

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

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Jan. 11
 READ SCRIPTURE
 Malon Schuler
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Willie Cyphers
 OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
 Sydney Bunnell
 SERVE COMMUNION
 Phillip Perkins Dennis Hatcher
 Donnie Edwards Malon Schuler
 PREACHING
 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher
 LEAD SINGING
 Scott Huff

Did You Know?

There are 1189 chapters in the Bible. Originally the Bible was not written in chapters and verses. Chapter divisions were made by Archbishop Langton for convenience.

The shortest verse in the English New Testament is John 11:35, "Jesus wept."

The Bible was written over a span of 1500+ years.

The Bible was written in three languages: the Old Testament in Hebrew and a little bit of Aramaic; the New Testament in Greek.

The longest and shortest chapters in the Bible are both in Psalms, and just two chapters apart. The longest is Psalm 119, while the shortest is Psalm 117.

By reading for just half an hour per day, you can read through the Bible in one year.

--Via House-too-House/Heart-to-Heart



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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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Low Places Don't Rule

by Dennis Russell

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

Habakkuk had numerous low points in his work as a prophet of God. Many of them came from not understanding God. He struggled with what he thought was contrary to God's holiness. But he concludes his book on a high point. "The Lord God is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places" (Habakkuk 3:19). His low places did not rule his life.

We all experience our own individual low places, and we all have our individual high places. When we are in one of those low places in life, we trust in the heart of God. God will lift us up onto high places. Walking by faith trusts God's motives as well. I believe that those low places are never supposed to work against the believer.

Circumstances arise that plunge us into the valley of despair. Sometimes those circumstances are self orchestrated. The less the amount of time I am in one of those low places, the better I like it. But even in the low places, I know that God's purpose for me is right, regardless of what my mind sometimes wants to tell me.

Even when we suffer from self-inflicted pain we need to realize that God is still overseeing in our lives. He has a good desire to bring us to Himself, to draw us to Himself. Whether the circumstances change or not, we serve a God Who loves us and has proven it beyond any event or circumstance that might cause us to doubt.

Remember, never let the low places rule your life.

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Brandon Schuler is undergoing his treatments again; Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R. T. Turner; Renee` Perkins; James Horton is undergoing more treatments plus he had 3 stints inserted a few days ago; Robert Brooks; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; Kathy Clarke; Wrendle Jones (Becky Hatcher's dad); Hugh Edwards; Leon & Agnes Seaton; Mark Hatcher & Donnie Edwards back problems; Rodney Middleton (Shady Grove) with CPOD; Carolyn Lizzer (Bill & Robert Brooks' sister); lots of bugs and viruses are causing many people to be sick. Jean Turner has been in Skilled Care at T. J. Samson; Aaron Locke had emergency surgery Wed. for appendicitis; Jean Hogan is scheduled for a very serious surgery early in the morning to remove a malignant tumor from her stomach at Jewish Hosp.;

IN REHAB: Bonnie Turner remains in rehab at Christian Health Center in B. Green after knee replacement surgery. She seems to be slowly improving after a rocky few days after surgery.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Kevin Gardner; Doris Garrison; Sherry Waddell; David Atwell; Thelma Lambright; John Taylor (Sara Brooks' dad); Leland Clack undergoing tests; Roger Lile is in Greenview Hosp. with no feeling in his feet due to diabetes. He also burned his feet by getting too close to a heater. ; Zandon Hay, 2 yr. old son of Brandon Hay and grandson of Archie & Ann Hay remains in Vanderbilt being treated for c-diff;

SYMPATHY: We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Harold Underwood who passed away yesterday after an extended illness. He preached for several years at the Green's Chapel Church of Christ here in Hart County.

BARREN COUNTY HEALTH CARE

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HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE

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PRAY FOR THE EFFORTS on our local radio programs via WLOC-1150 AM on Sunday mornings from 8:30—9:00. Also our ministry of HouseToHouse/HeartToHeart.

VISIT BRANDON SCHULER'S WEBSITE

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/brandonschuler>

NEW STUDY ON WED.

Mike Thompson plans to start a new class this Wed. night called "Circles of Truth". You will want to be here for each session. It will be valuable for a plan of action when you have an opportunity to discuss with someone about Christ.

GOSPEL MEETING SERMONS

If you have Internet access, the sermons that David Sain preached in our Gospel Meeting back in October are available on the church website in MP3 format. Click on the Audio Sermons link from the main page - www.horsecavecoc.com

79th ANNUAL FREED HARDEMAN LECTURES

Feb. 1-5 "Give Us a King" Faith, Failure and Forgiveness in Samuel

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Where was Jesus when He ascended back into heaven?

The answer to last week's bible question:

Egyptian Gen. 16:1

Visitors are always welcomed !!!!

"I've Got Some More Important To Do"

In John 4:7, the Bible says that a woman of Samaria came to draw water. She met Jesus at the well and He taught her in such an incredible way that John 4:28 says, "The woman then left her water pot" in her excitement to tell her neighbors about Jesus. In John 4:8, Jesus sent His disciples into the city to buy food. When they return with it in John 4:31 and urge Him to eat, Jesus seems to have lost interest in physical food in favor of another kind of food, His father's will and work (John 4:34). In both cases, the physical interest was eclipsed by the spiritual need.

How unlike the woman and Jesus we can be sometimes! A workday, service project, gospel meeting, fellowship activity, or involvement meeting is announced, but we rarely if ever participate. Instead, we have prioritized earthly things over these. We let our children miss church services for their sports, homework, job, or other activities, choosing or allowing them to choose the earthly over the spiritual. Do we ever abandon Jesus for the water pot, the food, or some 21st century equivalent?

I am convicted that I have often chosen the earthly over the spiritual when I worry about this world and its distractions, when I neglect prayer and Bible study, when money and material things become too important to me, and when I am not actively seeking ways to serve Christ or save souls. An occasional shortcoming that does not characterize me is one thing, but I do not want to become like those bread-chasers in John 6. I do not want to resort to Christ when all else is falling apart in my life. I want to make Him the priority of my life, letting Him fix what is broken

in me and use me as a tool in His hand. I want to see Christ's will as most important and say instinctively, "I've got something more important to do than 'work for the food that perishes'" (John 6:27). What about you?

- Neal Pollard via July 2013 Bulletin Digest

The Pencil Maker



A pencil maker told the pencil five important lessons just before putting it in the box:

1. Everything you do will leave a mark.
2. You can always correct the mistake you make.
3. What is important is what is inside of you.
4. In life, you will undergo painful sharpening, which will only make you better.
5. To be the best, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are is what's inside of you.

"In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and his children will have a place of refuge" (Prov. 14:26).

- Gary Culbreath