

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

The Pursuit of Happiness

by Edd Sterchi

When I lay my head at the end of the day
Having pursued self and selfish play
My mind is restless and preoccupied
And my heart's uneasy and ungratified.

When I rest my head at the end of the day
Having helped another push burdens away
My mind is content and satisfied
And my heart is happy and fortified.

So as we go about our busy day
Interacting with others along the way
It may seem strange, but take note of this gem
True happiness stems on what we do for them.

Victory In Jesus

by Rob Albright

Challenges and struggles affect all Christians during this journey we are on. Once a person becomes "in Christ" through baptism (Romans 6:1-4) the journey and walk with Jesus is just starting. If we are going to have "victory in Jesus," we must be in Jesus and continue to live faithfully to Him by living according to God's will.

Yes, there will be those temptations and cares of the world that challenges us and keep us away from Bible study and increasing our faith. We become weak and a target for Satan. So, we must be studious and grow stronger in our faith and be ready to handle those attacks from Satan (Hebrews 5:14; Hebrews 12:1-2).

Ultimate victory will come to the steadfast (1 Cor. 15:58). There is a reward. There is the crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:7-8). So, we must "keep on, keeping on."



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Dealing With Death and Grief

by Wayne Hatcher

This coming week will mark two months since the devastating loss of our 11 year-old granddaughter Becca. It has been one of the most painful experiences we have faced. In nearly 50 years of serving in the ministry, I have been around numerous folks, church and family members who have lost loved ones. I have seen death up close and personal. I have always tried to be sympathetic and caring during the times of death and conducting funerals. Death and grief are painful.

This last month, I have spent a lot of time reading scripture and books on grief. I have a greater appreciation and understanding of grief and how normal, natural and necessary it is. We are in a better position to help others as 2 Cor. 1:3-4 teaches. Death of a loved one turns our world upside down. A vital part of us is missing. As one writer said, we cannot not grieve. It is a part of how God created us. It's in our DNA. It seems obvious that we go through various stages of grief. No two people grieve exactly the same. We experience shock, emotions of every kind, depressed, lonely, distress, anger, guilt, and sometimes relief if a loved one has suffered a long time. Circumstances of how a loved one dies can also affect our sorrow and grief. It is not advisable to try and compare your grief with someone else. We need to show compassion, care and concern. Be a good listener. Seek help if you need it, do not feel ashamed. There is a lot of help available. Read God's Word, pray, read books written by people who are experienced in subject. Talk about your loss with someone who cares, it will help. Grief is not a one time event, but a gradual journey to find the peace and hope that will eventually come. *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:7

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We are thankful Sue Bunnell had a good report from her 8 month scan, no sign of cancer, no more chemo. Next scan in May. Lois Edwards still making progress. We expect to see her back to worship before long; Becky Hatcher still struggling due to four ruptured discs; Billy Bybee's back problems are located at L4, and due to spinal stenosis; Ken Russell's recovery from shoulder surgery seems to be going well; Mark Hatcher back and disc issues; Tom Whittington; Jim Mears; Lori Brewer; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Jackie Coop; Mary Thompson; Geneane McQuire's son Bobby; Parker Bybee; Steve Higginbotham; Wayne Davis has COVID & is in hospital in BG; Payton Atwell Embry, she and husband Lane are expecting their daughter, Laurel Austyn, any day. Due date is January 20; prayers for everyone affected by the virus which has increased lately; prayers that the vaccines will be successful; our nation and new leaders taking office; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Ray Green recovering from by-pass surgery; Seaborn Elzey

ADDRESS FOR GAYLA GRAHAM

The Olfactory Neuroblastoma tumor that Gayla Fudge Graham has is cancerous. Her oncologist sent her for a PET Scan and are prayerfully waiting for results. If you want to send her a card: Gayla Graham 8515 Pennsylvania Run Louisville, KY 40228

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Winter Quarter on the theme: "Genesis" - Part 2 Our lesson this morning lesson 7: "Joseph The Dreamer" Gen. 37:1-22 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

WED. NIGHT CLASS

Wayne taught the class this past Wed. night in Billy Bybee's absence. We studied Hebrews 4:1-13

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wlocoline.com 8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee 8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

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PREACHING THIS MORNING

Mike Thompson is scheduled to preach this Sunday at our 11:00 worship hour. You are invited to be present and worship with us.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

We recently have purchased a Defibrillator and other first aid emergency items that may be needed during services here at the building. These are located in the foyer. We hope they never will be needed, but it is good to know we have them just in case.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What two items did God tell Abraham that his offspring will be as numerous as?

The answer to our question last week:

Jonathan I Sam. 14:59; 18:1-4

Psalm 27 — A Message in Life

by Ron Thomas

1. Life is in need of Courage.

Some men prepare themselves for the battle ahead mustering up courage to engage. For some, try as they might, it does not come easy. The battle is engaged, they learn they had more within than they realized. Some Christians wonder about themselves when they face the enemy. Commitment to the Lord means they are better prepared than they realize.

2. Life is in need of Shelter.

The battle is over, the scars are impressed on the body and the mind. Lives are changed, sometimes not for the better. What to do? Stay within oneself, seeking only self-consolation. Better still, turn to the Lord, though one does not understand, there is understanding in the Lord. "O' that I may dwell in the house of the Lord forever." It is there that I find the only relief that is long lasting.

3. Life is a great Teacher.

The battle has been fought, the scars have made an impression, now how do I learn from these experiences to be a better person? So many appeal to the Lord, but after the Lord has spoken, the Lord is not heard. To be a better person, the Lord has to be THE teacher. There are experiences in life that are great teaching moments, but what about the teachings moments that take us from this life to the next? Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matt. 11:28-30, ASV).

4. Life's Exhortation.

You are prepared; you enjoy life and try to

be a person of joy to others around you. You have been taught by the Lord, so you try to teach others. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord (Psa. 27:14, KJV).

Two Roads

by Ed Witlif

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14 NASB).

Picture two gates opening onto two roads. One gate is wide and the road beyond is smooth, straight, and flat. There is a brightly-flashing neon sign above it beckoning, "Take Me! The Way is Easy and Pleasant."

The other gate is narrow, and the road beyond isn't paved. There are steep hills to climb with deep, dark valleys to go through. The plain sign above that gate reads, "Though the Way is Rough, the Destination is Worth the Effort."

Some who take the narrow path are beguiled by the brilliantly lit, wide, smooth road running alongside, so they switch roads. Others on the wide road learn of the destination to which the narrow road leads; they go back so that they can enter through the narrow gate.

The narrow gate (door) is Jesus (John 10:7), and He is the Way (John 14:6). Jesus doesn't promise a smooth way. He speaks of persecution, loss of family, and suffering. He does promise that He is with us all the Way and there will be joy, praise, and glory at the end.

The question is, which road are you traveling? Are you on the narrow way, or have you wandered onto the easier way? Make a course correction if needed. Then fix your eyes on Jesus and do not look away from your true Guide.