

## 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 light -  
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

## Can You Count the Apples In A Seed? by Mark Adams

In 1877, James A. Harding (for whom Harding University is named) went to Clark County, Kentucky, where he held a gospel meeting. When asked how the meeting went, one of the elders at the congregation responded, "It was not much of a meeting."

Oh, brother Harding did his usual powerful preaching, the attendance was fair, but the results were negligible. Only little Jimmy Shepherd was baptized."

God doesn't always perceive things the way that we do. When we work hard to serve people in the name of Christ and few respond to our message, it is easy to think, "The results of my work are negligible."

But we must never underestimate the power of one seed that really takes root. In the case of little Jimmy Shepherd, the sole response to Harding's preaching in that gospel meeting, he stayed dedicated to the cause of Christ all of his life. He is better known to some as James W. Shepherd. While he was in college, he began preaching. In 1883, he helped to establish the Berea Church of Christ in Madison County. In 1888, he left with his family to do mission work in New Zealand for several years, preaching all around the country, as well as in Australia.

Upon returning to the states, he worked from 1905 to 1912 as the office editor of the Gospel Advocate, where he both wrote and edited some works that have been treasured for decades.

In Luke 8:8, Jesus is teaching a parable about a sower. Though much seed might never take root or grow, the seed which does take root can produce "one hundred times" what has been sown. Every seed you plant matters, because only God knows just how much good can be done when a person plants a seed through a single act of Christian conviction.



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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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## Coping In 2021

by Ronald Bartanen

What will we be facing in this new year? Will it be a year of good health, or of illness? Will there be a stabilizing economy or a stock-market crash? Will there be an increase of unity as a nation or an increase of chaos, looting, burning and physical violence? As individuals, will we learn to cope with life's illnesses and failures or will we collapse under the stresses of life? We don't know all the answers to the situations we must face. As our fears mount up, it becomes more and more difficult to cope.

Even those who are people of faith find it difficult to face personal, national and global problems confidently. We need daily to be reminded of the words of Jesus: "In this world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Our ability to cope begins with faith in Jesus. The apostle Paul wrote, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). Is your trust in Him who died for you, and was raised again? Have you, in faith, repented of sins, confessed faith in Christ, and been baptized? (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). Are you faithfully following Him? (Revelation 2:10) When united to Him who died for us, we are encouraged and strengthened by His Spirit to cope with the problems of life, and to rejoice in the new life He has promised those who follow Him.

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell at home. She fell and cracked her pelvis a few days ago; Lois Edwards still making progress from her fall; Becky Hatcher shut-in at home due to four ruptured discs. We can see a slight improvement since the last injection; Billy Bybee is having problems with his back/spine and is consulting a neurologist; Ken Russell had surgery on his shoulder Tues. in Glasgow; Mark Hatcher's has arthritis along his spine and several bulging discs; Mary Whittington's husband Tom is having health issues and is home now; Gayla Fudge Graham has an Olfactory Neuroblastoma tumor behind her left eye and is awaiting biopsy results; Jim Mears; Lori Brewer; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Jackie Coop; Mary Thompson; Geneane McQuire's son Bobby; Parker Bybee; Steve Higginbotham; Wayne Davis has COVID & is in hospital in BG; prayers for everyone affected by the virus which has increased lately; prayers that the vaccines will be successful; our nation and new leaders taking office; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Ray Green recovering from by-pass surgery; Seaborn Elzey; family of Roger Atwell

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass  
House To House/Heart To Heart mailing

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Winter Quarter on the theme: "Genesis" - Part 2 Our lesson this morning lesson 6: "Jacob At Bethel A gain" Gen. 35:1-13 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

### WED. NIGHT CLASS

Wayne taught the class on Wed. night in Billy Bybee's absence. We studied the 3rd chapter of Hebrews

### TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wlocoline.com 8:30-8:45 a.m. *Words of Truth* - Billy Bybee 8:45-9:00 a.m. *Truth In Love* - Wayne Hatcher

**GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network)** may be seen on Ch. 113 locally on SCRTC cable 24/7 Check them out on GBN's Facebook page, videos on GBN's YouTube, GBN Mobile App, Roku, Apple TV, Online Streaming, Dish Network, DirecTV and GBN podcasting on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Google Podcasts

### PREACHING THIS MORNING

Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to preach this Sunday at our 11:00 worship hour on "Are You Seeking After the Lord" Isaiah 55:6f; Acts 17:27 You are invited to be present and worship with us.

### COMMODITIES OUTREACH

We appreciate your good cooperation in donating the items that Potter Children's Home requested of us. Rex Wallace met their truck for pickup Tuesday morning. Thanks!!!

### CONGRATULATIONS

Lyndsey Sweet and Zachary Caudel were married in a beautiful ceremony Sat. Jan. 2, 2021. Lyndsey is the granddaughter of our Phillip & Renee Perkins. We certainly wish them a happy and successful life together. We pray God's blessings be upon them.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What son of king Saul was David's good friend?

The answer to our question last week: The prophet Isaiah, particularly ch. 53

## New Year Predictions That Will Come True

by Bill Brandstatter

It's time again to reflect. We are all reflecting on 2020 and hoping for much better in 2021. With the distribution of a COVID 19 vaccine, hopefully, there will be some degree of normalcy restored in 2021. Christmas is over and the New Year is here. We will hear a lot of reflections about 2020 in the coming weeks. Already, I have heard about movie or television stars we have lost in the past year. I am sure that in coming weeks there will be lists of the best and the worst of the past year. I would like to make some predictions for the New Year. These predictions are based on the ever-changing cycles of events. All these will come true at some point this new year.

There will be a lot of births and deaths in 2021. Solomon wrote about this and stated that there is ... "a time to be born and a time to die..." in Eccl. 3:2. One estimate is that there are 255 babies born every minute in our world. They, of course, will all be beautiful babies. Likewise, there will be people who die in 2021. This is something that has happened from the dawn of time. We don't know the day or hour of our death; but all of us will one day die. (Heb. 9:27) The time for many will come in the New Year. If we are prepared, we need not fear death; but remember that it is like sleep and we wake up in another place (Jn. 11:11-15).

Change will come in the New Year. Just the fact that it is a new year means change. We will be another year older. There will be changes in our government. We will apparently have a new President and Vice Presi-

dent. We might change jobs or locations. We might decide to retire. Everyone will face some change in life. The only thing certain about life is that change will come. Christians look for that change that will be out of this world. (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

There will be weather-related problems before 2021 is over. So far during our winter season we have felt the brunt of cold weather. Some areas have experienced snow and bad travel conditions. The Psalms record for us that "He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes" (Psa. 147:16). Some areas of our country and the world will get snowfall in 2021. When they do, we are reminded that even though our sins are as scarlet, they can be white as snow. (Isa. 1:18) God can wash away our sins and make us pure and white as snow.

God will still love us in 2021. God loves the world. He wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). Unfortunately, not all the world loves God. Let us think back on 2020 and the ways in which God showed His love for us. Even in the midst of the pandemic, God was there. Let us remember the ways He blessed us and the ways He continues to do so. Let us remember the words of the Hebrews writer, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5).

He sent His Son to die for us. All that obey His son will have a hope of seeing God one day. Let's be faithful to Him and we'll receive a crown (Rev. 2:10). We will then be ready for whatever the New Year brings.

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*"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."*

- Jesus in Matthew 24:35