

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 -

Excess Baggage

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Obviously, he did not ban all judgment, but rather that which was hypocritical and based on a double standard. Some judging is not only allowed but demanded.

With regard to the charge of intolerance, it is true that Christianity claims exclusivity. "Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:14). The biblical truth is that not everyone is going to heaven. Not every human choice is open to those who would please God. There are practices of which God himself is intolerant. His followers must not abandon those principles as excess.

One who would run the Christian race must avoid unnecessary hindrances. But he or she must also be equipped with all that is essential to overcome sin and to "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

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Scary Grandmother

After putting her grandchildren into bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year old say with a trembling voice "who was THAT?"

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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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July 28 **Edd Sterchi** Controlling Our Tongues

Aug 4 **Bart Warren** Seeking True Wisdom From Above

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Aug 18 **Tom Hall** Beware of Taking Life for Granted

Aug 25 **Allen Jones** Beware of Materialism

Sept. 1 **John Board** Be Patient & Prayerful Till Jesus Returns

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

After two months, Becky Hatcher is being recertified for Physical Therapy and Home Health. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Fran Mears received good news of no cancer on her test results; Lisa Schuler is recovering at home after surgery for a broken ankle.; Lori Brewer recuperating at home after back surgery; Sue Bunnell; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Mark Hatcher; Laura Brooks; Tom Whittington (glad Mary is better); Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Helen Edwards; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Bobby Pedigo; Steve Higginbotham; James Johnson member at Coral Hill Church of Christ

Friends in our community: Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; 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 6th lesson in the Summer Quarter on the theme: "Peter's Epistles" Today's topic: "Christ: Our Pattern for Suffering" 1 Peter 4:1-19 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 PROGRAM

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

PREACHING THIS MORNING

Wayne Hatcher will be preaching today at our 11:00 worship "Seven Special Links With Christ" - part 1 and at our 5 pm. worship "Seven Special Links With Christ" - part 2

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

If you have not brought in the items you wish to donate to Potter, today is the last day. They are coming in the morning to pick up our donations. Thanks for your excellent participation in this great work!!!

Yellow Cake Mix All Purpose Flour
Canned Vegetable Soup Pancake Syrup
Peanut Butter & Cheese Crackers

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

July 11-14 E-town Church of Christ with John DeBerry Minister at Coleman Ave. Church of Christ in Memphis and Senior Advisor to TN Governor Bill Lee See flyer on Bulletin Board

SUMMER SERIES OFF TO A GREAT START

this past Wed. night with Marty Edwards, minister of the Munfordville congregation where he has effectively served for the past 29 years. The church there will always hold a special place as Becky & I served there for 7 years in the mid 80's to 1992. I have always been grateful and thankful that Marty and Ruby came to continue the work for the past 29 years. We thank Marty for his lesson Wed. and his stand for truth.

Darrell Wallace will be our next speaker.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What prophet bound his own hands and feet with Paul's belt and warned Paul of certain imprisonment in Jerusalem?

The answer to our question last week:

Solomon 1 Kings 6

Excess Baggage

by Michael Brooks

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1 NKJV).

When I first began to travel internationally most major airlines were allowing up to two checked pieces of luggage, each of which could contain up to 70 pounds. Additionally, each passenger was allowed one carry-on bag and a personal item such as a purse, briefcase, or camera bag. Over-weight was often ignored.

Those times are long past. Even before the pandemic weight and quantity of bags was reduced even on the largest jets. Now one must carefully consider just what is essential for travel and leave behind much that might be useful. Our concept of excess has changed drastically, as has that of essential.

This same transformation has affected much more than just travel. Tiny houses, small apartments, sub-compact cars, and many other reductions appeal to major sections of the population. So, too, do modern alternatives to traditional religions.

Words like church and familiar denominational names carry many negative connotations in the modern world. As a result, one sees a plethora of independent institutions whose signage suggests religion without the baggage of hypocrisy, harsh judgment, and sectarian strife from which so many recoil.

On a recent trip I saw such a sign. It proclaimed, "First Independent All Nation Full Gospel Church." I could not help but interpret that as an effort to distance themselves from traditional institutions and to claim as much tolerance and acceptance as a

visitor might wish to encounter.

The list of features of mainstream denominations considered objectionable in today's society is long, and only partially covered in the list just above (hypocrisy, etc.). To those must be added intolerance, boredom, irrelevance, and others. Religious leaders who are committed to the meeting-felt-needs approach to marketing and church growth have sought to adapt by utilizing new and sometimes radical methods and doctrines. Prominent among these is the abandonment of what is perceived as excess baggage.

The idea of leaving behind that which is unnecessary, counterproductive, or a hindrance to one's objectives is sound and even biblical. The issue is not whether we should shed those things, but rather just what is excess and what is necessary?

Take for example the problem of engaging modern audiences in the worship of God. For decades it has been charged that traditional church assemblies are boring. Especially is this aimed at sermons and Bible studies. The fact is that Christianity is a taught and learned endeavor (Ephesians 4:17-24; Romans 10:13-17). One cannot practice it without some time spent in study and thought. To those who have no interest in spiritual matters, all sermons, no matter how skillfully presented, will be tedious. The proper approach to this situation is not to abandon the effort to teach but to seek to prepare the audience for learning.

Other often criticized features of religion are harsh judgment and intolerance. Jesus taught us not to judge inappropriately (Matthew 7:1-2). But in the same context he also counseled his disciples to "beware of false prophets," advising that "You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:15-16).

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