

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

Who Will Guide You?

by Johnny Botts

Think about a boat on the river with no one in it just going with the waves; side to side, bank to bank, and not knowing where it will end up. It could end up stuck next to the bank with branches all around it and not able to move. It could end up at a waterfall going over and being broken into pieces. Without someone guiding the boat it has no hope.

That is how we are without God: no hope, no direction just walking around, just like that boat that no one is guiding. Jesus came to guide us and save the lost (Luke 19:10). God loves us and he doesn't want us to be like that boat (John 3:16). He is coming back and he wants us all to be saved. We need to be going in the right direction toward heaven, because tomorrow might be too late.

Don't let the devil get you caught up in the world. The devil is like a roaring lion that walks about seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). Don't be in that boat that no one is guiding and go over the falls. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).

Let Jesus be your guide!

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Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou are mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more. - Hymn by Wm. Williams



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You Are Invited To Our
5th 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 had his back surgery Tuesday in BG, and is home; Mike Thompson had gall bladder surgery Wed. in BG and is home; Becky Hatcher at home. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Sue Bunnell; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer; Agnes Seaton; Margie Gentry at home; Mark Hatcher; Joyce Dye; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda has a brain tumor; Laura Brooks at her daughters; Brenda Jagers; Becky Bush having tests; 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); Zona Hogan (Genie & Marilyn Hogan's sister-in-law) 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); Braylen Carter fell off a sports vehicle in a parade and cut a gash on back of his head and a concussion (Sonny & Joyce Dye's grandson); Dane Petett Stinson in Nashville hospital

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 Future Is Open to God"* Isaiah 49:1-23 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne Hatcher will be preaching this morning at 11 am: *"Worthy Is the Lamb"* Rev. 5 and at 5 pm Series in I John: *"What Not To Love"* I John 2:12-17

It was great seeing Mike & Brenda Brooks last Sunday evening. We help support them in the missionary work in Nepal and Bangladesh.

REMINDER: SUMMER SERIES

Is underway on Wed. evenings at 6:00. Let have a good show of interest and support.

Wayne will be speaking this Wed. night at the Center church of Christ in their Summer Series.

COIN CANS FOR POTTER CHILDRENS HOME

FINAL CALL: If you have a coin can, please return it today as they will be here Tuesday 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

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

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

SUMMER GOSPEL MEETING

July 10-13 at E-town Church of Christ with Jim Dearman (Host of Good News Today) See flyer on bulletin board

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who tried to persuade Balaam to put a curse upon the Israelites?

Answer to our last question:

Titus 2:13

Seeing As God Sees

by Joe Chesser

If you look very carefully, I'm sure you can see it. For some it will be more difficult than for others, but anyone who really tries can see it. For example, pick up a flower and look closely at the details. What do you see – petals and stems; intricate design; vivid colors? Sure, but what else do you see? Look closely at the night sky. What do you see – twinkling lights, stars, patterns? Sure, but what else do you see? And look closely into the face of a child. What do you see – innocence, purity, the future? Certainly, but what else do you see?

This world our God has created for us to enjoy is filled with marvelous things to see – gently flowing rivers, white-capped mountains, lush forests, amazing wildlife, and even in its own way, beautiful deserts. After creating what we can see around us, and even much more which we cannot possibly see, God looked at all His creation and said, *"it was very good"* (Genesis 1:31). I'd have to agree, wouldn't you? Who doesn't enjoy just looking at sunsets and stars and seas?

As beautiful as these things are in their own right, however, when we learn to see as God sees, the importance of all this natural beauty begins to fade into the background. In the flower you can see more than natural beauty, you can see a God who cares about beauty and delicacy. In the night sky you can see more than innumerable stars, you can see a God who has no limit to His vision and power and control. In a child you can see

more than God's greatest creation, you can see the very likeness of God Himself. In these common, everyday things that most people just take for granted, we can see minds can be opened to see "his eternal power and divine nature" (Romans 1:20).

The same principle is applicable to spiritual things. When some look at faith, what they see is a "step" in God's plan of salvation, or one result of reading the Bible (Mark 16:16, Romans 10:17). When some think of baptism, they may only see another "step" in becoming a Christian (Acts 2:38-41). Or some may only see prayer as an "item" of worship or as a means of getting help (Acts 2:42, Matthew 6:11). While all of these are true and beautiful within themselves, when a Christian grows to the point of understanding these things more from the perspective of God, they become much more valuable. No longer are they just a means to an end or a command to be obeyed; now, they are depictions of a lifestyle patterned after God. Faith describes how Christians are to live day by day (2 Cor. 5:7), a life focused on God and dependent on Him for guidance (and not ourselves). Baptism is not only the means of contacting the blood of Jesus for salvation (Rom. 6:3-4), it is also a reminder of a new birth that is committed to a lifetime of dying to self and depending on the blood of Jesus every day (John 3:5, Luke 9:23, 1 John 1:7). And prayer is not just something Christians should do once in a while, but is actually a lifetime of continuous communication with God (1 Thess. 5:17). Seeing as God sees opens our minds to so much more than we can possibly imagine (Ephesians 3:20-21).