

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. 18
 READ SCRIPTURE
 Rex Wallace
 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
 Ken Russell

A Tribute To the Bible

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One can never be truly great who does not know the word, love it, live it, delight in it, and teach it without perversion and without misrepresentation. The one who knows how to handle it is in a position to render the greatest service to the world.

The Bible is a mirror that enables us to see ourselves as we really are. It is food which supplies the strength we need, a lamp to guide our way, a hammer to break and to build, a sword to fight and to defend, a seed to plant and grow, and a goal to own and to attain. There are no experiences in life for which the Bible does not furnish a passage. May these thoughts lend encouragement to all of us to become diligent students that we may know the way of life and find the life that is life indeed.



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 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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God Is On the Throne, Not On Stage

by Dalton Key

The God we serve is an august, spiritual being both deserving and desirous of our deepest respect. Though described in Scripture as a friend to man (Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23), He is not some sort of "good buddy" to joke with or about.

Our God is still on the throne (Psalm 45:6); His ways remain higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9), and His authoritative Word still promises to judge us in the Last Day (Revelation 20: 12).

No measure of self-appointed, flippant familiarity with the God of heaven detracts one bit or whit from His inherent majesty. Our God is eminently worthy of our reverence; thus we must serve Him "acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Hebrews 12:28). Truly, reverence is the "very first element of religion."

Moreover, our periods of public worship should express this spirit of reverence. "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all about him" (Psalm 89:7). Worship performed "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24) suggests a demeanor of awe and reverence.

We agree that our worship services should be permeated with expressions of joy and thanksgiving - they should not come to resemble a congregational visit to the dentist, but neither should the reverent worship of our heavenly Father be confused for a carnival or rock concert. Regardless of where, when, or by whom the worship is performed - it must be characterized by reverence and decorum. "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40).

The worship assembly is not the proper setting for screaming, whistling, clapping, and stomping the feet in response to a speaker's message. We do not gather to pay homage to men but to worship God. (con't on page 3)

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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; 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; Robert Gossett (member at Shady Grove); Carolyn Lizzer (Bill & Robert Brooks' sister); Jean Turner is in Skilled Care at T. J. Samson; Katherine Short has not felt well lately at Barren Co. Health Care; Jean Hogan was not able to have the tumor removed from her stomach last Monday as planned at Jewish. They did insert a feeding tube; Rose Compton (Rex Wallace's sister) in Baptist East in Louisville with irregular heart beat; Merida Wolff (Robert & Bill Brook's sister) had knee surgery and has developed some health issues.

IN REHAB: Bonnie Turner remains in rehab at Christian Health Center in B. Green after knee replacement surgery. She continues to slowly improve and should be released in a few days.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Kevin Gardner; Doris Garrison; Sherry Waddell; David Atwell; Thelma Lambright; John Taylor (Sara Brooks' dad); Roger Lile; Zandon Hay, the 2 yr. old son of Brandon Hay and grandson of Archie & Ann Hay has been in Vanderbilt since Dec. 29 being treated for c-diff; Archie Hay was in T. J. Samson with double pneumonia; Linda Kinslow; little Dehlih Benningfield in Centennial Hosp. in Nashville with pneumonia & strep

BARREN COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Katherine Short

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Jean Turner Ruth Bradford

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE

R. T. Turner Mildred Briggs Carroll Stilts, Sr

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 started a new class last Wednesday night called "Circles of Truth". You will want to be here for each session. It will be valuable as a plan of action when you have an opportunity to teach someone the gospel of Christ. We had an excellent turn-out, and got off to a great start!!

79th ANNUAL FREED HARDEMAN LECTURES

Feb. 1-5 "Give Us a King" Faith, Failure and Forgiveness in Samuel For more information go to www.fhu.edu/lectureship

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What were the two occupations of the prophet Amos?

The answer to last week's bible question: Mount of Olives, Acts 1:9-12

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"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." – Abraham Lincoln

"Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured." – Mark Twain

Visitors are always welcomed !!!!

God Is on the Throne, Not On Stage

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We do not come together as we would at a football game or a band concert; we come to worship God. We do not assemble with the intent of being entertained; we come to worship God. Any assembly of saints with the intent of worshipping and praising the God of heaven should reject that which emphasizes the carnal emotions and minimizes the spiritual man. An outsider should be able to attend one of our assemblies and see a marked difference between the worship of God and the Jay Leno show.

In the realm of worship, zeal without knowledge (Romans 10:2) paves a dangerous road toward pagan, flesh-oriented, and riotous assemblies. Most of our denominational neighbors have long gone this route, with services geared more toward entertaining man than worshipping God. May we learn to temper our joy in Christ with a Christ like reverence for things holy. And may we teach our children so.

Remember, our God is on the throne - not on stage.

A Tribute to the Bible

by Franklin Camp

This Bible is no ordinary book. It may affect us in one of two ways: properly studied and applied, it will affect us for good in time and eternity; improperly handled, it will cause one to lose one's soul.

The Bible is every man's book. It is not intended for a special group (clergy or scholars). It is written for the average person. Scholars may study it and marvel at its depth, but common folks may study and joy in its simplicity.

No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible is the one book which enables one to look into eternity. The best evidence for the Bible's inspiration is found be-

tween its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian unless he knows the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints. "It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, "rightly dividing," or handling aright, the word of truth, that he might be an approved workman before God (2 Timothy 2:15). There is no higher ambition on earth. The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; it is severe with man's sins; and it is honest with his virtues and his hopes.

To own a Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong. To know the Bible and to handle it aright is the greatest accomplishment within the reach of any person. One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy; but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into their proper relationship and that enables one to know life at its best. One seeking to know the Bible will endeavor to study its contents book by book, meet its characters as they unfold through its pages, study its types, its doctrine, its topics, paragraphs, sentences, and words. This is the work of a lifetime.

The Bible can save many a heartache. The following was found on the fly-leaf of a Bible placed by the Gideons in a motel in Birmingham, Alabama: "May God bless the man who placed this book here. I am a young lady twenty-one years old, fatherless and motherless. Tonight this book saved me from taking a wrong step. May the next reader find it the comfort that I did."

There is no greater accomplishment in life than to be able to rightly divide the word of truth. It is worth all the sacrifice necessary.

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