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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:

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 - Feb 5

READ SCRIPTURE
Rex Wallace

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION
Michael Richardson Genie Hogan
Theron Shultz

PREACHING
11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
5 p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING
Scott Huff

The New Dark Age - Monte Ginnings

I firmly believe we as a civilization in the realm of religion are moving into what could be called the New Dark Age.

The Word of God will not be held from the people by the church and its leaders. The Bibles will not be chained in church buildings and kept from readers. No, the Word is now and will be in the future set aside by how people feel about their religion.

An important passage of Scripture says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). The modern paraphrase that fits what is happening says, "So then faith comes by feelings and feelings by the experiences of man." More and more God's Word is ignored and twisted so that man's sentiments prevail over God's revelation.

There are many reasons for the New Dark Age but it is upon us. This means that preaching the Word is "out of season" but it still must be preached.



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Sunday: Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 5 PM
Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

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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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Stand For Something

The adage says, "If we don't stand for something, we will fall for anything." Today, however, there is a different philosophy in the broader religious world of "Christendom."

"If we don't stand for anything assertively, we will be 'loving,' 'Christ-like' and be liked by everyone." However, "If we stand for something assertively, we are filled with hate and are un-Christlike."

As always, we need to ask the question: Who benefits most from our beliefs, Satan or God?

If we refuse to stand for doctrine, Satan is glorified, because God's Word is marginalized.

If we stand for God's Word in its purity, the world will despise us. Sadly, Satan has convinced us that pleasing the world and appeasing the flesh is the greatest good.

We must resist that urge with all of our being and remember that glorifying Christ is our first priority as Christians (Ephesians 3:20-21).

We must be teaching and preaching, with all of our being, how crucial courage is to the Christian walk. Moreover, we must model it daily (Ephesians 4:1; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

- Richard Mansel

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon & Agnes Seaton; Bill Brooks; R.T. Turner; Jenny Thompson; James Horton is undergoing direct radiation on his brain; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Helen Edwards' step granddaughter; Bessie Brooks recovering from a kidney transplant, and her donor family; Mike Waddell, Mike & Vickie Thompson's brother-in-law; Kelli Long still seeking answers for her health problems; Jim Mears' son-in-law J. Maddox; Martha Russell; Lori Brewer came home last Sunday after surgery at Norton's; Marilyn Hogan is prayerfully considering her options about a cornea transplant; Bill Bybee had surgery on his foot last week; Rhealyn Denison had the flu; Jackie Coop is having all his teeth pulled

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Jimmy Briggs has started treatments; Marlene Kerr; Joey Chaney; Frankie Walters; Stella Downs; Brad Terry; Kim Hatcher; Gail Hatcher Coats; Tonya Sexton; Bobby Witty; Roger Davis; Beth Brown; Ruby Hill; Chris Houk; Randy Scott

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Jean Turner

SUNDAY A. M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the 10th lesson in our Winter Quarter on the theme: "Doctrines in Ephesians" This morning we will study "The Christian and Marriage" Eph. 5:22-33 Wayne serves as the teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Mike Thompson has begun a new study on Wednesday evenings on the History of the Church. (Singing this Wed.)

Everyone is encouraged to attend our bible classes. You feed your body; why would you starve

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks overseen by elders of Highland Park Church of Christ in Muscle Shoals, AL

The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass overseen by elders of Cody Church of Christ in Cody, Wyoming

FREED-HARDEMAN LECTURESHIP

The 81st annual bible lectureship is this week, Feb. 5-9 Theme: **IDENTITY IN CRISIS** - DANIEL'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE *There will also be a special program designed for Teens.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

March 18, 2017 Elizabethtown Church of Christ 9:30-12:30 Lunch provided Theme: "My House is HIS" Speaker: Evelyn Apple. RSVP 270-765-6446 by March 12.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

this afternoon at 3:00 All men of the congregation are invited

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

will NOT meet tomorrow night

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What was Abel's occupation ?

The answer to last week's question: Potiphar Gen. 37:36

Welcome to our visitors!!! We truly appreciate your presence!!!

Why the Attack On Marriage?

by David Shannon

Example of Noah: Hebrews 11:7 *"By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."*

How did Noah condemn the world? Jesus isn't going to ask Noah to give the judgment of condemnation upon his peers at the final day of judgment, is he? No, surely not. Well, then how did Noah condemn the world? Noah was *"a just man, perfect in his generation. Noah walked with God"* (Genesis 6:9). All the world around was wicked. Noah's righteousness glared in the face of evil. Folks might say to God, "No one could live righteously," and there stood Noah proving them wrong. "No one could have a faithful wife and children," and there stood Noah proving them wrong. "No one could sacrificially serve and humbly obey God," but Noah lived a life of righteousness whose source was God. This righteousness would glaringly condemn their wickedness.

Why the attack on marriage? If we go to Genesis 2:18, Matthew 19:4-9, Ephesians 5:21-3,3 or 1 Corinthians 7 we see the design of marriage. We learn marriage is a union between a

male and female. God designed this union for the duration of life. The spouses leave their mother and father to form their home. Their lives are to be blended. The sexual relationship is to be shared only within marriage and with their own spouse.

All those who live by this righteous standard called "marriage" condemn all those who have violated it in the same way Noah's righteousness condemned his peers. All fornicators, adulteresses, adulterers, homosexuals, etc. either have to admit guilt of their sin or fight to redefine the institution of marriage itself when in the presence of those married. Just in recent years we see a growing number of those who have decided to fight to redesign the institution of marriage.

No man EVER designed marriage: Keep in mind that the righteous who live by the design of marriage didn't design it, they simply submitted to God! God is the One who designed marriage and He is the One who will have final judgment on all those who strive to redesign it.

Hebrews 13:4 *"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."*

Why the attack on marriage? All those who are living God's plan reveal the sexual sins of others as a glaring fault. Attack God's plan or repent and submit. This is the question of our day!