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

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today Feb 2 **READ SCRIPTURE** Dennis Hatcher

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE Phillip Perkins

SERVE COMMUNION Eugene Campbell Sydney Bunnell Jackie Coop

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wavne Hatcher

5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING Scott Huff

GREETERS

Mark & Jennifer Hatcher

Thirsty by Tim Hall

Our physical bodies demand water. That shouldn't surprise anyone since 55% of the male body mass is water (51% in women).

Our blood is 83% water and muscles are 75%; even our bones are 22% water. Our survival depends on getting enough water, and just a 2% deficiency means we are dehydrated.

Thirst is a sensation we all experience but few can explain. All we know is that when we're thirsty, we begin searching for something to drink.

How's your spiritual thirst? Jesus pointed to this reality: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38, NKJV).

Do you crave the righteousness of God, found in the pages of Scripture? How long has it been since you've had a drink?

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

PSALM 42:1







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We gladly welcome you to our congrega-

tion, 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 bless-

ing 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.

Starving

We are told that a bird can go nine days without food, a dog 20 days, a turtle 500 days, a snake 800 days, a fish 1,000 days, and some insects 12,000 days. For man, three to six weeks is about the limit.

Sooner or later nourishment is necessary for all God's creatures.

Have you noticed that we are not often asked to "read" the Word of God? Rather we are urged to study it, meditate upon it, and compare spiritual things with spiritual. In other words, God wants us to put in consecrated effort when we approach the Scriptures, for in this way we will more readily assimilate its sweet nourishment and good doctrine.

Many are starving to death spiritually, not because food is unavailable but simply because they will not eat of it. What home does not have a Bible or opportunity to attend worship? A Bible on the shelf is of no more value than food in the refrigerator.

Feed your soul!

- via House To House Vol 21 #4

"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior" 2 Peter 3:18

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks will be resuming chemo in a speak on "Bridging Generation Gaps" few days; Jim Mears at home; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Sue Bunnell's recent scans show that chemo treatments have reduced the tumor so doctors have set Feb. 28 for surgery; Becky Hatcher is still having several health issues; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Shirley Edwards has been in rehab at TJ Samson: Jennifer Hatcher will have surgery Feb. 12 to fix a previous knee replacement; Connie Campbell, Sonny & Joyce Dye, Dennis Hatcher, Mary Whittington were sick last Sunday; Eddie Belle Denison (Bryan's mother) fell last week and broke her hip and is home recovering; lately the flu has been widespread causing Caverna School to dismiss Wed. -- Fri.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

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

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

NHC in Glasgow

Bob Toohey (Shady Grove) Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 109 JoAnn Wallace

SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is lesson 10 of our Winter Quarter: Peter in Acts "Preaching to Cornelius" 10:34 -48 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

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

March 21 at the Elizabethtown Church of Christ in E-town, KY with Jonee' Lewis of Memphis, TN "Being A Christian Woman In Today's World!"

*See flyers on bulletin board

BACK HOME IN FAIRBANKS

We truly enjoyed having Cindy Binkley worshipping with us while she visited with her parents Genie & Marilyn Hogan and her brother Greg for the past few weeks. She flew back home Tues. to Fairbanks where it was 31 below zero.

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".

FLDERS & DEACONS MEETING

This afternoon at 3:00 in the auditorium. Men of the congregation are invited

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Annex. Ladies of the congregation are invited to be a part of this great program.

THANK YOU NOTE

For the calls, cards, food, love and concern, during Jim's surgery and recovery. He's come a long way but has a very long way to go. Your prayers have meant the most, and we are so thankful for them.

Jim, Fran, Lori & Jamie

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

To whom did Jesus say "for the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost"?

The answer to our question last week: Peter, James & John Matthew 17:1

Welcome to our visitors!!! We are grateful for your presence!!

We Can Be "Just A Christian

by Mike Riley

In the midst of the religious confusion that exists in our creed-bound, denominational divided world, it is possible for us to become "just a Christian."

What does it mean to be "just a Christian"? It means more than just being a good moral person — more than just attending church services on Sunday — more than giving mere mental assent to certain denominational beliefs — more than just having one's name on a church roll.

It means going back beyond any denominational doctrines of men to the first century church as revealed in the inspired New Testament (Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28). Back to the time when the disciples were members of "one" body — "the church" (Romans 12:5; Ephesians 1:23; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 1:18; Colossians 1:24).

The disciples did not follow any creeds of men, but were guided by "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). This faith (there was only one — not many) was delivered by "holy men of God" as they were guided by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). We have this same "faith" today contained in the completed New Testament. This faith — "the faith" — is capable of reproducing the same pure Christianity today that flourished in the first century. If we will obey the Lord's commandments contained in the New Testament, we can be "just a Christian" — nothing more — nothing less.

To discover the details of how we can become and remain "just a Christian" like Peter, Paul, and Barnabas, we must be willing to open our New Testament, read it, and study it for ourselves (Ephesians 3:3-4; 2 Timothy 2:15

KJV; Acts 17:11). The New Testament teaches that we can be added to the same body as those individuals who were added "to the church" by the Lord in the first century (Acts 2:47). All we have to be willing to do is:

- Believe in Jesus Christ as God's Son (Acts 8:37).
- Repent of our sins (John 8:24; Acts 17:30).
- Be "baptized into Christ" (Gal. 3:27; cf. Romans 6:3-4 for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16).

Why not today become "just a Christian" (Acts 11:26), worshipping and working in the non-denominational church of our Lord — the church — "the body" that is made up of saved individuals (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 5:23).

Temptation Is Sweet

At the regular weekly meeting of a weight-loss class, the instructor held up an apple and a candy bar. "What are the attributes of this apple," she asked, "and how do they relate to our diet?"

"Low in calories" and "lots of fiber" were among the answers.

She then detailed what was wrong with eating candy, and concluded, "Apples are not only more healthful but also less expensive. Do you know I paid seventy-five cents for this candy bar?"

The group stared as she held aloft the forbidden treat. Then from the back of the room a small voice spoke up, "I'll give you a dollar for it." - copied

> "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." PROVERBS 9:17