

## 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

## The Game of Life

con't from pg. 3  
He will continue to cleanse those who continue to place their focus on eternal things by following Jesus and obeying His Word (1 John 1:7).

In the end, life isn't a game! But "The Game of Life" can remind us to think "outside the box" about those things which ARE eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18).

Won't YOU accept God's offer of forgiveness and eternal life by trusting and obeying Jesus?

### NOTE: LADIES BIBLE CLASS

will meet on Tuesday evening at 5:30 instead of Monday Sept. 5

### LIGHTENING DAMAGE

Last Monday a severe bolt of lightening hit close to the church building. As a result the computer in the office for which I use so much to update our website, Facebook page, bulletin, sending letters, preparing agendas and minutes for our elders and deacons meetings was fried from the electrical surge. It also got our phones and the router that provides access to the internet.

Thanks to Nate with N8s PC Repair, he was able to salvage a lot of the documents, photos, and other things!! He brought over a computer with what he could retrieve. Unfortunately, my email addresses that I use to send the bulletin link each week, and the email list of church members here at HC are gone. I am also having to reinstall all the various programs such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Publisher which I use to prepare the bulletin. At this point, I am not able to upload to our website or post on Face Book. WH



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## Why Are You Here?

by Steve Higginbotham

Henry Ward Beecher was a renowned 19th century preacher. He actually achieved "celebrity status" in his day. People would flock to hear him preach when he came to their community. On one occasion in Brooklyn, NY, many curiosity seekers arrived at Plymouth Church to hear the famous Henry Ward Beecher speak. However, to their dismay, Thomas Beecher, Henry's brother, rose to deliver the message that day instead. When people came to the realization that the renowned Beecher would not be speaking, they arose from their seats and headed for the doors.

Unmoved by what was happening, Thomas Beecher quickly brought things into perspective when he said, "Those of you who came here today to worship Henry Ward Beecher are excused at this time. However, those of you who came to worship God, please remain seated." Nothing more needed to be said.

Sometimes I think we may need to be reminded that when we assemble on the Lord's day, it's not to be entertained, impressed, or "wowed" by the speaker, but to worship God. When our mindset views the preacher as a the participant, and ourselves as his audience, we've lost focus. Actually, we are all the participants, and God is the audience. Instead of judging the preacher's eloquence, critiquing the song leader's selection and tempo, and timing the length of the closing prayer, it might be more helpful to consider how God is judging our performance. Give it some thought.

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Margie Gentry is being cared for at her home; Becky Hatcher was able to be out Wed. She is home still dealing with back pain. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Rex Wallace went to see the dr. in Louisville, and he believes Rex has Meniere's disease; Sue Bunnell; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer; Agnes Seaton; Mark Hatcher; Joyce Dye; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda with a brain tumor; Laura Brooks; good to see Brenda Jagers out Sun. morning; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; Malon Schuler's mom Ann Schuler home under Hospice Care; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy's future treatments for cancer; Zona Hogan (Genie & Marilyn Hogan's sister-in-law); Don Waddell; Chad Davis is now cancer free; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Helen Edwards; Ronnie Smith (Robin Wallace's) brother had his back surgery; Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) is home and will be undergoing procedures for a future liver transplant; Becky Bush is staying at her granddaughter's home at the present; Vickie Thompson's mother is under the care of Hospice; Dane Ann Stinson; Tanya prayers for our local schools, students & staff as a new school year begins.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass  
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing  
Manna Project

### HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our first lesson in our Fall Quarter

from Ephesians. Today's topic: *The Ephesian Church Acts 19:1-20* Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne Hatcher will be preaching this morning at 11 am *"Enabling a Culture of Truthfulness"* and at 5 pm Series in I John *"Love In Action"* 3:11-18

### 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

### OUR SUMMER SERIES

concluded this past Wed. night. John Board spoke on Mechanical Instruments of Worship showing from the New Testament that it is not authorized. We appreciate the nine men who presented lessons. When I can find time to edit the lessons, I plan to put them on a DVD.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Our elders have decided since we have finished *Hebrews* that we will study the book of *James*. We plan to use the same rotation with Wayne taking the first Wed., Darrell the second, Scott Huff the third and singing on the last Wed. night.

### AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

Sept. 11-14 South Green St. Church of Christ in Glasgow with Matt Cook *Praise the Lord! The Gospel Is For All.*

Sept. 11 Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ in Bowling Green with Hoby Grace in a series of one day meetings.

Sept. 18-21 Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green with Robert Hatfield *Jesus is the Answer*

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many days did it take Jonah to walk throughout the city of Nineveh? (next pg.)

Answer to our question last week: He learned that Paul was a Roman citizen (Acts 22:24-29)

## The Game of Life

by David Sargent

Steve Higginbotham asks, "Have you ever played Milton Bradley's, 'The Game of LIFE?'" Probably you have at some point. This game has been around a long time -- since 1860! The object of this game is to cause its players to make several important 'life decisions' and teach them several important 'life lessons,' while having fun all at the same time. Some of those decisions and lessons were:

- Whether to go straight to work, or go to college first.
- Paydays are typically better for those who go to college.
- Whether to buy or not to buy health/life insurance.
- Having children can bring benefits as well as liabilities.

Life has many unexpected setbacks, as well as serendipitous blessings. And ultimately, the decisions you make in life will determine whether you will wind up in a "Millionaire's Mansion" or the "Poor House."

Then Higginbotham points out an important lesson that one can learn from the game even though it's not found in the game's instructions: *"But one lesson this game didn't teach us; in fact, the most important lesson of all is this..."*

*When the game is over, everything goes back in the box!*

*No matter how good you were at this game; no matter how much money you were able to accumulate; no matter whom you were able to beat; at the end of the game, you had to put everything you had accumulated back in the box."*

Higginbotham's observations illustrate the truthfulness of this passage:

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." – 1 Timothy 6:7

*"No matter what you're able to accomplish in life; no matter how much money you are able to earn in your lifetime; no matter how many people you competed against and over which you were victorious; when your life is over, it all goes 'back in the box.' You take none of it with you. Then you'll stand before your Maker." – Steve Higginbotham*

If we've spent all of our time, energy, and focus on things that "go back into the box," we will perish and miss out on the greatest, ETERNAL blessings that God wants to give to us. Please read Matthew 6:19-21.

Our sins condemn us (Romans 6:23), but God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we might receive forgiveness and the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

God will save those who place their faith and trust in Christ (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). (next page)