

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; I Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

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independence; others think they are self-sufficient (Revelation 3:17). Nothing could be further from the truth! We are insufficient (James 4:10) and are desperate for God's help. *"The Lord shall help them . . . because they trust in him"* (Psalm 37:40).

For Everything. *"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass"* (Psalm 37:5). Every good and perfect gift comes from the heavenly Father (James 1:17). It is easy for us to think that everything we attain is solely through our own efforts, but that is not so, for in God we live and move and have our very being (Acts 17:28).

With Everything. *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"* (Matthew 6:21). Some people cling to possessions or pride as though they were going to have them forever. To the faithful child of God, the Father must come first (Matthew 6:33; Luke 14:25-33).

Through Everything. *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory"* (2 Corinthians 4:17). We must trust God even in the midst of trials, for although we may not understand the purpose of those difficulties, He will get us through them. *"The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate"* (Psalm 34:22). May we truly be able to say, "In God we trust!"

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." Proverbs 3:5

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Today is the last Sunday in this year. We would be happy to have you worship with us today.
- Wayne



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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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New Year's Resolutions

by Aaron Veyon

"I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your laws" (Psalm 119:30).

The term "resolution" (as we often think of it basically means "firm determination to take a course of action." With each new year people all around the nation make their new year's resolutions. With some it is to quit smoking; with others it's to go on a diet or to get more exercise (etc.). Though intentions are usually very good, for many it seems that their determination loses steam in just a short while.

The same kind of frustration can be seen in our spiritual lives. It's not good enough to just talk the talk, we must also walk the walk. There is little good in making noble plans if we will not put those plans into action and see them through.

God (our most perfect example) says of Himself, "...Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it" (Isaiah 46:11). Let's all follow God's example. And let us not only resolve to do the Lord's will, let us actually do it.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Billy and Janice Sue Bybee are recuperating at home; Becky Hatcher has not felt well lately. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter Rhonda and family; Sue Bunnell; Joyce Dye still dealing with serious back pain; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Doris Wallacae has a meniscus tear in her knee; Lisa Schuler's ankle is improved; Lori Brewer; Fran Mears; Brenda Jagers; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Chad Davis as he undergoes treatments for colon cancer; Sara Brooks; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby; Bobby Pedigo; Steve Higginbotham; the Christians in Afghanistan whose lives are in danger; health care workers; staffs in our school districts; first responders; all the victims from the recent storm

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt; Chris Houk is recuperating at Signature Health Care

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

THANK YOU CARD

To the Horse Cave Church of Christ and Ladies Bible Class. We would like to express our appreciation for the kindness you have shown to us during our illness for the cards, calls, gift cards and the beautiful flowers,

and most of all your prayers.

Love and Prayers, Bill & Janice

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 4th lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: "Let 'The House of the Lord'" Isaiah 2:1-22 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace will be preaching today at 11 am: "The Birth of Christ - What Really Happened and When?" and at 5 pm We welcome Darrell & Robin back after their family spent last week at Disney World. Thankful for their safe flights.

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

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

They will be here the week of Jan. 9th

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who were the first people recorded in the Bible as having lived in a cave?

Answer to our question last week:

Lebanon I Kings 5:8-9

BABY SHOWER INVITATION

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Ryan and Samantha Richardson Sat., Jan. 8th 2:00-4:00 pm at Macedonia United Baptist Church Hosted by Stephanie Richardson and Amanda Brooks Registered at Amazon and Walmart

Godly Men Make Resolutions

by Dan Jenkins

It's that time of year when people make resolutions, only to see them fade away in the days which follow. This does not mean that all resolutions are worthless, but when it comes to our resolve in spiritual matters, we should take this seriously. The wisest man, Solomon, said, "When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for He has no pleasures in fools. Pay what you have vowed— better not to vow than to vow and not pay" (Eccl. 5:4-5). Look at the resolve of three godly men in the Bible.

Personal resolutions. Who would have ever seen Saul of Tarsus, who became the great apostle Paul, as a prospect for conversion? Who would have ever seen him as the author of half of the New Testament books? Yet, God does not see as man sees, for man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart (1 Sam. 16:7). What was it that God saw that others could not see? Perhaps the answer is found in a resolution Paul made early in his life. He said, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward man" (Acts 24:16). What a noble resolution the apostle made. Is this one I should make?

Family resolutions. Every godly parent is concerned about the spiritual welfare of every member of the family. Look at the resolution one godly father made. The Jews had entered the land God promised He would give to them. Joshua had successfully led the nation and the land had been taken. He called Israel together and challenged them to make a life changing decision about the future of the new nation. Joshua presented two

choices before them. They could worship the idols in the land they had taken or they could choose to serve God. He then expressed his resolution about his family. "Fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth. . . choose you this day whom you will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:14-15). Is this resolution one I should make for my family?

Broken resolutions. What do you do when you have made promises to God and have failed to live up to them. There was that disciple who expressed his resolve to the Lord when he said, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You" (Matt. 26:35). Yet, he did deny him. His resolution did not become reality. Fortunately, this is not the end of the story. Less than two months after uttering these words and then cursing and swearing that he did not even know Jesus, he stood before the Jewish nation and preached on Pentecost. What a great story! Think about it. Are there promises I need to make to the Lord. Even if I have failed before, He can still use me!

Trust the Lord

by Mike Vestal

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5). The pressures and anxieties of life can lead us to trust worldly wisdom rather than in our all-knowing God. However, real peace and strength are only found when we place our confidence in Him (Psalm 32:10; 125:1). We should trust the Lord... In Everything. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6). Some revel in their

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