

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

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today Jan 5
READ SCRIPTURE
Rex Wallace
OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
Rex Wallace
SERVE COMMUNION
Malon Schuler Sonny Dye
Mark Hatcher
PREACHING
11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher
LEAD SINGING
Scott Huff
GREETERS
Rex & Doris Wallace

A New Year, Again

Happy New Year! The sentiment is genuine, the prayer is solid, that you and yours might be blessed by the Lord, in Christ, for great things, greater works.

Those who have hope in Christ come at a New Year with a different perspective. It's one step closer to home. It's a degree of awareness greater of the winding down of this world and the perfection of heaven.

The turning of the year is a good time to tweak tasks and reevaluate one's service. It's a God-given time frame for forward movement. It's a human tendency to think in terms of a year, Jas. 4:13-14, and to make sure that one's plans include God.

So in these first days of 2020, feel the forward movement as you look back over the year that's gone, be thankful for the Lord's promised presence, and launch out anew to deeper waters and more fertile fields of harvest.

by J. Randall Matheny
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Maintaining Our Spiritual Balance In the New Year

It is said that the great physicist, Albert Einstein, once gave the following piece of wisdom to his son: "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." The wisdom that Einstein passed on to his son, is wise and practical for us as well.

As followers of Christ, we understand that by faith in the Lord, we can keep moving ahead, even through painful and trying circumstances (Philippians 3:13-15; Philippians 4:12-13;). However, sometimes when we experience a personal moral failure, we lose our balance and fall. Our regret and feeling of unworthiness of God's forgiveness may keep us down, no longer desiring to move ahead in our spiritual life.

The Bible gives us many examples of folks who experienced serious personal moral failure. For example, the Scriptures tell us that Abraham lied to Pharaoh about his wife, Sarah (Genesis 12:11-17). Jacob deceived his father to acquire Esau's blessing (Genesis 27:18-29). Moses disobeyed God by "striking" the rock instead of "speaking" to it (Numbers 20:7-12).

However, despite all of their failures, God's word tells us that, "all theseobtained a good testimony through faith" (Hebrews 11:39).

The above biblical characters are provided for us as examples, because after they fell, they got up, dusted themselves off, and began to follow God again by doing His will.

Have we lost our spiritual balance through a sinful choice, which is keeping us down?

Let us get up, dust ourselves off, and maintain our spiritual balance in this upcoming New Year, by sincerely repenting (2 Corinthians 7:8-11), asking God to forgive us (1 John 1:9), and then keep on following the God of second chances (James 1:19-25).

- - Mike Riley

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks; Jim Mears came home Mon. from SKY Rehab; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Sue Bunnell had her 3rd chemo treatment this past week and is back home; Lisa Schuler and Becky Hatcher have been sick with this respiratory "bug"; Bonnie Turner had cataract surgery this past week. She will have the other eye done in a few days; Dennis Hatcher is having several blood tests done; church family of the West Freeway Church of Christ

GOSPEL RESPONSE

We rejoice that Theron Shultz responded to the Lord's invitation Wed. evening asking for forgiveness and our prayers desiring to be restored to a proper relationship with the Lord.

OUR SYMPATHY

to the family of Charlene Brangers who passed away Sunday night. She is the sister of our Joyce (Sunny) Dye. Her funeral was Wed. at Brooks Funeral Home in Munfordville

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Sammi Jo Eubank; Brad Terry; Whitney Fisher Breeze; Joyce Gibbons; Roger Rutledge; Marion Esters; Doris Garrison

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 109 JoAnn Wallace

SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is lesson 6 of our Winter Quarter: Peter in Acts "Simon the Sorcerer" 8:14-25.

Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

We are participating in their Commodity Collections. We have been asked to donate the following items:

all purpose cleaner with bleach
beef Ramen Noodles *evaporated milk*
apple juice *Cream of Mushroom soup*

*Today is the deadline to bring them in as they plan to be here tomorrow. Thank you for your valuable help!!

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

today at 3:00 in the auditorium
men of the congregation are invited

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

PLEASE NOTE: will NOT meet tomorrow evening They will resume Feb. 3 at 6:30

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

According to John, how long did a certain man have an infirmity before he was healed by Jesus at the pool of Bethesda?

The answer to our question last week:
Tarshish Jonah 1:3

Welcome to our visitors!!!

We are grateful for your presence!!

The Christian Worker

Although your work isn't seen by all;
Nor recognized with special name call;
Our Lord knows and sees each deed;
He sees each detail and planted seed.

We thank our Lord for you so much;
The ways you serve, your special touch.
We see Christ's love in what you do;
For how you serve we say "Thank You"!

- Selected

Happy New Year—2020!!!

May Your Spiritual Vision be 20/20 in 2020

Overcoming Fear in 2020...and Anytime

by Adam Faughn

It might seem strange that the first bulletin article of 2020 deals with fear, but many people struggle this time of year with this emotion. As they face a New Year, they might fear health issues or job uncertainty. Some simply fear failing in the resolutions they have made.

There is a sense in which some fear is a good thing. Fear is a natural instinct that, at times in life, keeps us from dangers that could truly harm us.

We also know, however, that the Bible speaks of certain types of fear in a negative light. These fears and anxieties are the types of things that draw our trust away from God, and that let the things of this world have a hold on us that is simply not right.

Psalm 56 was penned at a time when David was fighting to overcome fear. Near the outset of that poem, he stated that he had "an attacker" (verse 1) and that his enemies were trampling him "all day long" (verse 2). It would have only been natural and understandable to have a certain level of fear in those circumstances! (For the historical background to this poem, read 1 Samuel 21:8-15).

How can we overcome such fear? In the midst of the poem, David wrote, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I

trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?" (verses 3-4)

Those beautiful and faith-filled lines give us three steps to help in overcoming fear.

Step 1: Trust God. Often, when we fear, it is because we begin to take our eyes off of God and His unending power. We need to trust Him, no matter what enemies and struggles we face. After all, He is the only One who is truly Almighty!

Step 2: Lift Up the Word of God. We need to have God's Word in our hearts before difficulties come, so we can rely on its precious promises when we face times of discomfort. It offers us "comfort," among so many other things (see Romans 15:4).

Step 3: Remember Human Limitations. "What can flesh do to me?" Enemies may have certain advantages, but they are still just flesh, as we are. Even if they completely take away our life, what victory have they really won? They cannot cost us our soul unless we let them.

Fears will come, even in this New Year. How we face them and overcome them is what matters. Will you face and overcome them with God, or will you let fears get the best of you?

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"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7