

## 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

## Don't Forget! Remember!

by Joe Slater

This coming Monday is Memorial Day. I'm glad we have a national day to remember those who gave that "last full measure of devotion" for freedom. Let this day be more than staying home from work and grilling burgers. If you haven't attended ceremonies at a nearby cemetery lately, I urge you to do so Monday. We forget all too easily.

God's people have always struggled with forgetfulness. No less than eleven times in Deuteronomy the Lord warned Israel not to forget. Don't forget your deliverance from Egypt. Don't forget the covenant. Don't forget the Lord's commands. Don't forget the consequences of disobedience and rebellion. In short, don't forget God!

At least thirteen times in that same book, He charged Israel to remember. They were to remember the very things He told them elsewhere not to forget. No surprise, right?

We think of the Passover feast as a memorial of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage, but the other feast days also promoted remembrance. The Sabbath was, among other things, a remembrance (Deut. 5:15). The piles of stones set up when Israel crossed Jordan memorialized that great event.

Today the Lord's Supper prompts us to remember what Jesus did for us at the cross. And yes, even in the first century some forgot how Jesus had cleansed them from sin (2 Pet. 1:9). However, the Lord's Supper isn't all we should remember. Jesus urged His disciples to remember His words (John 15:20; 16:4). Peter wrote so that his readers would remember (2 Peter 1:12-15); and Jude exhorted his readers to "remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 17).

We confront the same dangers Israel faced. Don't forget! Remember!



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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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## Church Business by Al Behel

In the past I did a lot of business consulting and coaching on success in the business world. Once I worked with a national chain with more than 800 business locations throughout the United States. They are successful because there is a constant focus on improving customer satisfaction and delivering the best service possible.

Fifty percent of new businesses fail in the first year and 95% fail in the first five years. While there are other factors contributing to their failure, many of them fail because they fail to recognize that the business of business is not business, but the business of business is people. When there are no customers or consumers, there is no business.

When Jesus was unintentionally left behind in Jerusalem at age 12, His frantic parents returned to find Him in the temple discussing Scripture with the teachers of the law. When they verbally reprimanded Him, He responded, "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" A provocative question. Does that mean God has a business? Yes, His business is people. People who are lost and need a Savior. People who cannot save themselves.

God's business is church business. It is the business of the Kingdom. While there is no product to peddle, there is a message to be shared, a grace to be experienced, and a redemption to be received. God's business is our business. We are about the Father's business. That's the business of the church.

When the church ceases to focus on the needs of people it will face a sudden demise. Henry Ford said a man should never leave his business, but should think of it by day and dream of it by night. Our Father's business is open 24 hours a day. It never closes, but welcomes the downtrodden, the lonely, the alienated, and struggling sinners. Mediocrity is not enough. We must provide exceptional service.

Our Father's business requires dedicated servants whose primary goal is the success of the business. They think about it by day and dream about it by night. They know that its success depends on their continuous and effective performance, doing the Father's will.

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

It was good to see Lois Edwards able to be at worship last Sunday after her stroke; Becky Hatcher continues further treatment and rehab at home. Wayne is serving as her caregiver. Home Health is providing some teaching & nursing as needed; Lori Brewer is to have surgery June 3 in Bowling Green; Sue Bunnell; Joyce Dye; Lisa Schuler; Helen Edwards; Fran Mears; Mark Hatcher; Mike Thompson; Tom & Mary Whittington; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joey Palmore; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Bobby Pedigo; Steve Higginbotham

Friends in our community: Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; Joey Johnson; James Gardner; Dana Reagan (CHS. friend of Janice Bybee; Billy Frank Hunt (CHS classmate of Billy Bybee)

### 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

Ruth Bradford

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our final lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" Today's topic: "Final Instructions" 2 Thess. 3:6-18.

Our Summer Quarter begins next Sunday on "Peter's Epistles". Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

### TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio 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

### RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

*In Search of the Lord's Way* is on WNKY channel 7 or 307 (HD) on Sundays at 7 a.m. on SCRTC cable. Speaker: Phil Sanders

Also, we recommend GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network) seen 24/7 on channel 113 on SCRTC cable.

### PREACHING THIS MORNING

We are happy to have Robbie Fudge with us for another 5th Sunday. He will preach in our worship hour at 11 this morning.

### SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Beginning June 6, we plan to resume meeting on Sunday evenings at 5:00. As things are beginning to return to some "normalcy", you are encouraged to resume the practice of coming on Sunday evenings.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Parker Bybee who graduated from Caverna High School Friday night as Salutatorian of his class!!!

Congratulations to Casandra Price who graduated from Hart Co. High School May 16. She attends here with Jarred Wallace.

### THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you very much for the donation given in memory of James. Also for the cards, calls and most of all your prayers. We really appreciated your love and support.

In Christian love, Bill & Janice Bybee

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone about their vision of the transfiguration until what had happened?

The answer to our question last week:

Gabriel Luke 1:26

### GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK

As things continue to improve with COVID, it has been great to see those who had health concerns returning to services - Bonnie Turner, Agnes Seaton & Karon Reynolds

### POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Is asking us to donate the following items for their pantry needs: Yellow Cake Mix All Purpose Flour Canned Vegetable Soup Pancake Syrup Peanut Butter & Cheese Crackers They will be here the week of July 11 to pick up ours donations.

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[bro. Armette did a great job in the following article describing characteristics of the book we know as Mark. WH]

### An Introduction to MARK

by Jeff Arnette

This gospel account is the second book of the New Testament that was probably written by John Mark of Jerusalem sometime between 60-68 A.D. Tradition states that John Mark recorded the words of Peter, who recounted the teachings and events of Jesus Christ to Mark and then organized them into the second gospel account.

There are several unusual characteristics of Mark's account of the life of Jesus of Nazareth that gives us some insights into the gospel of Jesus Christ.

First, Mark's gospel is a gospel of action. For example, the word "immediately" occurs thirty-six times in Mark's gospel (English Standard Version), which is more than any other book in the New Testament. Mark focuses on the activity of Jesus rather than His teachings. Thus, he seems to present Jesus as this larger than life action hero, who is always on the move battling the forces of evil and the errors of the religious establishment.

Another interesting characteristic of Mark's gospel is its brevity. Mark is short and

to the point, while Luke's account of Jesus is nearly twice as long. If you were to read the gospel account, in one sitting, most people could read it in less than an hour.

Anyone who has read the other gospel accounts of Jesus' life and teachings will be taken back by the abrupt beginning of Mark's gospel. After a brief introduction sentence, he jumps right into John the Baptist's ministry, and then on to Jesus. He tells us that Jesus came from Nazareth without telling us anything about his early life. To further emphasize this point, consider that nearly one-third of Mark's gospel is devoted to the last week of Jesus' life.

The structure of Mark's gospel account is interesting, as well. The first eight chapters of Mark emphasize the nature and success of Jesus' ministry while the second half of the book is always pointing us to Jerusalem and His eventual crucifixion.

What Mark tells us about God and His plans for creation's redemption is essential here. As the fulfillment of the promises of the Messiah being the Son of David, Jesus' Sonship, and the coming of the Spirit that empowered Him, all point us to the fact that the promises of God are being realized in Jesus. The in-breaking kingdom mentioned in Psalm 2:7; 110:1, and Isaiah 42 remind us that the time is at hand, and God is now, through Jesus, ready to bring the Messiah into the world.

Mark describes Jesus as the ultimate Servant of God. He is the fulfillment of the promises of God throughout the Hebrew Scriptures and the ultimate expression of the (Isa. 53) suffering servant who was to die for the sins of the entire world.

Let me encourage you to read the gospel according to Mark, and as you do, reflect on what it tells you about Jesus, your salvation, and the promises of God.