

**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; I Peter 3:21  
 Be faithful, committed, walk in light –  
 Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

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classroom, at work, or even at home, you will never regret putting forth your best effort. Minimal or half-hearted efforts will be regretted. A great guiding principle is *"whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men"* (Colossians 3:23). Even if you "come up short," you will always have the satisfaction of knowing that you gave it your best.

Accepting God's forgiveness. The burden of guilt for past sins is a heavy burden (cf. Psalm 32:1-5). concluded on the back

The Good News – the Gospel – is that Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we might have forgiveness and receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:7). God has promised to forgive those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27). Accept God's forgiveness on His terms. You won't regret it.

Living for Jesus. It's not always going to be easy. Jesus said, *"In the world you will have tribulation."* But then He added: *"but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). It won't always be easy to follow Jesus, but it will be worth it. On one occasion, Peter said to Jesus, *"See, we have left all and followed You."* Jesus replied, *"Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time; houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life"* (Mark 10:28-30). Jesus was saying, "It's worth it!"

Live with no regrets. Accept God's forgiveness on His terms. Live for Jesus by following His Word.

Won't you?



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**No Regrets** by David A. Sargent

Keith Smith was my college roommate for my junior and senior years at Faulkner University. Even though we don't see each other very often, I still consider him a very close friend and brother in Christ. He was one of the two "best men" in my wedding.

Keith was and is one of the greatest guys you'd ever want to meet. He is very kind, fairly quiet, a prince of a guy. He is passionate about a couple of things: living for Christ and Foley High School football.

I remember going home to Foley, AL with Keith one weekend during football season. He spoke to his old football team before the game. Many of the football players came out of the fieldhouse with tears in their eyes.

"What did you say to them, Keith?"

He didn't expound on his speech, but he said, "Basically, I told them to play with no regrets."

That's a great philosophy of life: Live with No Regrets.

You will never regret...

Seeking to mend broken relationships. Jesus taught us to make reconciliation with others an urgent priority (see Matthew 5:23-24). The Apostle Paul also instructed: *"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men"* (Romans 12:18).

Being kind. You will likely regret being mean and ugly to someone. But you won't regret being kind. *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you"* (Ephesians 4:32). "But what if the kindness is spurned, not appreciated, not returned? What if my kindness is viewed negatively?" Then you will always know that you tried to do the right thing, in the right way. You won't regret it.

Doing your best. Whether it is on the field of competition, in the

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher is now taking a shot weekly to increase her hemoglobin. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Sue Bunnell is taking treatments for a small tumor on her pancreas, she also a stroke affecting her right leg; Mike Thompson at home; Genie & Marilyn Hogan at home; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Dennis Hatcher; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda with a brain tumor; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; thankful that Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) has been accepted on the donor list for a liver transplant; Don Waddell; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy's future treatments; John Carter is home; Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Bradley Bogue having treatments for lung cancer; our local schools, students & staff; Rhealyn Denison had surgery on her legs at Norton Children's Hospital last week; she has a lot of recovery

### IN THE HOSPITAL

Joey Palmore is in Norton Hosp. Louisville he had another back fusion due to a bad herniated disc pinching nerves; he is doing well; Jackie Coop was admitted to T.J. for heart issues, came home Friday; Diana Proffitt also was admitted to T.J. with possible heart issues, thankfully she was also able to go home Wed.

### 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 Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

### NHC Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

### SHANTI NIKETAN HOSPICE HOME Glasgow

Ann Schuler

### THANK YOU NOTE

Horse Cave Church of Christ,  
Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were sent for Mother's service. Your prayers and cards are a great comfort at this time. It is easier to go thru hard times like this when you know you have a church family praying for you. Mike, Vickie & Gale  
Imogene Estes family

Because of you, there's someone who is thanking God today, Someone who appreciates your warm and caring way, Someone who's remembering the special things you do And wishing you His blessings every day the whole year through. Thanks to you all, Love Jackie & Mae Coop Angie & Kevin

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

This morning we begin a new quarter on the theme "One Book-Chapters" Lesson 1 is "Obadiah: Judgment on Edom" vss. 1-9 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 am "The Cross of Christ Compels Us" and 5 pm "Il John"

### WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00

Wed. we continue our study of the book of James in chapter 2. Wayne will serve as the teacher this week.

### ELDERS & DEACONS MEET ING

This afternoon at 3:00 in the library

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Meets tomorrow at 5:30 in the Annex. Please bring 12 Christmas Cards

### OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are sponsoring "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. Prayers for this work in sowing the seed of the gospel

### RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

"Light of the World" Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed on SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am (next column)

"In Search of the Lord's Way" with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

GBN seen on our local SCRTC cable on 113

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who in the OT once fled to the Mt. of Olives?

Answer to our last question:

Amos 7:14

### POTTER CHILDREN'S COMMODITIES

Another one of our areas of service is helping with the ministry at Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries. We have been asked to donate any of these pantry items:

augraten potato mix ketchup olive oil  
frosted flakes cereal ritz crackers

If you had rather donate by check or cash, that is also appreciated.

They plan to be here the week of January 8, 2023 to pick up our donations

## Salvation Matters

by Edd Sterchi

"Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward." (2 John 8)

In 2 John 8, the "full reward" of salvation forevermore is referenced. It is a beautiful concept in that when we receive our heavenly reward, nothing will be held back! It will be full and perfect. But in this great text, it is very important for us to note four important points concerning this salvation:

"Look to yourselves..." – This is a great reminder that salvation is an individual matter. None of us will be saved based upon what another does or does not do (excepting Jesus Christ, of course). We must make sure that we have followed God's will for our lives. "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith.

Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified." (2 Cor. 13:5, see also Rom. 14:12).

"...that we do not lose those things..." – It is important to also remember that salvation can be forfeited. If we turn our backs on Christ after being converted to Him, then we will be just as lost as if we had never met Him. "You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace." (Gal. 5:4, see also Heb. 2:1).

"...we worked for..." – Another thing about attaining salvation is that salvation takes activity on our part. Of course, we could never earn our salvation, but we still must meet the gospel conditions set forth. And that does take obedience on our part. "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not a sin my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;" (Phil. 2:12, see also Matt. 25:21).

"...but that we may receive a full reward." – Finally, let's note this: salvation must be accepted. God has offered salvation to all through the sacrifice of His Son. But we must still receive it and take it into our hearts and lives. "Receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls." (1 Pet. 1:9, see also Jas. 1:21).

Do you have assurance of the "full reward" offered by God? I can guarantee you, you will not want to miss out on any of it. □

Welcome everyone on this Lord's Day!!