

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:

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 - February 11

READ SCRIPTURE
Malon Schuler

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

SERVE COMMUNION
Jackie Coop Michael Richardson
Dennis Hatcher

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

LEAD SINGING
Scott Huff

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY:
Jim & Fran Mears

from pg. 2 **Try Running Again**

Very few spend a long life in the service of Christ without ever getting discouraged, and for the moment, giving up in despair. But those who overcome the world are they who (if need be) try again and again - who refuse to surrender to the evil one. If they fail, they go down fighting - soon to rise again.

It is easy to give up and quit when the going gets rough, as it most certainly will - sooner or later. Long roads usually have some detours and rough places over which one must travel in order to reach the desired destiny.

The Christian life is like running a race (Heb. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 9:25-27). If one fails he should get up and try again. The New Birth is a sort of "Land of Beginning Again" (John 3:5). So is a restoration of an erring child of God (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20).

bro. Nichols preached for the Sixth Ave. Church of Christ in Jasper, AL for 43 years. He passed away 16 Nov 1975 - WH



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WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

A little more kindness
and a little less greed;
A little more giving
and a little less need;
A little more smile
and a little less frown;
A little less kicking
a man when he's down;
A little more "we"
and a little less "I";
A little more laughs
and a little less cry;
A little more flowers
on the pathway of life;
And fewer on graves
at the end of the strife.

-C. Austin Miles

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon & Agnes Seaton; R.T. Turner; Bill Brooks; Martha Russell; Jenny Thompson; Dennis Hatcher had another session last Friday to "burn" nerves in his back; Jackie Coop; John Carter; Parker Bybee; Bill Brooks' youngest sister in Indianapolis; Geneane McGuire's son, Greg; John Eastridge's mom; Jamie Proffitt; Lori Brewer, Becky Hatcher, Mike Thompson, Bill Brooks were unable to be out last weekend; Jim Mears has surgery set for Feb. 23; Genie Hogan is to have gall bladder surgery Monday

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Jimmy Briggs; Sherian Gray; Gail Coats; Brad Terry; Sanford Hensley; Stanford Matthews; Stanley & Betty Walton; Ronnie Cobb Medical Center at Caverna; shooting victims at Marshall Co. High School in Benton, KY; Randal Trowbridge; Colton Parsley in Vanderbilt Hosp.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

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Jean Turner

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE

JoAnn Wallace

SUNDAY A. M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the 10th lesson on the theme: "Elijah the Tishbite" This morning's lesson: *Elijah and John the Baptist* Malachi 4:4-6; Matt. 11:7-19 Wayne serves as the teacher

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

March 17 Elizabethtown Church of Christ

9:30 a.m.—12: 30 p.m. Lunch provided
Speaker: Wanda Robinson, Columbia, TN
Theme: "*Eye of a Hurricane*" RSVP 3/11

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What did Pharoah's dream of seven fat and seven thin cows represent?

The answer to our question last week:
John the Baptist, Elias (Elijah), Jeremias (Jeremiah) Matt. 16:14

Try Running Again

by Gus Nichols

Perhaps some reader has tried to be a Christian, but failed. If so, why not try again? Great success does not always come from a single effort. Worthwhile things are always worth trying and striving for, even if we must try again and again. In the year 1917 a tornado destroyed our home, blew it away and ruined our crops out on the farm before it tore up Carbon Hill, Alabama, and left the dead homeless in its wake. But we did not give up and quit. The next spring we found ourselves planting again, and soon we were growing crops.

Life is like that. Wars are not usually won by a single battle. But battle after battle must be fought before the victory is won. In a way some of the battles are lost, but victory belongs to those who win the last battle.

One young man started in to fight the cigarette habit but soon felt that the weed had conquered him. However, he decided that no man is licked who will keep on trying, again and again. So he summoned all his forces and marshaled them against his dangerous habit. A day at a time he vowed to his friends and to God that he would not smoke that day, regardless of what happened. Soon he had conquered a habit that is master of millions in our land.

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The Most Powerful Trio in the World

by J. Randal Matheny

This three-stranded cord will not be broken, Ecclesiastes 4.12. No earthly powers can prevail against them. With them the word of the Lord will continue to grow and prevail, Acts 19.20. Whoever possesses them will be counted blessed and will stand against all foes and discouragements.

We who belong to the light put them on as we learn to look for the Lord's coming, 1 Thessalonians 4.13—5.11. They guarantee victory.

"But since we are of the day, we must stay sober by putting on the breastplate of faith and love and as a helmet our hope for salvation" 1 Thessalonians 5.8.

Faith. Hope. Love.

In days of darkness, they sustain us. They put God's faithfulness, promises, and love in the center of our vision. We need them now more than ever.

The challenges before God's family seem only to grow with the passing of the "times and seasons." Many jettison their faith for a popular religiosity. Others embrace bitterness and nurse grudges. Still others turn to earthly projects, losing sight of the hope of eternal salvation.

The saints must immerse themselves in faith, hope, and love. It is not the hour for despair. The time is not for surrender. The season calls us to the courage of zeal, to the sweetness of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Just over 10 years ago, in an issue of the *Spiritual Sword* whose theme was "Press

On," editor Alan Highers concluded his stirring editorial this way.

"We have fretted, worried, and experienced anxiety over the departures and defections of the weak and unruly. We must continue to oppose error and departures from the faith, but not at the cost of losing our vision and our sense of mission to the world. 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation' (Mk. 16:15)" (Highers 2007, 2).

In the lead article of the same issue, Phil Sanders reminded the reader, "In any and every culture the thing people need most is the gospel. People still need a faith to live by, a hope to live for, and a love to live with" (Sanders 2007, 3).

The apostle Paul especially loved to join faith, hope, and love. He saw them as powerful springs from which saints draw for their life and success.

Faith believes that God can and will. Hope looks forward to God bringing justice, salvation, and the fruit of righteousness. Love builds the bridges of fellowship that transcend the material and earthly.

For these were we created. In these do we find fulfillment. With these we are invincible.

In the last day, faith will become sight, hope will receive its desire, and love will remain to diffuse the eternal kingdom with the divine goodness. Until then, let us embrace this three-stranded cord that will only unravel in eternity to leave us with the permanence of God's love.

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