

## 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

## Finding the Way

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who intend to travel towards Heaven. There is only one Way (John 14:6). It may be learned only from one source. Let us be persistent and faithful as we read.

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## Our Declaration of Independence

by Edd Sterchi

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the United States Declaration of Independence. This declared the original 13 colonies' freedom from the oppressive rule of England. We celebrate this emancipation as a nation every year on July 4 - and well we should. We live in the freest, greatest, most abundant land of opportunity in the history of the earth.

Do you realize that Paul made a "declaration of independence" in one of the New Testament books that he wrote? We can find it in the book of Romans.

Here is my synopsis of it:

- Christ Has Made Us Free from the Letter of the Law (Romans 7:1-6)
- Christ Has Made Us Free from the Frustrations of the Flesh (Romans 7:7-25)
- Christ Has Made Us Free from the Curse of Condemnation (Romans 8:1-11)

Let us daily celebrate the Christian's declaration of independence!

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You Are Invited To Our  
5<sup>th</sup> Summer Series in July  
and August

## "My Favorite Sermon"

July 6 **Marty Edwards** "My Favorite Lesser Known Passages of the Bible"

July 13 **Allen Jones** "Jesus, My Lawyer"

July 20 **Danny McCain** "Heaven, Rest for the Faithful" Heb. 4:1-11

July 27 **Edd Sterchi** "What the Gospel Will Do"

Aug 3 **Craig Waddell** "Be Sure to Eat a Balanced Diet for Your Spiritual Health"

Aug 10 **Neal Pollard** "God Eternal Plan of Salvation"

Aug 17 **Bart Warren** "United With Him (from Romans 6)"

Aug 24 **Robbie Fudge** "Four Reasons To Be Faithful"

Aug 31 **John Board** "Mechanical Instrumental Music"

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Billy Bybee's back surgery on Tuesday; Becky Hatcher at home. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Sue Bunnell; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer; Agnes Seaton; Margie Gentry at home; Mark Hatcher; Mike Thompson; Joyce Dye; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda has a brain tumor; Laura Brooks at her daughters; Brenda Jagers; Becky Bush; Carolyn Russell recuperating from a broken arm; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; Malon Schuler's mom Ann Schuler home under Hospice Care; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Tom Whittington; Don Waddell taking treatments for cancer; Chad Davis treatments for colon cancer; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Helen Edwards, former member here and the sister-in-law of Janice & Billy Bybee; Frances Davidson at home after surgery; Robin Wallace's brother Ronnie Smith is to have a 2nd back surgery; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); Dane Petett Stinson family & friends of Ronnie Cobb

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

### HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 6th lesson in our Summer Quarter. Today's topic: *"The Idols of Babylon"* Isaiah 46:1-7; 47:1-11 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne Hatcher will be preaching this morning at 11 am: *"Jesus: The Lamb of*

*God"* and Mike Brooks at 5 pm. We help support Mike & Brenda in the missionary work in Nepal and Bangladesh.

### REMINDER: SUMMER SERIES

Begins this Wed. evening at 6:00. Let have a good show of interest and support.

### COIN CANS FOR POTTER CHILDRENS HOME

If you have a coin can, please return them as they will be here next week to collect them.

### TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: [wloconline.com](http://wloconline.com)

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee

8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

**NOTE: LADIES BIBLE CLASS** will meet on Tues July 5 at 5:30 instead of July 4th.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

In which letter did Paul describe the return of Jesus as a *"blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ"* ?

Answer to our last question:

God through the prophet Nathan 2 Sam. 12:24-25

## Finding the Way

by Michael Brooks

*"And consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation – as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures" (2 Peter 3:15-16 NKJV).*

I enjoy maps. I am not much of a GPS person. Electronic navigation tools may be fine for young folks who cut their

teeth on computer games, but I like a good old paper map. Part of that is simply familiarity based on long time use. However a lot of it is that I enjoy the visualization of a good map. I can judge distance, gain perspectives, and get a feel for an area that I just don't derive from hearing "Tom" talk me through the turns.

I realized long ago, however, that many people don't use maps well. I have frequently asked preachers from Nepal or Bangladesh to locate their home area for me on a map. Most of the time they squint, look all over the sheet, and seem confused. Sometimes they place their area far away from where it actually is. In most cases this is the result of lack of familiarity with maps in general. Once they have been instructed as to how to interpret its symbols, they become much more proficient.

Reading the Bible is a learned art, just like reading a map. And it has been that way from the beginning of God's word. Peter comments on the difficulty of understanding Paul's epistles. If the inspired Peter had trouble, why are we so surprised that we do too? (I have always wondered if he was specifically referring to Romans).

At the beginning of the New Year, 2014, many have made a resolution to read the Bible daily. Some will persist, while others no doubt will be distracted and perhaps discouraged and let this practice fall by the wayside. One reason often expressed for giving up is the difficulty of understanding. Some thoughts at the beginning of the process might be helpful. (next column)

First, though there are certainly difficult passages to understand in Scripture, there is much that is clear and plain to virtually anyone who will read with concentration and an open mind. The Bible was written by a variety of individuals, some of whom were "uneducated and untrained" (Acts 4:13).

God's word was recorded in ordinary language of common people, not a special "heavenly tongue" nor in technical academic jargon. The subject matter of certain parts ensures a depth that requires more study. Other subjects, however, are simple enough for children.

Inexperienced readers should focus on simpler thoughts and ideas and reserve the obscure and difficult for later times, when they may be more capable of understanding.

Second, the Bible should be studied specifically. One does not normally open a map and attempt to memorize every road or town on it. Usually we focus upon a route or destination which we intend to use. A frequent traveler may eventually learn an entire state or region well, but it is not done in one trip or by one look at a map. Reading the Bible completely through will give us a general familiarity; in-depth study of doctrine should be attempted one subject or text at a time.

Finally, reading the Bible should be given greater importance than any map. A map contains essential data to the traveler seeking directions. The Bible's information is even more important. Consulting it is not optional for those con't on back page