

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

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:

Faith - 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

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Jan. 1

READ SCRIPTURE
Scott Huff

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
Sydney Bunnell

SERVE COMMUNION
Phillip Perkins
Jackie Coop Dennis Hatcher

PREACHING
11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
5 p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING
Ken Russell

The Time To Be Glad

A young man lives in the future;
An old man lives in the past;
For youth, time's moving too slowly;
For age it's moving too fast.

A young man dreams of the gladness
The years before him will bring;
An old man dreams of his pleasures
When life held the magic of spring.

But youth and age are in error!
The present alone can convey
The joy and cheer and contentment
We seek as we journey life's way.

Today is the time to be happy!
No matter how young or how old,
It's always today that must bring us
The blessing our fortunes unfold!

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TIME OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 5 PM
Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

CHURCH WEB PAGE: www.horsecavecoc.com

Focused on Christ - Thankful for our Salvation - Glorifying the Lord - Serving through Love - Preaching Christ to the World

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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Happy New Year!!

by Wayne Hatcher

Happy New Year! There's something about the beginning of a new year that makes us to pause and reflect on our lives, to take a personal inventory. As Christians, we must carefully examine our lives against the truth of God's Word on a daily basis (2 Corinthians 13:5). With the arrival of 2017, while the world focuses on making resolutions for this new year, we should use this opportunity to take deliberate stock of our lives. The need of the hour is not to lightly make some vague resolutions. There are all kinds of statistics indicating that about 40% of New Year's resolutions are broken during the first week of the New Year. Then about 70% fall apart during the month of January, and only about 8% achieve their resolutions.

The greatest resolution a human can make is to become a Christian and then to stay true to that decision and commitment until the end. In this we cannot afford to fail because being faithful to Christ simply carries too great a price for failure—our soul and eternal life.

So I encourage us to look beyond all the present hype of January 1st. As this new year will gradually lose its "newness," and the focus on resolutions declines, life will continue on much like in the previous years. It surely requires great diligence to live the Christian life. Someone has said, "Between the great things we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing."

May we all think seriously about our relationship to God, Christ, His Spirit, His Church, and the Bible. Let's strive to keep growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon Seaton at home; Bill Brooks; R.T. Turner; James Horton is undergoing direct radiation on his brain; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Kelli Long; Helen Edwards' step granddaughter; Bessie Brooks recovering from a kidney transplant, and also remember the donor family; Mike Thompson ask us to remember his brother-in-law Mike Waddell who has been diagnosed with colon cancer; Jim Mears ask for prayers for his son-in-law J. Maddox; Lori Brewer is scheduled for surgery Jan. 25 and the 27 if necessary; Connie Campbell traveling

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Marlene Kerr; Joey Chaney; Frankie Walters; Stella Downs; Doug Isenberg; Brad Terry; Kim Hatcher; Larry D. Glass; Gail Hatcher Coats; Tonya Sexton; Roger Davis; Beth Brown; Bobby Witty

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HOMETOWN MANOR ASSISTED LIVING

Jean Turner

SUNDAY A. M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the 5th lesson in our Winter Quarter on the theme: "Doctrines in Ephesians" This morning we will study "The Mystery of Christ" Eph. 3:1-13 Wayne serves as the teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Mike Thompson has begun a new study for Wednesday evenings on the History of the Church. Make plans to be in

attendance for this study.

Everyone is encouraged to attend our bible classes. You feed your body; why would you starve your soul??

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Reminder: If you wish to donate items for their Commodities Outreach, we only have a few days left before they come to pick them up the week of Jan. 8 -14. Cash/checks are also acceptable

apple sauce bleu cheese dressing
 honey mustard dressing
mayonnaise white northern beans

FREED-HARDEMAN LECTURESHIP

The 81st annual bible lectureship is set for Feb. 5-9, 2017 This year's theme: IDENTITY IN CRISES - DANIEL'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

this afternoon at 3:00 in the auditorium Any men of the congregation are also welcome to attend.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

meets tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Annex. Any ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and participate.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What was the name of Rebekah's brother?

The answer to last week's question: Mary Luke 10:39-40

Welcome to our visitors!!! We truly appreciate your presence!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Saved To Serve

From a rather obscure person from a generally overlooked section of Scripture comes an important biblical principle. After giving His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus healed a leper (Matt. 8:1-4) and a centurion's servant (Matt. 8:5-13). Then in verses 14 and 15 of Matthew chapter 8, we read, "Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them." From the actions of Peter's unnamed mother-in-law, we learn this principle: We are saved to serve.

Burton Coffman in his commentary of Matthew says of this incident: "Peter's mother-in-law attested the completeness of her healing by rising at once to minister to the Lord. No blessing of any kind, physical or spiritual, is intended solely for the benefit of the recipient. People are saved to save others. Those who were healed were healed to serve others!"

This principle is also clearly brought forth in Eph. 2:8-10: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." We are not saved to sit, we were saved to be active. We are not saved to be served, we are saved to serve. Indeed, let us

always remember that we were created anew in Christ so that we may show the love of Christ to others. The world may never see Christ until they see Him living through our love and service.

Has God blessed you? Then bestow blessings upon others. Has God helped you? Then heap helpings upon others. Has God delivered you? Has God been good to you? Then deliver goodness to others. Jesus said that the second greatest commandment was closely tied to the first: to love your neighbor as you love yourself (Matt. 22:39). Let's all make better efforts at better serving in the name of Christ.

"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Heb. 6:10)

by Ed Sterchi, Broadway Church of Christ Campbellsville, KY

TRUE CHRISTIANITY MEANS...

...SERVING, even when we are not being served.

...HELPING, even when we have not been helped.

...LOVING, even when we are not being loved.

...GIVING, even when we have not received.

...PLEASING, even when others do not please us.

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