

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

Persistence by Ed Wittlif

"The secret is not to give up hope. It's very hard not to because if you are doing something worthwhile I think that you will be pushed to the brink of hopelessness before you come through the other side." (George Lucas)

There are times in my walk with God that I have felt like throwing in the towel and giving up. I have struggled with the same temptation and given in and sinned. When the light at the end of the tunnel cannot be seen, why not just quit? There were times that I felt it was hopeless. I would never change.

I have learned that the feeling of hopelessness comes from viewing God primarily as a judge. That has changed over the years. I have found that I cannot leave God's word alone. I had a hunger for reading His word that persisted even when I wanted to give up.

One thing that changed the way I thought about God was the parable of the talents. I realized that the one talent man was condemned for not trying (Matthew 25:14-30). The first letter of John also helped me to persist in light of my hopelessness. God desires to forgive me and will if only I will confess my sins to Him (1 John 1:9).

The second chapter of 1 John reminded me that if I sin, then Jesus is my Advocate. This ties back to the simple fact that I must be honest and admit my sin.

My Father wants me to persist in my struggle with sin. The greater my persistence, the easier it becomes. However, if fleshly desires are less of a temptation, then perhaps pride becomes a greater problem.

Paul said, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). Trust in Jesus and His cleansing blood and in the proven love of the Father. That is what my hope is based on.



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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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You Are Invited To Our
4th Summer Series

"Practical Christian Living In Today's World" - A Study of James

- July 7 **Marty Edwards** Coping With Trials & Temptations
- July 14 **Darrell Wallace** Proper Treatment of Others
- July 21 **Robbie Fudge** Proper Faith That Pleases God
- July 28 **Edd Sterchi** Controlling Our Tongues
- Aug 4 **Bart Warren** Seeking True Wisdom From Above
- Aug 11 **Danny McCain** Warning About Friendship With the World
- 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**

*Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 CST

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher recuperating at home; Wayne continues to be her caregiver. It has been great to see Becky at our evening services; Carolyn Russell had Out-Patient surgery Monday; it was great to see Lisa Schuler out last Sunday morning; Janice Bybee had oral surgery a few days ago; Margie Gentry had Out-Patient surgery to remove a place on her heard; Mike Thompson; Lori Brewer; Sue Bunnell; Joyce Dye; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Tom Whittington; Judy Owens (Marie Burd's sister); Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Steve Higginbotham; Robin Wallace's nephew Nash Smith leaves for Syria Sept. 4; Brenda Jagers' daughter Tracy Ann in hospital with COVID; Sara Brooks (Bessie Brook's daughter-in-law, Mark's wife) admitted Thurs. to TJ with COVID and breathing issues; Robbie Fudge; pray for our health care workers; staff in our school districts
Friends in our community: Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt; Garry Steenbergen

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 last lesson in the Summer Quarter on the theme: "Peter's Epistles" Today's topic: "What Manner of Persons?" 2 Peter 3:11-18 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our 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

PREACHING TODAY

Robbie Fudge was to preach today on our 5th Sunday, but he tested positive for COVID. Wayne Hatcher will bring our lesson at 11:00 worship and Darrell Wallace at 5:00. We look forward to being together on the Lord's Day!!

OUR SUMMER SERIES

this past Wed. night Allen Jones had an excellent lesson on "Beware of Materialism" James 5:1-6

Our last speaker will be John Board preacher at E-town Church of Christ. His topic: "Be Patient and Prayerful Till Jesus Return" James 5: 7-11

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Last Sunday evening after services, Jamie & Dianna Proffitt made known their desire to place their membership with the church here at Horse Cave. We are happy for their decision. Their address is: 4266 Old Lexington Rd. Cave City, KY 42127 I am preparing an information sheet for our directory. Welcome!!

OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING

Mel Futrell of Birmingham, AL is scheduled to be here September 19-22. Mel was last here in Sept. of 2015. We look forward to him returning next month and trust COVID will not interfere.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which book contains the line: "so teach us to number our days?"

Answer to our question last week:

"...old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gentry family. We learned Sat. of the passing of Betty Gentry, wife of Don Gentry. Don is the son of our Margie Gentry, and brother of our Susan Palmore. She has a lot of family connections.

HELPING FLOOD VICTIMS IN TENN

We are sending a donation to the Waverly Church of Christ to be used toward flood disaster relief. They are receiving donations and serving as a distribution center in the Waverly community devastated by flooding this past week. For others who may want to help you may mail checks to the Waverly Church of Christ 438 West Main Street, Waverly, TN 37185 Be sure to write *Disaster Relief* on the envelope or you may text "Give" to 931-288-4887

Much information is also available on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wavcoc/

No Beauty That We Should Desire Him

by Al Behel

"There is no beauty that we should desire Him" (Isaiah 53:2)

As a child I was introduced to pictures of Jesus. Salesmen would go from house to house selling wall-paintings showing Jesus holding a lamb or a small child in His arms. Bible class material carried color pictures showing Him dressed in a white robe with long flowing hair and a beard. Little did I know that these were just an artist conception of Jesus which had been painted just a few years before I was born.

I have often wondered why we have no physical description of the most important figure in human history. We have sketches of many of the ancient world leaders and military giants but none of God's beloved

Son. Was He tall or short? Did He have the appearance of a huge football player, or did He look like He was under-nourished and emaciated? After all, He was born a peasant with no claim to wealth or fame.

The Bible is strangely silent about Jesus' physical appearance because that is not what draws us to Him. Isaiah tells us that when we look at Him there is no physical beauty that would make us desire to be with Him (Isaiah 53:2). He lived in an ordinary human body. He would not have been selected as a model for some fashion magazine.

Yet, He has drawn men to Him as no other person has ever done. Throughout history men and women have followed Him with a loyalty that led them into lion's dens, dungeon cells, and amphitheatres where they were torn apart before roaring crowds. Millions have denied themselves and taken up their crosses to become His disciples. Without having seen Him, we love Him, and we long for the day we can look upon His face.

Someday we will behold Him in all His glory and look upon His face. We will have no difficulty recognizing Him. The beauty of His grace will draw us home.

A Little More

Do more than exist—Live!

Do more than touch—Feel!

Do more than look—Observe!

Do more than read—Absorb!

Do more than hear—Listen!

Do more than listen—Understand!

Do more than think—Ponder!

Do more than talk—Say something!