

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

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank the church for thinking of me thru the holidays. I have enjoyed the plant that Carolyn brought me. I love everyone there and hope to be able to return soon.

Thanks again, Jerry Ann Logsdon

I feel the need to say "thank you" again for all the prayers, calls, etc. and for the Christmas poinsettia. I'm still going to dr's, testings and dentist. I hope to be back among you soon.

As always, Lois Edwards

What A Book!

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, test the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully.

George Whitefield said, "God has condescended to become an author; and yet people will not read His writings. There are very few that ever gave this Book of God, the grand charter of salvation, one fair reading through."

—Author unknown



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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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The Family Name You Carry

by Ron Thomas

Ephesians 1:3-14 is one sentence in the Greek New Testament (as the New English Translation Bible study note tells us). Thus, trying to get a handle on understanding is not always easy. Through the years I have worked on trying to summarize Paul's point. I think I have something that may be helpful (I hope anyway). Paul wrote his letter to the saints (Christians) in Ephesus. He reminded them of their privileged status because of God's grace. Consequently, they are to remember this.

In summary, here is what they are to remember: Since all (1) spiritual blessings are in Christ, we are reminded by Paul that those who are in Christ (2) are chosen to be holy and blameless. This means that each Christian is to make a concerted effort to live after the pattern of Christ (Gal. 2:20). This does not allow us to "go to church" and be a part of the congregation and do whatever it is we want to do that is not patterned after Christ. There are way too many people who are Christian in name but not in the way they choose to live life (cf. Luke 6:46). Because we are in Christ and are chosen to be holy and blameless, the Lord (3) adopted us as His children, which brings responsibilities with the family name we carry. If a family member soils (desecrates) your family name, how do you respond to this? With resignation? The Lord doesn't. It was Peter who wrote, "...but like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16). Remember your name.



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; Lois Edwards (sure was good seeing her Wed. night for first time since her fall); Becky Hatcher at home still struggling due to four ruptured discs; Billy Bybee back problems (good to see him out Wed.); Mark Hatcher had shots in his back last week; Tom Whittington; Jim Mears; Lori Brewer; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore (it was good seeing him at worship last Sunday; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Steve Higginbotham; Lisa Schuler's dad, Vincent Ward will need to have by-pass surgery very soon; as of Sat. morning, Wayne Davis is still in the hospital in BG in critical condition with COVID; 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; Seaborn Elzey

REPORT ON GAYLA FUDGE GRAHAM

The Olfactory Neuroblastoma tumor that Gayla Graham has is Sinonasal Undifferentiated Carcinoma. PET Scan indicates that the cancer has not spread.. Radiation and chemo will be the first course of treatment beginning this week. Gayla said she has received so many cards and each one brought her a new smile and that it was so comforting to know those she loves and holds dear are praying for her.

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

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt (just recently moved there)

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 8: "Joseph At Potiphar's House" Gen. 39:1-23 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

WED. NIGHT CLASS

Scott Huff took a turn teaching class this past Wed. night. He had a great lesson and did an excellent job with the lesson!!

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

GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network) may be seen on Ch. 113 locally on SCRTC cable 24/7 Check them out on GBN's Facebook page

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Bessie Brooks shared news that she has a new great-granddaughter and Mark Brooks a new granddaughter — **Olivia Rosser** was born Oct. 30, 2020 to Amanda Brooks & Andrew Rosser

THIS WED. NIGHT

since this Wed. is the last one of the month, we will have our singing and devotional night

NEXT SUNDAY is a 5th Sun. and Robbie Fudge will be with us to preach at 11:00

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Zebedee had two sons who were apostles of Jesus. Who were they?

The answer to our question last week: stars and sand Gen. 22:17

The Most Valuable Book

by David A. Sargen

Paul Batura has a friend named Ben that owns a bookstore in Colorado Springs. The bookstore, which features used books, is called 2 Buck Books.

Explaining to Batura where he obtained the books in his shop, Ben said, "All of these things come from the boxes of books people bring in — you'd be amazed what you find."

"Ever find anything really valuable?" Batura asked him.

"My old colleague, Sandy, once took in a big box of books, most likely from an estate sale. It contained a Bible," Ben replied.

"A valuable Bible?" Batura asked.

"Once she opened it up, she realized it was hollowed out — and it contained \$2,000."

"I think Sandy tried to find out the owner, but never did," Ben added.

Reflecting on his conversation with Ben, Batura wrote: "I've been thinking about the person who brought those books to Ben's store, never realizing that the Bible had \$2,000 in cash inside — because he or she never bothered to even crack the cover of the most powerful and most important book ever written. A book that has changed countless lives for the better."

The Bible is "the most powerful and most important book ever written" because it is the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Through His Word, God reveals Who He is, what He has done and will do, and what He expects of us. In the Bible we learn of God's great power and His great love. We learn that God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Peter 2:24). God's Word teaches us that "the wages of sin is

death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

John Fawcett wrote these lyrics in 1782 extolling the value of God's Word:

How precious is the Book Divine,
By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to heaven.

It's light, descending from above
Our gloomy world to cheer,
Displays a Savior's boundless love
And brings his glories near.

It shows to man his wandering ways
And where his feet have trod,
And brings to view the matchless grace
Of a forgiving God.

This lamp through all the tedious night
Of life shall guide our way
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.

God's Word teaches us that He will save those who place their faith and trust in Christ (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). God will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Paul Batura has a great recommendation: "So if you have a Bible in your house, open it up. You might just be surprised what you find inside. And you might never be the same afterward."

[His original song "How Precious Is the Book Divine" had 6 stanzas. Song #315 in our song book "The Precious Book Divine" was copyrighted in 1963, renewed and arranged by bro. L.O. Sanderson with permission has three verses. WH]