

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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needed someone to help him. Most of the statements point out ways that wives help their husbands.

Men and women are typically different in many ways. The most obvious differences are physical. God made women to be able to bear children. But there are other differences also. Women typically have a different emotional makeup than men. They tend to be more tender and compassionate than men. They even think differently as Psychology Today and others report. {NOTE}

All of these differences are neither good nor bad in themselves. Men are not superior to women in any way nor vice versa. God made us different so we would complete or complement each other in marriage. Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Jesus comments on this in the New Testament, Matthew 19:6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate."

May we learn to appreciate the differences and realize that God made us different for our benefit.

by Larry Pasley

Gratitude Quote

"Gratitude is not a spiritual or moral dessert which we may take or push away according to the whims of the moment, and in either case without material consequences. Gratitude is the very bread and meat of spiritual and moral health, individually and collectively. What was the seed of disintegration that corrupted the heart of the ancient world beyond the point of divine remedy...? What was it but ingratitude?" - Noel Smith

*Note 2 Timothy 3:2 WH



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Cleaning Out the Barn

by Mark McCrary

Growing up, this was the job I hated the most (and, hated is not too strong a word). Three times a week I had to clean out the feed room in the barn. That includes everything you think would be included. It was a stinky, unpleasant job. I did it because it was my chore to do. I did it because dad made me.

Fast forward 30 years. Saturday afternoon I was feeding the cows for Pop. I finished his instructions and was about to leave the feed room when I noticed how dirty the floor was. I looked over and saw the shovel to the side and decided to clean the floor for him. I did the same thing that I'd done 30 years ago. It was just as unpleasant. But this time I did it not because I had to, but because I love him.

Obedience to God is kind of like that. Early on in our spiritual life, we obey because we have to; we do what we're told. Somewhere along the way, though — if you're really growing — we start obeying because we love him. Tasks that seemed to be so difficult at one point become much more bearable. That's why — long term — love is a far better motivator in Christian service than fear or obligation.

"If you love me, you will keep My commandments"

(John 14:15)

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.

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Billy and Janice Sue Bybee are recuperating at home; Margie Gentry at home; Becky Hatcher is at home. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Lisa Schuler's mom Juanita Ward; her sister Linda with a brain tumor; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back); Joyce Dye had a Caudal Nerve Block in her spine a few days ago; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Lori Brewer; Brenda Jaggers; Chad Davis undergoing treatments for colon cancer; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; health care workers; staffs in our school districts; first responders; all the victims from the recent storms

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Chris Houk; Greg Gore (cancer); sympathy to the family of Brad Bailey

IN THE HOSPITAL

Malon Schuler's mom, Ann Schuler is in the Medical Center at Caverna. She also now has COVID

SYMPATHY to the family of Gene Strode. His funeral was conducted Sat. by Paul Cook and Wayne Hatcher at Patton's.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass
House To House/Heart To Heart mailing

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE Horse Cave
Vincent Ward

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow
Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow
Ruth Bradford

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

Scott Huff had a good lesson last Wed. night!! Wayne will teach this week.

NEWS & NOTES...

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 8th lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: "A Shoot From the Stem of Jesse" Isaiah 11:1 -- 12:6 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne Hatcher will be preaching today at 11 am "Lines of Distinction" I Corinthians 6:14-18 and 5 pm "Without Authority"

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wloconline.com

8:30-8:45 a.m. *Words of Truth* - Billy Bybee

8:45-9:00 a.m. *Truth In Love* - Wayne Hatcher

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What book in the Bible follows Lamentations?

Answer to our question last week:
the tongue James 3:8

Finishing the Race and Receiving the Crown

by Dan Jenkins

The Bible uses many figures of speech to describe our journey to heaven. The parables of Jesus often take ordinary events to illustrate the nature of the kingdom and the part each of us plays. We are workers in the vineyard, sowers of the seed, merchants seeking a pearl of great price and many others. The writers of the New Testament add another one which the world understands. The Olympic games which involved running originated in ancient Greece. They vividly remind us that like those participants in those races each of us is a spiritual athlete running in our spiritual race.

The writer of Hebrews describes the practice used by runners of putting weights on their feet as they prepared for their race.

When those weights were removed, muscles had been strengthened and the freedom made their feet seem so light and ready to run.

I remember that pair of skates I received at Christmas. They were not lace-up boots like we have today but had straps and clamps to attach them to ordinary shoes. I specifically remember how light my feet seemed when I unclamped the heavy skates from my feet. I felt like I could jump higher and run faster than I had ever done. With those weights removed, I knew I could do things better than I had ever done before.

Read these words from God. "*Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us*" (Hebrews 12:1). As we run our race, there are many weights, not necessarily sinful acts, which can hinder us. Jesus describes three things which can so easily keep us from reaching spiritual maturity—cares, riches, and pleasure (Luke 8:14). Are these weights in our life which need to be set aside as we run the race?

The Bible adds another aspect to the race we are running. "*And if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules*" (2 Timothy 2:5). Think of how races involve measured distances and specific lanes clearly marked in races you have seen. We are not at liberty to set the rules or run outside our lanes. There is a Judge who will determine how lawfully we run.

At the end of those ancient races, "medals" were given. Garland wreaths were placed on the heads of the winners. "*Everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown*" (1 Corinthians 9:24). Paul said that having finished the race he awaited the crown of righteous-

ness (2 Timothy 4:8). Wreaths will wither, but our crown is a crown of life.

How are we doing in our race for the crown? Are there changes we need to make as we run our race?

Why God Created Eve

10. God worried that Adam would always be lost in the garden because he would hate to ask for directions.
9. God knew that Adam would one day need someone to hand him the TV remote.
8. God knew that Adam would never buy a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to get one for him.
7. God knew that Adam would never make a doctor's appointment for himself.
6. God knew that Adam would never remember which night was garbage night.
5. God knew that if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle childbearing.
4. As "Keeper of the Garden," Adam would never remember where he put his tools.
3. The scripture account of creation indicates Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.
2. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone!"
1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, "I can do better than that."

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The above statements were meant as a joke but there is a kernel of truth in all of them.

Genesis 2:18 states, "And the LORD God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.'

It was not good for man to be alone, he continued on the back