

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

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Complaining

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. The conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups—porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain-looking, some expensive, and some exquisite—telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

After all the former students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and then began eyeing each other's cups."

Now consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, houses, cars, things, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee.

Enjoy your coffee. Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

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Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

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Focused on Christ - Thankful for our Salvation - Glorifying the Lord - Serving through Love - Preaching Christ to the World

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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You Are Invited To Attend Our 6th Summer Series in July and August

"All Spiritual Blessings Are IN CHRIST" Ephesians 1:3

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| July 5 | Marty Edwards | "Our Salvation" |
| July 12 | Allen Jones | "Our Redemption/Forgiveness of Sins" |
| July 19 | John Board | "Our Sanctification" |
| July 26 | Danny McCain | "Our Victory Over Satan" |
| Aug 2 | Robbie Fudge | "God's Everlasting Love" |
| Aug 9 | Bart Warren | "God's Saving Grace" |
| Aug 16 | Edd Sterchi | "Our Sweet Fellowship With God" |
| Aug 23 | Craig Waddell | "Our Eternal Inheritance in Heaven" |
| Aug 31 | Tom Hall | "Vital Question: How Do We Get Into Christ?" |

*Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 CST

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell being treated for diverticulitis; Becky Hatcher continues with dialysis 3X a week. Wayne is her caregiver; Lori Brewer's heart cath was good, next step is back surgery; Becky Bush is waiting to get schedules to see various doctors; we are thankful Lois Edwards is now able to remove her neck brace; Carolyn Russell has been dealing with another kidney stone; Fran Mears; Doris Wallace sciatica pain; Jackie Coop had a knee replacement and is in Signature Health Care for rehab; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson will have a medical procedure Thursday the 13th; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; Daryl Lowe; Don Waddell (member at Center) has elected to not take anymore treatments; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Glenda Turner (friend of Wayne & Becky in Statesville, NC with a type of T-Cell Lymphoma

SYMPATHY

to Theron Shultz in the death of an older brother last week.

NHC Glasgow
Wanda Proffitt

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Summer Quarter on the theme: David and Solomon Lesson 6 "David Returns To Jerusalem" 2 Samuel 19:9-30 Wayne will be the teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 am "The Freedom We Have In Christ" Galatians 5:1-16

Sunday evening at 5:00 Danny McCain preaching lessons from the book of Mark

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00

Our Summer Series - All Spiritual Blessings Are In Christ Eph. 1:3 Our second speaker will be Allen Jones with the South Green St. congregation in Glasgow. His topic will be blessing #2 "Our Redemption/Forgiveness of Sins"

Marty Edwards began our series last week with a great lesson on blessing #1 "Our Salvation"

COIN CANS FOR POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Today is the last day to bring in your coin cans

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We sponsor "*In Search of the Lord' 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**. Please pray for this work as we sow the seed of the gospel

His Lessons Planned For July:

- July 2 - "Wonderfully Made"
- July 9 - "The Blessings of Prayer"
- July 16 - "The Nature of God"
- July 23 - "Foundations"
- July 30 - "Pure In Heart"

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal, you can log on to **wloconline.com** There are choices to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

July 9-12 Elizabethtown Church of Christ in E-town, KY with Hugh Fulford as guest speaker
Flyer on bulletin board

Relevant, Revealed or Both?

by Jim Faughn

Every once in a while I drive by a sign identifying a particular place as The Relevant Church. When I saw that, my first thought was fairly negative. My thoughts went something like this:

"That's what is wrong in the religious climate of our day. Everybody is trying to be relevant. In the process, they're trying to be everything to everybody. They've lost all respect for the Bible, its authority, and for the church revealed in it. We need to quit trying to please everybody. We need to focus on pleasing our Lord and being a part of His church which is revealed in His Word."

Well, my thoughts may not have been that well defined, but I think you get the point. I'm more than a little disturbed by some of the things taking place under the umbrella of Christianity.

After reflecting on this, however, I've begun to wonder if this has to be one of those either-or propositions. Do we have to select either a church that is relevant for people today or a church that is revealed in the pages of the New Testament? Could it be the case that the relevant church is, in fact, the revealed church? Could the revealed church also actually be the relevant church?

After some reflection, I've come to the (obvious) conclusion that the answer to those last two questions is a resounding, "Yes."

Please consider some of the reasons why I firmly believe that the revealed church is the relevant church:

- ◆ The church revealed in the New Testament was built by, and is owned by, Jesus (cf. Matt. 16:18). Since "Jesus Christ (is) the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8)," that would make His church perpetually relevant.
- ◆ Jesus said that "...the truth will set you free" (John 8:32, ESV). In 1 Timothy 3:15, the church is depicted as "...a pillar and buttress of truth." It seems to me that this would make the revealed church just

as relevant today as it was when those inspired words were written. It is of interest to notice that, in this verse, the church is described by this language; "...the church of the living God..." Unless we are going to subscribe to the "God is dead" theory, we must acknowledge that the church is still relevant.

- ◆ Since it is the case that the blood of Jesus purchased the church (cf. Acts 20:28), I would not presume to make the case that His sacrifice is not still relevant today.
- ◆ Are people still being saved today? If they are (and they are), they are added to the same church to which the people were added on the day of Pentecost (cf. Acts 2:47). That sure sounds relevant to me.
- ◆ We are informed that Jesus is the head of the church revealed in the New Testament (cf. Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18). He will continue to fulfill that responsibility until "...the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power" (1 Cor. 15:24). Does that not say something to us about the church's relevance for as long as the world stands?

I am one who believes that the truth is usually between extremes. If an organization has abandoned or ignored God's revelation in an attempt to broaden its appeal, it really has no right to properly claim to be a church. At the same time, the church cannot be relegated to words on the pages of a book we may not have picked up in years (if ever). It would behoove those of us who truly care about our own souls and the souls of those around us to point people to the church revealed in scripture and show them how it is, indeed, relevant in their lives today.