

## 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 the  
light - Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7

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## A Better Idea

by Joe Slater

Over half a century ago (1968 to be exact) Ford Motor Company began a new advertising campaign using the slogan "Ford has a better idea." It featured the image of a glowing light bulb and urged listeners and viewers to "see the light!" No doubt Ford's engineers had some good ideas. Others, not so much. The snarky side of me has gotten quite a bit of mileage mocking the "better idea" of things I found subpar in the Ford vehicles I've owned. In those cases, I obviously think my own ideas are better than Ford's! You might or might not agree.

Neither you nor I will ever have better ideas than God has. King Saul thought he had a better idea of what to do with the king and livestock of Amalek. God told Saul to utterly destroy them. Saul brought back the king and the best of the livestock, supposedly to sacrifice the animals to the Lord. Wouldn't just destroying them all be a waste? Wouldn't sacrificing them be a better idea? The prophet Samuel answered: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22).

God has graciously provided a way for sinners to be saved. When a lost person puts his confident trust in Jesus as the Son of God, repents of sin, and is immersed in water for the remission of sins, God washes that person's sins away in the blood of Christ. The book of Acts is replete with examples. According to some, however, there is a better way: Pray the "sinner's prayer" and invite Jesus into your heart! (Don't bother looking for Scripture that teaches it!)

Then there's that thorny subject of baptism. The very word means "immersion," but people have decided sprinkling and pouring are better ideas.

You can think of other examples. But far and away the best idea is to trust and obey the Lord!



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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 have a special invitation to our  
**Fall Gospel Meeting**  
October 15-18, 2023

with  
**John Board**



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#### Time of Services and Sermon Topics:

Sunday 10 am - Faith Comes By Hearing"

Sunday 11 am - Does Jesus Amaze You?

Sunday 5 pm - Listening To God: A Fish Story

Monday 6:30 pm - Seeing, Listening, and Believing: The Miracles  
of Jesus

Tuesday 6:30 pm - Is God Calling Out To You?

Wednesday 6:30 pm - Psalm 89: Is God Listening?

Theme:



## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Wanda Proffitt suffered a stroke, and is under Hospice Care, prayers for comfort; Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher continues with dialysis 3X a week; Wayne will be wearing a heart monitor for 30 days; Becky Bush has been cleared for back surgery, but not from her cardiologist;; Rex & Doris Wallace; Fran Mears; Jackie Coop; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Don Waddell (member at Center); Don Nims; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Pat Thompson; Danny McCain mission trip to Budapest, Hungary; Ron Hogan is recovering from surgery in Anchorage, Alaska; prayers for our schools

### HOSPICE HOUSE Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt (see note above)

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow

Ruth Bradford 100 on Oct. 15

### SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR RUTH BRADFORD

Ruth's family is hosting a celebration for this special milestone on Sat. **Oct. 14th from 2-4 p.m.** at South Green Church of Christ in Glasgow. Sis. Bradford was a faithful member here at Horse Cave. She later moved to Glasgow to live. She is such a sweet and positive Christian lady.

### 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 Fall Quarter studying the theme "The Godhead" Today is lesson 6: "Jesus the Preincarnate" John 1:1-5; Gen. 32:24-32; Joshua 5:13-15; Daniel 3:13-25 Wayne serves as teacher.

### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. "In Trouble Habakkuk Prays and Rejoices" Habakkuk 3 conclusion of the study in Habakkuk.

Darrell Wallace preaching at 5 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

We are studying the book of Colossians. Wayne is scheduled to teach this week in chapter 3.

### OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor "In Search of the Lord's 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

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.

### OUR NEXT GOSPEL MEETING

**October 15-18** with John Board, Pulpit Minister with the E-town Church of Christ. Theme: "Listening to GOD" Mark your calendar. Be in prayer for this effort.

### AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Oct. 22-25 Elizabethtown Church of Christ with George Jensen Wasilla, AK Theme: "Christian Life Lessons" See bulletin board

### LADIES DAY

Oct. 14 Coral Hill Church of Christ 3303 Coral Hill Rd. Glasgow, KY with Kim Higginbotham See bulletin board

Oct. 14 Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY with Paula Bault

Oct. 14 North Lexington Church of Christ with Cherie Vestal See bulletin board

## Retiring After 50+ Years

As was announced last Sunday evening, I informed the elders of my plans to retire this year from my local ministry. I cannot be the Caregiver for Becky and carry the load of preaching and the duties of local work. I also need to focus on my health so I can better take care of Becky. (continued next page)

## Retiring After 50+ Years

It has been a ministry of love serving here at Horse Cave for the past nearly 22 years. Serving under our eldership has also been a pleasure. We have maintained a wonderful relationship of respect and love.

We plan to keep Horse Cave as our base, and serve God in whatever way I can.

I ask for your prayers for us and for the process of selecting the next preacher. As we know, Horse Cave has only had two of us preachers in the past 55 years. That is a testimony to the leadership and you as a congregation.

In the meantime, I will continue to preach and teach for at least till the end of this year. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. More later.

With my love. Wayne

## A Faith That Sings

by David R. Ferguson

Psalm 98:1-3 and 8-9 says, 1 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. 2 The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. 3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the Earth have seen the salvation of our God. 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; 9 for He is coming to judge the Earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

When Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned in the city of Philippi, God's

word tells us they "were praying and singing hymns to God" in Acts 16:25. Christians ought to be singing people. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God," writes Paul in Colossians 3:16. We are admonished in the word of God to sing to the Lord. "Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory" (verse 1 above).

Sing about God's victories. If you think you have no victory in your life, start singing about the victory of the Lord, and you'll be surprised what He'll do for you. Sing about His salvation. "The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations" (verse 2 above). We should proclaim the message of salvation to people today.

Sing about His mercy and faithfulness. "He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness" (verse 3 above). The Lord's mercy and faithfulness endure forever. Sing about His coming. Verse 9 tells us, "for He is coming to judge the Earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity." Sing about His coming, for Jesus may come back today!

Are you singing the praises of God in your life? If you've lost your song, it may mean that you've lost your vision of God and your faith in His word. Perhaps sin has come into your life. Follow the instructions of this psalm and by faith "sing to the Lord a new song."