

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:
 Faith - 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. 22
 READ SCRIPTURE
 Willie Cyphers
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Mike Thompson
 OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
 Bill Brooks
 SERVE COMMUNION
 Rex Wallace Michael Richardson
 Sydney Bunnell
 PREACHING
 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher
 LEAD SINGING
 Scott Huff

Serving In March

READ SCRIPTURE
 1 - Scott Huff
 8 - Phillip Perkins
 15 - Sydney Bunnell
 22 - Rex Wallace
 29 - Willie Cyphers
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Sydney Bunnell
 OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
 Mark Hatcher
 SERVE COMMUNION
 Dennis Hatcher Phillip Perkins
 Donnie Gale Edwards
 LEAD SINGING
 1 - Ken Russell
 8 - Scott Huff
 15 - Ken Russell
 22 - Scott Huff
 29 - Ken Russell



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 Worship 11 AM & 5 PM Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

CHURCH WEB PAGE: www.horsecavecoc.com

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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A Congregation's Personality

If you spend a little time looking at the background of the churches mentioned in Revelation chapters two and three and then look at what Jesus had to say about them you will notice something in common. In fact if you look at a congregation and where it is located you will find the local congregation often takes on a community's personality. That is one of the reasons a preacher has to be careful what congregation he is preaching for. A congregation located in the coal fields of West Virginia is not going to look like a congregation located next to a university, just as a congregation located in the middle of a small farming community will have its own personality. Because of a difference in education, environment and working conditions you will find a difference in the way people think and act. Life next to a university is different than life next to a corn field. Life style is different when you live a few blocks away from the grocery store as opposed to living in the country and find yourself twenty miles from any kind of shopping.

However different one congregation may be from another there must be some things in common. Paul by inspiration tells us: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1-2 ESV). He goes on to list the changes that a child of God will make in their life when they make their bodies "a living sacrifice."

Every Christian and thus every congregation will "not think of himself more highly than he ought to think (12:3). All of us will make sure our love is genuine (12:9). None of us will want to "repay no one evil for evil (12:17) None of us should forget that we are to be subject to our government (13:1-7).

Each congregation will have its own personality just as the people who

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Brandon Schuler; Jean Hogan at home; Bessie Brooks on dialysis; Renee` Perkins; Robert Brooks; James Horton is taking chemo treatments in Glasgow. He has been off work for over four weeks; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; Kathy Clarke; Wrendle Jones (Becky Hatcher's dad); Mark Hatcher, Dennis Hatcher & Donnie Edwards ongoing back problems; Rodney Middleton (Shady Grove) with COPD; Robert Gossett (member at Shady Grove); Leon Seaton; Helen Edwards has been sick.

We are thankful that Brandon Schuler was able to come home Tuesday from U of L Hosp. He is due to go back tomorrow to start new treatments. Continued prayers appreciated.

VISIT BRANDON SCHULER'S WEBSITE

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/brandonschuler>

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Doris Garrison; Kevin Gardner; Sherry Waddell; David Atwell; John Taylor (Sara Brooks' dad); Roger Lile; Zandon Hay came home last week from Vanderbilt after an extended stay; Gunner Eaton, student at Barren Co. H.S.

SHARING SORROWS

We extend our deepest sympathy to Helen & Donnie Gale Edwards and family in the death of her aunt Edith Davis. Visitation today from 2-6 The funeral services will be this evening at 6:00 at the Winn Funeral Home. Private burial in the Horse Cave Cem. will be at a later date.

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NEW STUDY ON WED.

The very good class on Wed. night called "Circles of Truth" is being taught by Mike Thompson.

Likewise, we are studying some excellent lessons on Sunday morning in the auditorium class that Wayne is teaching. The theme of this quarter is: "Things We Teach" Next Sunday begins the Spring Quarter - "This We Do"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 8 Our quarterly Birthday/Anniversary Potluck Meal after morning worship

March 8-11 Gospel Meeting Franklin Church of Christ with Mike Baker of the Crieve Hall Church of Christ in Nashville, TN M-W 7 pm

March 21 Ladies Inspiration Day at E-town Church of Christ "Here Am I Send Me" Speaker: Melissa Lester RSVP 3/8/15

March 28 Fundamental Truths Seminar hosted by Lehman Ave. Church of Christ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. "Being In the World, But Not of It: Maintaining our Christian Identity"

(See bulletin board for more details)

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Why was the chief captain of the Roman army afraid after he had Paul scourged?

The answer to last week's bible question: Elijah I Kings 18

HISTORIC WEEK OF WEATHER Some 10-12 inches of snow fell this week, sub zero temperatures and rain fell on top of the snow on Sat. As I type this, there is concern that it will freeze by Sun. morning.

Visitors are always welcomed !!!!

You Answer!

A preacher leaned over the pulpit and said, "I have a question to ask. I cannot answer it. You cannot answer it. IF an angel from heaven was here, he could not answer it. If the devil was here, he could not answer it." Every one listened up. The question is this, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 12:3).

We must not reject the Bible because it points us in a way we don't want to go. The greatest cemetery is one where talents are buried that were not used in behalf of salvation. "Either make the tree good and his fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit." (Mat.12:33) So many times it depends on how we search for certain things, whether we find them. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." (Isa.55:6) The Lord said: "My spirit shall not always strive with man" (Gen. 6:3)

We may excel in the right thing if that is our burning desire! We can understand and obey the truth if our desire is compared to the eunuch's. (Acts 8:25-39). We can keep the past from determining our future by controlling our present with the truth. People set attainable goals for things they are truly interested in now. Don't wait for other people to make you successful spiritually. Build bridges before the dam breaks. We need to go all the way with the Lord, since He went all the way to the cross for us. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." (2 Cor. 8:9)

Our life is a witness to what the cross actually means to us. Our future really depends on how much we believe in God, and how much we respect His Will. Lot's wife paid a terrible price for putting her will before God's Will. The "Way of the cross leads home," but only if we

bear our cross as Christ bore His. Every day is an opportunity or chance to start over. When your hands and your hope are tied together, that's one of the keys to salvation. A man said: "We worship our work, we work at our play, we play at our worship and think nothing about it." Why? - W.A. Martin via BulletinGold

God's Word - Our One Authority

The story is told of a man who once bought a new radio, brought it home, and placed it on the refrigerator. He then plugged it in, turned to WSM in Nashville (home of the Grand Ole Opry) and proceeded to do the most unusual thing. He pulled all the knobs off! He had already tuned in all he ever wanted or expected to hear, and so he chose to limit his radio reception to one station.

Perhaps if more in the world would do this with regard to the word of God we would have a lot less religious confusion in the world. Too many are tuning in to every "channel" of doctrine. Paul warns, "Be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive" (Eph. 4:14). We must tune only into God's channel—His holy word, for our direction. This is why Jeremiah declared, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). - Tom Moore

A Congregation's Personality conclusion make up a congregation will have theirs, but all of us need to remember, we have a many things that every Christian should have in common. Our love for Christ binds us together, one is not better than the other. Who knows, those folks in a congregation out in the middle of a corn field may have something that the rest of us may need to learn and adapt.

- John Gross