

## 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

## con't ...When God Feels Distant

blessings for you and for the church.

Relationships require effort and God is no exception. Even before you feel like doing it, just keep doing it, and eventually you will feel like being there. Here is a truth that is often hard for us to learn: feelings follow actions, not the other way around. In the same way that you exercise even before you feel like doing it, spending time with the Lord and His people will eventually feel good if you keep doing it. Just because you don't feel like doing something doesn't mean you will not.

So, if you're feeling distant from the Lord, just keep going, keep focusing on his great works, keep praying, and make sure you keep going to the church services. Eventually, with persistence, you will reap the benefits that He has in store for you.

## What Jesus Offers

On January 6, 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed Congress about the state of the war in Europe. As he closed, he said that he looked forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms:

- ◆ Freedom of speech
- ◆ Freedom of worship •
- ◆ Freedom from want •
- ◆ Freedom from fear.

Upon consideration, is not this what Jesus offers? He says we can come boldly to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16); we are priests in God's temple, offering up spiritual sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5, 9); He promises to care for us (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19); He fills us with courage (Matthew 10:18-20). — Allen Webster



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## The Teacher

Jesus was an unusual teacher. On one occasion, the Pharisees stirred up the chief priests to send officers to arrest Jesus. The officers came back without Him. When asked why, they said, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" (John 7:45-46).

When He spoke, people listened, "for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matthew 7:29). His teaching is perfectly pure, without any component of error (John 1:17; 8:32; 14:15).

The magnificent teachings of this humble carpenter from Galilee also lift Jesus into a category by Himself. Consider His standard of "Love your enemies" or "Pray for those who spitefully use you" or "Give, and it will be given to you" (Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:38).

This world would be a far better place if everyone followed the teachings of the Nazarene.

- Author Unknown

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher is now taking weekly her hemoglobin is low, taking shots to build it up, Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Sue Bunnell is taking treatments for a small tumor on her pancreas, she also has lost the use of her right leg; Rex Wallace seems to be doing better; Genie & Marilyn Hogan at home; Fran Mears; Jackie Coop; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Dennis Hatcher; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda with a brain tumor; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; We are thankful that Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) has now been accepted on the donor list for a liver transplant; Don Waddell; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy's future treatments; Zona Hogan (Genie & Marilyn Hogan's sister-in-law); Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Bradley Bogue having treatments for lung cancer; our local schools, students & staff; John Carter has been moved to Signature Health Care for physical therapy

### SYMPATHY

to Mary Wittington whose husband Tom passed away Nov. 21 and to his daughter Candice (John) Eastridge and grandchildren Allison and Emily and his two brothers, Tim & James. His funeral was yesterday at Winn Funeral Home with Wayne officiating.

to the family of Kathy Horton who passed away on Nov 24. She and her late husband James were former members here at HC. Her funeral will be tomorrow at 2:00 at Sego Funeral Home in Munfordville with burial in the Cave City Cemetery. Wayne will be officiating.

### 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 Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

### NHC Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

### SHANTI NIKETAN HOSPICE HOME Glasgow

Ann Schuler

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are studying the book of Ephesians. Today is the last lesson. *"The Whole Armor of God"* Eph. 6:1-20 Wayne continues to serve as teacher. Our Winter Quarter is set to begin next Sunday on the theme *"One Book-Chapters"*

### PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace will be preaching at 11 am and 5 pm today.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00

This Wed. we resume our study of the book of *James*. Darrell Wallace will serve as the teacher.

### OUR RADIO PROGRAM

As I noted last week, we will be sponsoring *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* to be heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with Phil Sanders. Prayer for this work in sowing the seed of the gospel of Christ.

### RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

*"Light of the World"* Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed on SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am

*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

GBN seen on our local SCRTC cable on 113

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which OT prophet earned a living as a herdsman and a fruit gatherer?

Answer to our last question:

the goats (Matt. 25:33)

### HEATHER SENG FUNDRAISER DEC. 3

Lisa Schuler and family are hosting a fund raiser for her daughter at the Thomas House 111 East Main St. Horse Cave on Dec. 3 from 4-8:00. Heather has to have a liver transplant. Various activities are planned. Taco soup, chili, hot dogs will be available. A silent auction if they get donations. There is also a Fund Me account. See Lisa Schuler for details. Also check on Facebook.

### POTTER CHILDREN'S COMMODITIES

Another one of our efforts is helping with the ministry at Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries. We have been asked to donate any of these pantry items:

augraten potato mix ketchup olive oil frosted flakes cereal ritz crackers

If you had rather donate by check or cash, that is also appreciated.

They plan to be here the week of January 8, 2023 to pick up our donations

## When God Feels Distant

by Jeff Arnette

We've all been there at some point in our journey. One day everything is great and the next, we find ourselves feeling lost and distant from God. There can be many reasons for feeling like this but most often, it is a result of some struggle we are facing in life. Sometimes it isn't that God has moved away from us but that we've moved away from Him and sometimes it is simply a matter of how we're feeling in the midst of the struggle. No matter the reason or if the distance is real we should all want to be closer to the Lord. Feeling closer to the

Lord gives us comfort when life gets crazy, when we're struggling with some sin in our life, or when we simply need more strength.

Asaph, in Psalm 77, gives us some insight into prayer and needing to be closer to the Lord. He cries out to the Lord and He listens to him. Asaph knew that the only way to get through the trouble he was dealing with was to get closer to the Lord.

First, we learn from Asaph that when God feels distant we should remember all the good things God has done for us. We need to consider all the things God had done for us and for His people. By remembering God's gracious acts it gets us to stop focusing on ourselves and start focusing on Him.

Secondly, we learn from Asaph the importance of spending time in God's house with the people of God. He knew that the best way to feel closer to the Lord was to get closer to the people of God.

Time spent in worship and assembling with His people will draw us closer to each other and to our God. It is in the services of the church that we learn, remember his gracious acts, and grow through study with others. If you are feeling distant from the Lord just remember that he will always be near his people and his people will always be together especially on Sundays & Wednesdays. Make sure you're there every time the doors are open and it will be a great  
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