther*. Today I plan to do lesson 6 & 7: "*The Jews Troubled*" "*Mordecia Warns Esther*" *Esther 3 & 4* Wayne will be the teacher this morning and will be his last Sunday morning class to teach after 22 years as our minister.

PREACHING TODAY

This morning will be my last sermon as minister here at Horse Cave.

11 a.m. "*Key Events That Have Impacted Our World #4*" "*The Burial, Resurrection, Ascension and Second Coming of Christ*"

5 p.m. Dennis Hogan will be preaching all Sunday evenings in January and will begin preaching Sunday mornings and evenings in February. We welcome Dennis & Peggy

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

We are studying the *Parables of Jesus*. Darrell Wallace will be the teacher this week.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Please pray for this work as the seed of the gospel is being sown in this ministry.

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal, you can log on to **wloconline.com** You may choose to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries Commodities Outreach

We have been asked to donate any of the following pantry items:

Granola Bars *Cooking Spray* *Rotel*
Onion Powder *Crackers with Peanut Butter*
checks or cash are also accepted to buy perishable items

Your help will be greatly appreciated. Pantry items will be picked up **this week Jan. 10 at 1:30** Be sure and bring in your items today. Also you may bring in your coin cans as well.

ELDERS DEACON MINISTER MEETNG

this afternoon at 3:00 in the library

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Plans to meet tomorrow morning at 10:00 in the Annex.

Out With the Old - In With the New

by Charles Hicks

Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts (Psalms 90:12)

"Swiftly we're turning life's daily pages, swiftly the hours are changing to years." Time for all of us is truly passing by so swiftly and all too soon it will be

cut off and we will fly away (Psalms 90:10). In just a few short days from now, the Lord willing, we will begin a new chapter in our lives as 2023 is now history. It has been a great journey thus far and with the close of 2023, we will have passed another milestone on our journey to eternity and that face to face meeting with our Lord (Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 5:10). I venture to say that most, if not all, of us are looking forward to the new year of 2024, eagerly anticipating the days and months that lie ahead. This is as it should be but lest we forget, let us ever remember that there are no guarantees that any of us will ever see any of those days (2 Sam. 20:3; James 4:14).

Enjoy your life with all the celebrations that bring joy and happiness but as you do never forget, no not for a moment, that you are only a temporary resident on this earth. Learn from Solomon the vanity of not thinking, not planning ahead for the day that all of us know is coming, the day when we will fold up this earthly tent and take that journey from whence we will not return. Solomon tells us in Ecclesiastes 210-11 that whatever his eyes desired, whatever brought joy to his heart, he obtained it. Then he looked at his life, all that he had, all his labors and concludes that it was vanity and vexation of spirit with absolutely no profit. He then brings it all into focus when he concludes in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. "*The conclusion when all has been heard is: fear God and keep His commandments because this applies to every person, For God will bring to judgment everything which is hidden whether it is good or evil.*"

Today our eternal soul dwells in a human frame that at best is weak, frail and fragile. This life we now live is nothing more than a dressing room for eternity. I pray that all of us will resolve that for whatever number of days we have left in this life we will set our affections on things above (Matthew 6:19-21; Col. 3:1-2). My friends, whether we live or die, our desire should be to please the Lord in all we say and do (2 Cor. 5:6-9). As we bid goodbye to 2023 and welcome 2024, I pray we will all live our lives, conduct ourselves in a way that we can say, "*I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me*" (Gal. 2:20)

I am human, I am imperfect, I am weak and frail--and so are you. The best thing we can do for ourselves (and others for that matter) is to make sure that when the sun sets on our life, we are ready (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

- Selected (adapted for the years)

Are You Glad?

by Joe Slater

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go unto the house of the Lord'" (Psalm 122:1).

David wrote this psalm before the Jerusalem Temple existed. He only recently had brought the Ark of the Covenant into the city, placing it into the Tabernacle (tent) he had prepared for it (either the Tabernacle concluded on the back page