

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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What the psalms are to our relationship with God, the proverbs are to our relationship with man. They provide

- Wisdom for the young (1:1-7).
- Advice on avoiding fleshly sins such as fornication (Proverbs 7), partying (1:10-17), and drunkenness (23:29-35).
- Good advice on having and rearing children (22:6, 15).
- Verses on how to get along with neighbors and friends (25:17-19) and how to avoid foolishness (26:1-12).
- Advice on how to use one's tongue (15:1-4).
- Advice on how to view wealth and poverty (13:7).

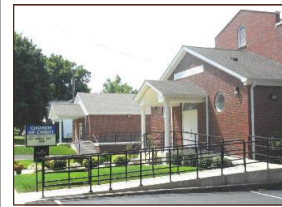
The Bible gives wisdom about sin.

- God hates sin (Proverbs 8:13).
- Sin separates from God (Isaiah 59:2).
- Sin is against God (Genesis 39:9; Psalm 51:4).
- God will punish those who sin (Ezekiel 18:4).

We need God's wisdom to guide us through life to heaven. —Anonymous

"Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding."

Proverbs 3:13



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Churches of Christ

by Ronald Bartanen

Congregations usually identified by the term "churches of Christ" consists of a people who want to be known individually as Christians, in honor of Christ. We have no earthly headquarters, and take as our one rule of faith and practice the New Testament scriptures. We endeavor to be neither more nor less than believers in Christ were from the beginning. We believe that, as New Testament believers, when we believed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God who died for our sins and was raised from the dead (1 Cor. 15:1-4), repented of our sins, confessed our faith and were baptized (immersed) in the name of the Lord Jesus for the remission of sins, the Lord added us to His church (Acts 2:36-38, 41, 47). We have not desired to join a denomination, all of which were unknown to the apostles and early Christians.

What we do "in word or in deed" is not dictated by denominational councils, but is to be "in the name of (by authority of) the Lord" (Col. 3:17). Our plea is for restoration of simple New Testament Christianity as established by Christ and taught by the apostles, with Christ as our creed, and the inspired word as our infallible guide. This alone can be a sufficient ground for the unity of believers, for which Jesus prayed prior to His crucifixion. (John 17:21).

A plea that we have commonly heard and voiced has been: "Let us call Bible things by Bible names, and let us do Bible things in Bible ways. Let us speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent."

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell was able to go home from the Medical Center at Caverna, later she was taken to the ER at TJ Samson; Becky Hatcher had an operation Thurs. in BG to have an AV fistula put in her right arm as a permanent port for dialysis. Wayne is her Caregiver; Wayne is wearing a heart monitor for 30 days; Becky Bush; Rex & Doris Wallace; Fran Mears; Marie Burd recovering from a cracked rib; Jackie Coop; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Don Waddell (member at Center); Don Nims; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Steve Seaton; Danny McCain mission trip to Budapest, Hungary; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Ron Hogan is recovering in Anchorage, Alaska from back surgery; prayers for our local schools; the Smyth family in the loss of their grandson Joseph; the war in Israel and Gaza Pray for our elders as they lead in the search for a new minister here at HC.

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 10 a.m.

We are in our Fall Quarter studying "The Godhead" We will study lesson 7 "Jesus the Man" Wayne continues to be the teacher

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. His sermon will be "Searching To Find God's Treasure" Matt. 13:44-46; Acts 8: 26-40

Robbie Fudge will be preaching at 5 p.m.

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 the seed of the gospel is being sown in this ministry.

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

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Our Gospel Meeting with John Board is now in the books. His lessons were centered on: "Listening to GOD. John did an excellent job of preaching lessons that were inspiring and biblical!! We appreciated those who supported the meeting by their attendance and prayers. Ken and Scott did their usual great job of leading the song services.

After Sunday morning worship, we enjoyed a very delicious meal in our Annex. Thanks for your help by preparing some of the side dishes, desserts, etc.

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

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

Inspecting Fruit

by David Hill
Cookeville, TN

Legendary preacher brother Marshall Keeble said, "I'm not the judge, I'm just a fruit inspector." He had tremendous talent-provoking thought. To have fruit a seed must be sown. Jesus used this subject (Luke 8), teaching the seed to be the word of God (v. 11), and if sown in honest and good hearts, it will bring forth "fruit with patience" (v. 15). The law of sowing and reaping stands both physically and spiritually (Gal. 6:7). The Bible teaches two possible seeds can be sown. One may sow to the flesh in lust (Gal. 5:19-21, 24); from that seed comes corruption, or one may sow to the Spirit resulting in life everlasting

(Gal. 5:22-23). That's it. No other options given or hybrids considered.

With the two types of seeds sown, two crops will result. Jesus likens the good seed sown to wheat (Matt. 13:24-43) which produces fruit honoring God and blessing man. Seed sown from the devil produces tares according to the Lord. Note tares can resemble wheat in appearance, but is not wheat and proven so at the harvest. It's sad when God's children think we'll get by with sowing that which is not of God. "Well, I won't sow much, just a little bit." Ever considered this fact of sowing and reaping: one always reaps more than that which is sown. A little sown may produce far more than desired. This is why Jesus gave no in-between or compromise. Its one or the other. Separation time's a coming (Matt. 25:32), when the wheat will be separated from the tares, the sheep from the goats. Salvation comes to the wheat and sheep, fire of destruction to the tares and goats (Rev. 20:14). The righteous Judge will be the inspector of fruits then. Two outcomes are given by inspiration (Matt. 25:46). With Jesus as Lord, fruit and "much fruit" results from life in "the Vine" (John 15:5). Those not part of the Vine or leaving the Vine will wither, be gathered, and burned (v. 6).

Highlighted by brother Keeble's wit, is that an inspector is a judge. Jesus didn't say as claimed by some, one cannot judge (Matt. 7:1-5). The point of such invalidates the argument for one has made a judgment when accusing or informing another that they

cannot judge! The Lord taught good judgment, faithful judgment, righteous judgment (John 7:24). By all means judge yourself whither you be in the faith. Judge and control your life (I Cor. 9:27), not by the rubbish of the world, but by the purity of the word of God. May I judge you in Christ? Jesus said I could (Matt. 7:20). Does this make me a fruit inspector? I must first inspect my production in Christ, lest I fall into hypocrisy and hurt someone with the beam in my eye while judging them. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-26).

Need Some Good Advice?

The Bible is a book of wisdom.

Paul said the Scriptures made Timothy "wise for salvation" (2 Timothy 3:15).

The Psalms contain an enormous amount of God's wisdom.

- Do you need help in finding words to pray to God? (Psalm 86).
- Do you struggle to find comfort in times of grief? (Psalm 23).
- Do you wrestle with the evil men trying to hurt you? (Psalm 10).
- Do you look for words to use to praise God? (Psalm 100).
- Do you seek to find ways to confess sin to God? (Psalm 51).
- Do you want to know more about the character of God's Word? (Psalm 119).

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