## **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: | Peter 3:21 Be faithful, committed, walk in light -Revelation 2:10: John 1:7-10

yardstick in the world is found in London. It is reported that experts spent ten years of patient work in bringing it to as near perfection as possible. It is made of platinum and iridium, and was designed as the standard yard length to be used by the British government. It is examined every fourteen years, and if it is found to vary as much as a millionth of an inch, then it will be rejected.

A Perfect Standard

I have heard that the most perfect

This is interesting, but stop and think that the standard which God has given us is even more perfect. It never varies in any degree. The standards of men are not so. They are always being revised, changed, and altered. This very fact testifies to their imperfection. The Bible is the perfect standard to guide our lives—religiously and morally. If a man were to abide by its precepts in religion, then he could not be wrong. If he would apply the principles of a good life found in it to his everyday existence, then he would find a better life.

The psalmist said, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Psalm 19:7). We cannot improve upon it. This is because its author is the essence of perfection Himself. In Him is no "variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17). The nature of God and Christ does not change. The Hebrews writer testifies to this: "Jesus Christ is the same yes*terday, today, and forever."* (Hebrews 13:8)

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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.

We gladly welcome you to our congrega-

tion, trusting that - if you are seeking

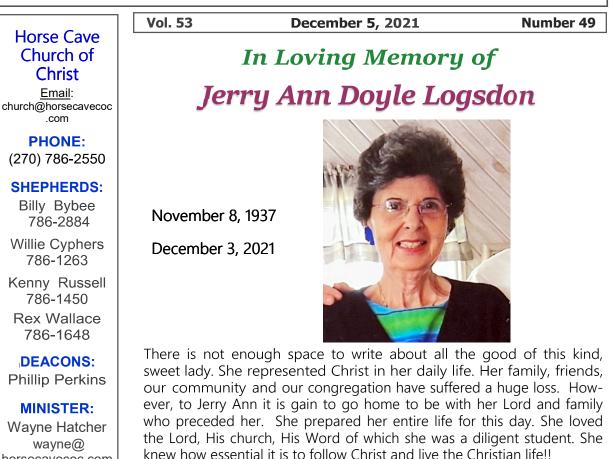
Christ you will find Him here, if sorrowing

you will receive comfort and strength here,

if troubled in spirit you will gain the bless-

ing of peace here, if discouraged you will

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She and her husband Buddy were married for 58 years when he passed away in March of 2010. She is survived by two children, Tommy (Lisa) Logsdon and Trena Logsdon Burchett (Donnie), four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. The loss of this wonderful lady from our midst will be forever felt. We have yet another reason to desire to go to heaven - to be together with all the redeemed of the ages. Wayne

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# NEWS & NOTES...

#### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Billy Bybee came home from St. Thomas Hospital last Sunday afternoon and is getting stronger each day; Janice Sue Bybee is recuperating at home from knee surgery; Becky Hatcher had her 2nd ablation Wed. on her lower back. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Laura Brooks is staying with her daughter Rhonda and family since leaving the hospital. Also her grandson Jake Quenzer had his 4th brain surgery Thurs. and is doing well; Sue Bunnell; Joyce Dye still dealing with serious back pain as the 2nd nerve block did not help; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Lisa Schuler's ankle has made improvements; Willie Cyphers has been battling bronchitis lately; Lori Brewer; Brenda Jaggers; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Sara Brooks; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby; Steve Higginbotham; Christians in Afghanistan whose lives are in danger; health care workers; staffs in our school districts; first responders

Friends in our community: Seaborn Ellzey; Jerry Cherry; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt

#### 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 in Glasgow Ruth Bradford

#### SERVICES FOR JERRY ANN LOGSDON

will be today at 1:00 in the chapel of Winn Funeral Home. Wayne will be officiating her service. She will be buried in Cave City.

# SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 1st lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: "*Eighth-Century Judah*" 2 Kings 17:7-17 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

We continue our study of Hebrews. Darrell Wallace did a great job last week covering Heb. 10:26-31.

Wayne is scheduled to be the teacher this Wed. evening at 6:00

#### 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

#### **PREACHING TODAY**

Wayne will be preaching today. at 11 am: "God Is Eternal and Everlasting" and 5 pm

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

tomorrow evening at 5:30 in the Annex

#### GOSPEL MEETING

Dec. 5-7 at Coral Hill Church of Christ "The Cross of Christ" I Cor. 1:23 Guest Speaker: Josh Allen Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Monday & Tuesday 7 pm

# POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

They need our help again by donating any of the following commodities:

liquid laundry detergent toothpaste Pledge furniture cleaner mini wheat cereal pink lemonade mix

#### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many people are we told that Jesus personally raised from the dead? Answer to our question last week: Moses Exodus 4:6

# You Don't Have To Go To Church

### by Bill Brandstatter

For the second time this year, I had someone expressed the above sentiment to me. The first time I heard this I was talking to a family whose loved one had just a few hours to live. We talked and had prayer together. Someone said, "You don't have to go to church to be saved." Then, recently I was talking to a person whose brother had had a stroke. He told me about the stroke and the recovery. He said their faith helped get them through. He indicated to me they didn't "go to church" anywhere. He said they didn't because some churches were just too political, and then changed the subject.

In thinking about this, there are two things to be considered. First, what connection does our faith have to attending church services? Secondly, what is the importance of the church that my faith would cause me to attend worship?

Faith tells me about the church. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10:17). So, as I read the Bible, I learn about God's plan for the church. He had it planned before time began (Eph. 3:10, 11). Jesus shed his blood for the church (Acts 20:28). Jesus stated it was His church (Mt. 16:18). He is the head of it (Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18). God has provided a way by which we can be added to the church (Acts 2:47). Any faith I have in God, Christ, or the Word of God should cause me to see the importance of the church and my attendance at each gathering of the saints.

Faith helps me to enter the church. I must have faith in God in order to please Him (Heb. 11:6). My belief in God and Christ causes me to want to obey the gospel and be baptized for my sins to be forgiven. Jesus said, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. He who does not believe shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). On the Day of Pentecost in Acts chapter two, believing Jews obeyed the gospel message (Acts 2:38,41). Those who were saved were added to the church by the Lord (Acts 2:47). Without my faith I cannot enter the church and take an active part.

Faith sustains me in the church. I need church members to help me on my Christian walk. The writer of Hebrews states: "Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:24, 25) We sometimes miss the import of verse 24 of this text. Part of the purpose of assembling is to consider one another to stir up love and good works. Assembling helps to sustain my faith and keep me going in the Christian walk.

Without faith, I would not know about the church, I couldn't enter it, and it wouldn't help me. With the church and assembling with the saints, I get a tremendous blessing and will be pleasing to God as I attend church services and worship with other Christians. I need the church and the church needs me.

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