

**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

**Thank You Notes**

I would like to thank each of you who called, sent texts and messages, cards or offers of help in any way before and after my surgery. It was such a comfort knowing I had brothers and sisters offering prayers on my behalf. I appreciate so much every act of kindness that was extended to me during this time.

Love & blessings, Martha Cyphers

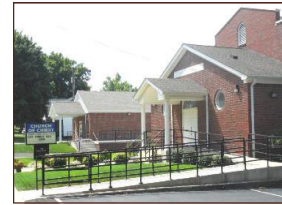
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the prayers, thoughts that were said in my behalf. Thank you for all the calls, cards, food and visits during this time of my accident. My family and my church family really stepped up during this time. I could not have made it thru this tough time. I love each and everyone of you. Thank you again for all you have done for me. God bless you.

In Christian Love, Dennis Hatcher

**Good Reasons  
to Read the Bible**

- You can find answers (1 Peter 3:15).
- God commanded it (2 Timothy 2:15; John 5:39; 1 Peter 2:2; 3:18).
- Ignorance is not excused (Acts 17:30).
- Ignorance destroys (Hosea 4:6).
- Ignorance causes church problems (Romans 16:18).
- You can make good decisions (Psalm 119:105).
- It keeps us from sin (Psalm 119:11).

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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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**Christ In You, the Hope of Glory**

by Joe Slater

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

Glory refers to a state of being exalted. When God created man in the beginning, He "crowned him with glory and honor" by making man "a little lower than the angels" and setting him over the whole material creation (Hebrews 2:7). An infinitely greater glory, however, awaits those who trust and obey Jesus.

God called us by means of Christ's gospel for this very reason: "for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:14). When we obey the gospel and begin to become more like Jesus, we are "transformed from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

But there is more! Salvation in Christ is "with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10). Therefore Paul says the same body that is "sown (buried) in weakness" will be "raised in glory" (1 Corinthians 15:43).

Our hope of glory rests on the fact that Christ is in us (Colossians 1:27). The late brother Burton Coffman observed that there are eight New Testament expressions referring to the state of the saved: Christ is in you; you are in Christ; God is in you; you are in God; the Holy Spirit is in you; you are in the Holy Spirit; the mind of Christ is in you; and the word of Christ is in you (commentary on Colossians 1:27, at studylight.org).

Since our hope of eternal glory is Christ in us, Paul preached Christ, "warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect (mature, complete) in Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:28).

Is Christ in you? Are you in Christ?

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

It is good to see Martha Cyphers back after knee replacement surgery; Dennis Hatcher was able to be here Wed. night for first time in a month and half; Lois Edwards recovering at home from a fractured C1 in her neck; Mark Hatcher has been down with his back; Sue Bunnell; Dennis Hatcher was able to be here Wed. night for first time in a month and half; Jackie Coop; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush; Daryl Lowe taking chemo treatments; Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; Gayla Fudge Graham; Victoria Adams recovering from a broken leg; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Glenda Turner (friend of Wayne & Becky in Statesville, NC

### IN THE HOSPITAL

Becky Hatcher was moved back to the Medical Center at Caverna last week after being in the Med Center for 12 days.. She is in Room 106 and may be released to go home this week. She has spent nearly all of 2023 in three hospitals. She also continues three dialysis treatments once a week. Thank you for all your prayers, cards and concern.

### SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to our Marie Burd in the passing of her brother Robert Rutledge from Buffalo, Ky on April 10, 2023. The Dixon-Rogers Funeral Home in Magnolia handled his arrangements. He was laid to rest in the Pearl-Webb Cemetery In Canmer on Thurs. the 13th.

### PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing  
Manna Project

### HIGHLAND RIDGE

Glasgow  
Wanda Proffitt

### NHC

Glasgow  
Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Glasgow  
Ruth Bradford

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Spring Quarter on the theme: Gospel Personages. Lesson 7 is *"Peter and His Denial"* John 13:36-38; Matthew 26:69-75; John 21:15-19 Wayne will serve as the teacher this week.

### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne Hatcher at 11 am "Why THE CHURCH?" and at 5 pm Danny McCain will bring our lesson.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Will be starting a new study in the book of Colossians

### OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are sponsoring *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Prayers for this work as we sow the seed of the gospel

### RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

*"Light of the World"* Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed on SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am

*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

**GBN** seen on our local SCRTC cable on 113

### AREA EVENTS

April 13-16 Center church of Christ *"Questions People Want to Know About The Bible and Christianity"* with Tim Alsup Week nights at 7 pm CST See flyer on bulletin board.

April 16-19 Spring Gospel Meeting Elizabethtown Church of Christ with David Powell *"Things Most Surely Believed"* Week nights at 7 pm EST See flyer on *bulletin board*

April 20-23 Lehman Ave. church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY *EQUIPPED - PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY: Studies in the book of James* Equipped is a workshop

designed to build conviction, commitment, constructive ways to serve Christ.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

From what town did a man called Joseph come to ask for the body of Jesus?

Answer to our last question:

Isaac like to eat the meat that Esau got by hunting Gen. 25:28

## *"It's Later Than It's Ever Been Before!"*

by Joe Chesser

Do you have one of those clocks that chimes a tune at the top of every hour? Does it also count the hours? I heard about a couple that had an old grandfather clock that did both. One night as the couple slept, the clock malfunctioned and instead of striking twelve times at midnight, it struck thirteen times. In his subconscious sleep, the husband still heard the thirteen "bongs." He immediately sat up and, with panic on his face, said to his wife, "Honey, wake up! It's later than it's ever been before!"

The fact is, each tick of the clock takes us closer to the Lord's return than ever before. Despite all the hubbub recently about the world coming to an end on a specific date, and despite the fact that no one knows but God when that day or hour may be (Matthew 24:36), the truth is that it could be at any time. As Jack Graham recently wrote, "THE END IS NEAR isn't just a sign hanging on someone's neck, but it's a present reality for all of us living in the last days. There is no sign that awaits fulfillment. There is no prophetic message that has yet been untold and unfulfilled before the return of Christ. It could happen any time!"

Christians in the first century lived with that expectation. Properly understood, it affected the way they lived and gave them hope. To Titus Paul wrote that God's grace taught people to say "NO" to ungodly living and "YES" to righteous living in this present age, "while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13). There is no need for Christians to live in panic. There is need, though, for godly living every day and for a healthy expectation of the Lord's second coming and the end of time. It helps us keep our value system focused on God and not on this world (Colossians 3:1-17). Knowing the Lord could come at any moment should motivate us to work faithfully in His vineyard, bearing fruit for His glory (Matthew 25:14-30). It should motivate us to be drawn closer to Him day by day and to be prepared for His return no matter when that happens (Matthew 25:1-13). It should create within us a deep appreciation for God's mercy, allowing us time to be prepared (2 Peter 3:8-11). Like the Christians in the first century, we should develop a longing for His quick return (Revelation 22:20).

Does the thought of the second coming of Jesus fill you with hope or with fear? Does it cause you to worry or to smile? Would you rather it happen right now or wait until later? Do you try to ignore it or do you think about it often?

Whether we have a grandfather clock or not, we should awake every morning knowing that it's later than it's ever been before. There's no need for panic, but there is need for preparation and joyful expectation.