

## 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

## A Caring Carrier

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"My Aunt [Helen Iwanski] sends her love and appreciation to Shonda for being there for her. She said she will be forever grateful for Shonda caring enough to call the police," said Mary Mason, Iwanski's niece.

Each of us has "fallen" because of our sins. We are helpless and cannot save ourselves.

But God loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son to rescue us (John 3:16). Jesus had to give His life for us to pay the price for our redemption from sin (2 Corinthians 5:21). He "gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen" (Galatians 1:4-5 NIV). Jesus cared enough to carry the burden of our sins upon Himself (1 Peter 2:24), to save us.

If we will only accept His offer of salvation, He will cleanse us from sin and give us eternal life (Ephesians 1:7).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins 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). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

You have fallen, but Somebody has noticed and Somebody cares. The God who created you wants to save you from sin. He sent His Son to rescue you.

Won't YOU accept His offer by trusting and obeying Him today?



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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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## A Caring Carrier

by David A. Sargent

Shonda Lemon has worked as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service for eight years in the city of Chicago. While delivering mail to individuals, she has built a relationship with many of the recipients, especially some senior citizens who live alone. 89-year-old Helen Iwanski is one of those senior citizens that Lemon has befriended. In the last four years, the two have exchanged short, friendly conversations. Lemon has tried to make it easier for Iwanski to handle her bundle of mail more easily by wrapping a rubber band around it.

But for three days in a row last month, Iwanski had not picked up her mail. Lemon was very concerned.

Lemon told Fox Television Stations' Stephanie Weaver that she knew Iwanski lived alone, didn't have children, and hadn't traveled anywhere in years, so she called the police to do a wellness check on January 14.

Police found Iwanski on the floor in her home. She had fallen and had been lying there for several days.

When a police officer told Lemon that Iwanski had fallen but was alive, she broke into tears. "I began to cry, because it was a rejoicing moment for me, knowing that I had assisted her in [saving] her life," Lemon explained. "And, ya know, it was just the pain and thought of what she may have been going through for those three days on the floor."

Iwanski was admitted to a local hospital and is currently regaining her strength at a rehab facility. She is incredibly thankful for her caring mail carrier.

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Lois Edwards; Becky Hatcher is still in the Medical Center at Caverna Rm 114, she had a new MRI Thursday but have not heard anything; Billy Bybee; Mary Whittington recovering from surgery; Mark Hatcher treatments on his back; Lori Brewer looks to have back surgery before long; Jim Mears; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore; Tom Whittington; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Steve Higginbotham; Lisa Schuler's dad, Vincent Ward is in Signature Health here in Horse Cave after quadruple by-pass surgery. He may go home tomorrow; Gayla Graham's radiation/chemo treatments are encouraging as the tumor is shrinking; David Worth (husband of Denessa, Mark & Kim Quigley's cousin) is in VA Hospital in Louisville with pneumonia & COVID; Dan Winkler gospel preacher in Springhill, TN stage 2 colon cancer; prayers for everyone affected by the virus which has increased lately; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; family of Bob Strickland

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HART COUNTY

Vincent Ward (Lisa Schuler's dad) Rm 504

### HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

### 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 12: "Mourning For Jacob" Gen. 50:1-14, Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher. Our Spring Quarter beginning in March will be "The Thessalonian Letters"

### 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

### NEW TV PROGRAM

The Lehman Ave. church of Christ launched a new program on WNKY (NBC 40) on Sunday mornings at 10:30 called "*Light of the World*" with pulpit minister Neal Pollard

### PREACHING THIS MORNING

Mike Thompson is scheduled to preach this morning during our worship hour.

### ANNIVERSARY CARD SHOWER

Lisa Schuler's parents will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary Wed. Feb. 24. She is asking we send them cards since COVID makes it hard to do otherwise.

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### SPECIAL THANK YOU

Les Neville brought their rubber track skid steer over Thurs. and cleared our church parking lot of the ice and snow. We greatly appreciate it!! Thanks to Rex Wallace for shoveling ice and snow off the sidewalks.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Name the man Ruth married after collecting grain in his fields?

The answer to our question last week: Nebuhadnezzar's Daniel 3:12

## Bitten By Snakes

by Joe Chesser

The Israelites were not very smart. That's because they were people, and people aren't very smart, especially when it comes to things pertaining to God. For example, there is a short story you can read in Numbers 21. At this point in Israel's history they had experienced many awesome examples of God's power and deliverance (10 plagues in Egypt; the parting of the Red Sea; manna from heaven; water from a rock, etc.). The immediate context of the story in Numbers 21 is the total defeat and destruction of the king of Arad, his people and towns, by the Israelites.

God had answered their prayers for help (21.1-3). Evidently they had very short memories. As they traveled on from Arad, skirting around the nation of Edom, they became impatient with Moses and God and began voicing their negative opinions against them (21.4-5). They must have had the "what-have-you-done-for-me-lately" syndrome. They asked dumb questions like, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert?" They complained, "There is no bread! There is no water! We detest this miserable food!" Sounds a lot like some of us when God doesn't do for us what we think He should, doesn't it? How quickly we forget the blessings of God.

Most of the time, thankfully, God is patient with people (2 Peter 3.9). However, this wasn't one of those times. God sent venomous snakes among them, and

the snakes did what the snakes were sent to do – bite people. Many of the Israelites died (21.6). The people learned the hard way that complaining against God is not a good idea. Never has been, never will be. They also learned that confessing their sins to God is a good idea. So, when they confessed their sin, Moses prayed for the people, and God answered his prayer (21.7).

But instead of sending the venomous snakes away from the Israelites, he had Moses make a bronze snake and mount it on a pole. God said, "anyone who is bitten can look at it and live" (21.8). The snakes still did what snakes do, but the people learned to trust God for deliverance from death by doing what God told them to do. Anyone who looked at the bronze snake lived. Surely there weren't people stubborn enough to refuse to look at it!

There's more to the story, but it's not about the Israelites, it's about us. Their story has become our story. We, too, sin against God, all of us (Romans 3.23). The old serpent, Satan (Revelation 12.9), "bites" us with temptations which leads us to die spiritually (due to our sins). Yet, like them, God offers us hope. He doesn't take away the temptations, but He does provide us a way to avoid death. "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3.14-15). Jesus is our only hope when bitten by Satan. Jesus was lifted up on the cross so that we can look to him (John 12.32) to overcome the deaths Satan desires.