

## 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

## Wait For It

by Ron Albright

Waiting is one of the most challenging things to do. We wait for the lab report from the last doctor's visit. We wait in line at a toll booth while traveling on the interstate. We wait till the pharmacist fills our prescription for medication. We wait to check out at the grocery store. Things move fast in our world and we do not want to wait for anything. We want it all instantly!

Yet we know that some things just take more time and cannot be rushed. If you plant seed in the garden, it takes time to grow into a plant. It takes time to get that refund check from the IRS. Now, here is something else we must wait for - we wait on God.

The Greek word for "wait" in the New Testament is often translated "patience" or "confidence." For instance, 2 Thessalonians 3:5 - "Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ" (NKJV). Here this verse is describing the steadfastness or endurance of Jesus as he faced great trials.

So, we must have patience like Jesus. We grow in our trust of Him and His will for our life. As we grow, we become more assured of our faith. Our confidence in God and His Son and their ability to care for us is demonstrated by our willingness to be patient and trust in the promises of God. Our waiting is an opportunity to build our faith.

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*Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:3-4*

See also James 5:7-11 WH



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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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## Why We Need Each Other

The sole business of the church is souls. The church is souls in love with God and one another. The church is souls weeping and rejoicing together, laughing and praying together, eating and singing together. The church is souls looking upward, in praise, inward in penitence, outward in practice, and forward in promise. The church is hearts knit together whose spirits share together. The heart of the church is the heart of life.

The word "church" in the Greek New Testament literally means "assembly" which indicated "community and brotherhood." The church must live up to its name by its practice. The church does not exist to beautify the neighborhood, but to personify brotherhood. The church is not a physical building of brick or wood, but a spiritual house of men and women in fellowship with God and one another.

The huge redwood trees of California amaze mankind. They are the largest living things on earth and the tallest trees in the world. Some of them are 300 feet high and over 2,500 years old. One would think that a tree so large must have a tremendous root system that reaches down hundreds of feet into the earth. But not so! The redwoods have a very shallow root system. If one was to get down on his knees and examine the redwoods root system he would find that all the roots intertwine. They are locked to each other. When the storms come, the winds blow, and the lightening flashes, the redwoods still stand. They are not alone, for all the trees support and protect each other. Each tree is important to all the other trees in the grove. This vivid illustration should teach us the necessity of meaningful involvement with each other.

The church is souls in fellowship. Without Christ, the church is nothing, and without fellowship, the church is useless. By our love, we must show the world what a difference Jesus makes!  
- Calvin Warpula

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Lois Edwards; Becky Hatcher is now in the Medical Center at Caverna Rm 114, her back pain has flared up again; Billy Bybee recovering from COVID-19; Mary Whittington fell at home and broke her ankle and femur. Surgery went well on Mon. for repairs; Mark Hatcher having treatments on his back; Lori Brewer looks to have back surgery before long; Jim Mears (glad he was at worship last Sun.); Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore; Tom Whittington; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Steve Higginbotham; Lisa Schuler's dad, Vincent Ward had quadruple by-pass surgery Wed. in Nashville; Gayla Graham as she undergoes radiation/chemo treatments for the tumor behind her eye; prayers for everyone affected by the virus which has increased lately; prayers for Dan Winkler gospel preacher in Springhill, TN as he had surgery for stage 2 colon cancer; prayers that the vaccines will be successful for COVID; our nation and new leaders taking office; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; sympathy to the family of Kerry McDaniel who passed away Thursday

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

### HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

### 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 10: "Joseph and His Brothers" Gen. 45:1-24 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher. Our Spring Quarter beginning in March will be "The Thessalonian Letters"

### 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

### NEW TV PROGRAM

The Lehman Ave. church of Christ launched a new program on WNKY (NBC 40) on Sunday mornings at 10:30 called "Light of the World" with pulpit minister Neal Pollard

### ELDERS DEACONS MINISTERS MEETING

This afternoon at 3:00 here at the building

### WEDDING SHOWER

On January 2, 2021 Zackary Caudel and Lindsey Sweet were united in marriage. Lindsey is the daughter of Greg and Laura Sweet and the granddaughter of Phillip and Renee Perkins.

Due to the pandemic, normal wedding showers are not possible. In lieu of a shower, money is being collected as a gift to the couple to help with the remodeling of his grandparent's house in which they intend to live.

If you would like to participate, please give your money gift to one of the elder's wives before February 13, 2021.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who led an army of 300 men equipped with torches, empty pitchers and trumpets?

The answer to our question last week: Simon Peter and Andrew Matt. 4:19

## Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All!

by Edd Sterchi

Many decades ago, on a Sunday morning, I was in a 15 passenger van with a member of the local congregation picking up kids to bring them to Bible study. I remember it as if it were yesterday. The van was packed to the gills with children, and my job was crowd control. It must have been a full moon the night before and/or the kids must have had extra sugar in their cereal that morning, for they were rowdy and getting out of hand. As a fairly young and somewhat inexperienced Christian, I was doing the best I could, but was losing the battle. Luther, who was driving the van and was a song leader as well as a deacon, turned to his vast repertoire of songs and said to me with a big smile on his face, "Remember Edd, heaven will surely be worth it all."

I have taken the lesson learned that day with me all of my Christian life. There have been many times when things weren't going my way and I would harken back to that day and those words: "Heaven will surely be worth it all."

When you have to deal with that difficult person again, remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all." When you have that task to do that brings dread, remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all." When that temptation comes that is difficult to deal with, remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all." When hard times hit and hope seems far away, remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all." When you want to give up, give in, or give out,

don't! Just remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all."

Take a few moments and read 1 Peter 1:3-9 very carefully. Let it soak in deeply. Let it give you the strength to keep you going no matter what happens. Trials? Troubles? Tribulations? Turmoil? Hang in there, Christian – and even smile! You can make it through it, and remember: **Heaven will surely be worth it all!**

*"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless" (2 Peter 2:13-14)*

[I agree - great article!! W. Oliver Cooper wrote the words to the song Luther referred to "Heaven will surely be worth it all" had great insight. WH]

### SAFETY AT OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Safety has been a topic at many of our monthly elders/deacons meetings for the past year.

Certain security equipment has been purchased and a safety team has been assembled to be of assistance while we worship at the building. Safety procedures are in place and include watching the parking areas while we are inside.

We have also purchased an AED and an extensive first-aid kit for medical needs. Three members with medical training (Scott, Renee, Connie) have agreed to be our medical team in charge of any medical emergency while we are at the building.

THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE IN VARIOUS WAYS