

## 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 26

READ SCRIPTURE

Rex Wallace

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Rex Wallace

SERVE COMMUNION

Malon Schuler Sonny Dye

Mark Hatcher

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Mike Thompson

5 p. m. - Mike Thompson

LEAD SINGING

Scott Huff

GREETERS

Rex & Doris Wallace

## Those Serving in February

READ SCRIPTURE

2 - Dennis Hatcher

9 - Genie Hogan

16 - Wayne Hatcher

23 - Mike Thompson

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Phillip Perkins

SERVE COMMUNION

Eugene Campbell Sydney Bunnell

Jackie Coop

LEAD SINGING

3 - Scott Huff

10 - Ken Russell

17 - Scott Huff

24 - Ken Russell

PREACHING

3 - Wayne Hatcher

10 - Wayne Hatcher

17 - Mike Thompson

24 - Mike Thompson

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

Mark & Jennifer Hatcher



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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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## Please Don't Confuse Me With the Facts

Old Bill was quite a strange fellow who fell victim to a rare mental disorder, the Cotard Delusion — a condition in which the affected person holds the delusional belief that he or she is already dead. One morning he awoke thoroughly convinced that he was dead! His wife did her best to persuade him that he was still very much alive, but he clung to the delusion that he was dead. Bill's children and grandchildren all had a go at convincing the old fellow that he was still in the land of the living, but he point-blank refused to believe it. He knew that he was dead and nobody would persuade him otherwise.

Eventually his family became so concerned that they took him to a psychiatrist. The doctor spent many hours with Bill over several weeks, but all his skills were of no avail as the stubborn old gentleman continued to insist that he was stone cold dead. After one particularly fruitless session the psychiatrist was ready to give up. But just then an idea struck him.

Taking down his medical books, he used them to illustrate the irrefutable scientific fact that dead people do not bleed. After about an hour he asked, "So Bill, do you agree that dead men don't bleed?" "Of course," agreed Bill, "everybody knows that!" "And do you still insist that you are dead?" "Doc, I've told you a thousand times, I'm as dead as a doornail." At this point the psychiatrist took a pin and suddenly jammed it into Old Bill's thumb. Immediately a trickle of blood leaked out. "So, what do you think now!" said the psychiatrist triumphantly. "Well, I'll be a blue-nosed gopher," Bill exclaimed, "dead men do bleed!"

At times I've been like Old Bill in the refusing to budge from my

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks is waiting to get appointment for tests on lymph nodes; Jim Mears at home; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Parker Bybee; Sue Bunnell went back to UK Medical Center Thurs. for scans to see if treatments have reduced the tumor; Becky Hatcher is still having problems with high blood pressure; Mary Thompson; Shirley Edwards; Jennifer Hatcher went to Nashville Thursday for consultation on her knee that had been replaced earlier. They plan to repair it next month.

### 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 9 of our Winter Quarter: Peter in Acts "In Casarea" 10:17-33 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

### POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

We only have 1 Coin Can left. This allows you to take it home and in the next 4 months put spare change in it.

### 7th ANNUAL LADIES DAY

March 7 at the Hickory College Church of Christ 10 am—12 pm concluding with Lunch. Nicki Nichols of the Willow Ave. Church of Christ in Cookeville, TN will

Speak on "Bridging Generation Gaps"

\*See flyer on bulletin board

### FREED-HARDEMAN 84th LECTURESHIP

February 2-6, 2020 in Henderson, TN  
The theme this year is: "Our Place in His Story: Remembering the Past, Anticipating the Future".

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which disciples did Jesus take with Him when he was transfigured?

The answer to our question last week:

Hebrew John 19:17

Welcome to our visitors!!!

We are grateful for your presence!!

### A Child's Changing Eyes

A child's eyes see his mom and dad differently as he ages:

Age 4: "My parents can do anything."

Age 8: "There might be a few things they don't know."

Age 12: "Naturally, they don't get it."

Age 14: "I never realized how hopelessly old-fashioned they are!"

Age 21: "You would expect them to feel that way. They're out-of-date."

Age 25: "They get an idea now and then."

Age 30: "I wonder what Mom and Dad think?"

Age 40: "Let's wait until we discuss it with our parents."

Age 50: "What would Mom and Dad have thought about it?"

Age 60: "I wish I could talk it over with them one more time." - selected

"Honor your father and mother."

EPHESIANS 6:2

## Standing Firm in the Lord

by David R. Ferguson

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 16:13 [NAS], "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."

Stand firm. Thirteen times this phrase appears in the New Testament. Twelve times it was written by Paul, and the other one by the Apostle Peter.

I imagine there are many people today who will be offended by such a statement as "stand firm in the faith" and "act like men." But the truth is the Holy Spirit of God, Who inspired Paul to write these words, isn't interested at all in politically correct speech or thought. He isn't concerned about whether or not someone's feelings or sensibilities are offended. What He is concerned about, however, is the condition and salvation of our souls.

You see, Jesus wants soldiers in His army. He wants people to be committed truly to Him, and He expects men to be men. Paul also writes, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier." (2 Timothy 2:1-4 [NAS])

Jesus doesn't want fickle people in His service. He doesn't want people, especially men, to leave Him just because the going gets a little bit rough. This is why He Himself said, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62 [NAS]).

Standing firm in the faith and standing fast in the grace of God are key to maintaining

one's salvation. Paul reminded Timothy, "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you" (1 Timothy 4:16 [NAS]).

Finally, James, the Lord's brother, tells his readers that the ultimate prize awaits all who stand firm to the end. He writes, "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the Crown of Life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him" (James 1:12 [NAS]).

Stand firm, be alert and on the watch, act like men, and be strong in all that you do, regardless of the slings and arrows which our great enemy Satan fires in our direction throughout our service to the Lord in His army. The Lord WILL reward you with eternal life for your faithfulness to Him!

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preconceived notions and foregone conclusions. The attitude exhibited was "I know what I believe—I've made up my mind, so don't confuse me with the facts!"

Brothers and sisters, let's fight against such tendencies—especially regarding spiritual truth—and be receptive to what God has clearly indicated in His Word; whether by declaration, command, example, or necessarily implication. When we ascertain what God has said about any matter, we may have confidence that what He says is accurate and true. As Jesus prayed for His disciples, He asked of His Father, "Sanctify them through the truth; your Word is truth" (John 17:17).

I love the attitude, "If God said it, that settles it." This is the attitude every Christian should take when it comes to learning, loving and obeying God's inspired and inspiring Word.  
By Johnny Hester