

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

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serve the Lord.

We have 86,400 waking seconds to use each day. May we not be guilty of wasting it, but may our focus be on using this time to grow in our knowledge of the Word and in the Christian graces, in service to the Lord and our fellow man, and to lead others to Christ. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23). We must learn to recognize opportunity when it presents itself, and not let this precious time with which we have been blessed slip away.

David spoke of the brevity of life in Psalm 90:10: "The days of our years are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (NKJV). James, in his letter, speaks of how fleeting life is: "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

Let us make our short time on earth a busy time of laying up treasures in heaven, and may we always be mindful of the admonition of the apostle Paul: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1-2)



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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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A Job or A Ministry?

Some people have a job in the church; others involve themselves in a ministry. What is the difference?

- If we are doing it because no one else will do it, it's a job. If we are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.
- If we quit because somebody criticized us, it was a job. If we keep on serving, it's a ministry.
- If we will do it as long as it does not interfere with our other activities, it's a job. If we are committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.
- If we quit because no one praised us or thanked us, it was a job. If you stay with it even when no one recognized our efforts, it's a ministry.
- If our concern is success, it's a job. If our concern is faithfulness, it's a ministry. It's hard to get excited about a job.

It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry. An average church is filled with people doing jobs. A great and growing church is filled with people involved in ministry! Where do I fit in?

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We continue to have many sick the past few weeks, but thankful for some who are better; Becky Hatcher at home. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; it was good to see Willie and Martha Cyphers able to be back last Sunday; Lori Brewer and Fran Mears undergoing tests; Margie Gentry at home; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda has a brain tumor; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back); Joyce Dye as she also deals with pain in her back; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Brenda Jaggers; Bobby Bybee has begun his treatments; Becky Bush; Chad Davis undergoing treatments for colon cancer; baby Isai-ah Richardson; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; health care workers; first responders; the citizens of Ukraine under invasion from Russia. There are several Christians who will be impacted.

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; the family of Chris Houk

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE Horse Cave

Vincent Ward Rm. 504
Ann Schuler, Rm. 604

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

THANK YOU NOTES

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good... Psalm 107:1 and a special thanks to you. Thank you all so much for the prayers and the gifts. Please continue to pray for us.

Thank you, the Richardson family

To our Horse Cave Family,

We extend our deepest thanks to each of you for the kindness shown us during our ordeal with covid and quarantine. We are most thankful for light cases and so far, no complications. If you said a prayer, sent a text or a card, made a call or offered to bring supplies to our porch, you generous acts gave us encouragement and provided security knowing we were covered if your assistance became necessary. Also, our appreciation to Rex, Doris and Renee for covering jobs we usually take care of at the building and annex. It's a wonderful feeling knowing we have brothers and sisters who will provide support when needed.

Love & blessings, Willie & Martha

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our last lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: "Invasion from Assyria" Isaiah 36: 1-3; 37:21-38 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

Beginning March 6, our Spring Quarter will be "Epistles To Timothy"

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne is to preach today at 11 am "Does the Church Need Remodeling?" and at 5 pm "Jesus: Head Over Everything"

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wloconline.com

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee

8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wayne is to teach this Wed. night. We will start at Heb. 11:30

SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

March 20-23 at E-town Church of Christ with Mike Greene

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many days was it dark during the

plague of darkness over the land of Egypt?

Answer to our question last week:

James Acts 12:2

Looking in the Wrong Places

by John M. Buttrey II

It's frustrating when we have misplaced something important and cannot find it. We search and search for that which is lost, hoping it can be found. The frustration of the search is compounded in that we often keep looking in the wrong places.

As a Christian, there may be times when one feels like something is missing in their walk with God. What is missing could be (and often is) described as a truly fulfilling experience as a Christian.

Sometimes we may search for that which we think is missing in inspiring sermons by the preacher. Week after week, we look to a man's presentation of the Word of God to provide the something missing in our walk with God. This is a heavy task for any preacher to consistently fulfill week after week. Sermons can indeed inspire. Sermons instruct, challenge, and correct. However, if you are looking for sermons, or a certain entertaining style of preaching to provide lasting fulfillment as a child of God, you are often going to be disappointed.

Others search for the missing part in the congregation's singing. Songs sung with lots of voices and beautiful melodies are certainly nice to hear. It is wonderful when songs are sung in tune with encouraging or comforting words. While songs can indeed inspire, they are not the source for true and lasting fulfillment as a Christian.

A number of Christians look for fulfillment in large congregations. More voices singing. More people in classes adding comments.

More hands to shake and hugs to give and receive. However, true and lasting fulfillment as a Christian will not always be found in large congregations, nor in those that are small.

What about social activities with other Christians? It's fun to get together with others to share meals, or have potlucks at the park, or participate in game nights. However, sad to say, this too will not give us lasting fulfillment as a child of God. In fact, we can find these same types of activities in a softball league or other secular social events.

So where is one to look? I would suggest one look to the cross. It is there we see the love of God (John 3:16). It is there we see the price for our sins being paid (Acts 20:28). It is at the cross we find the meaning of sacrifice (Matthew 16:24). It is at the cross we will find what has been missing in our walk with God.

Yes, preachers can point us to the cross. Yes, songs can remind us of the cross. Yes, relationships with other Christians can help us to remember the cross. However, the cross must be found and remembered by each *individual* as they seek to develop a deep, personal relationship with God. This way, when the preacher has a bad week (and he will), when the song leader leads off-key (and he will), when there are not a lot of people, or the people let us down (and they will), when there are no social events planned – then we can find the cross all on our own.

Using Our Time Wisely

by Dale Grissom

Each week that we are allowed to live contains 10,080 minutes or 604,800 seconds for us to use. These numbers may sound big, but each of us realizes just how quickly the time flies by. As Christians, we must be aware of our responsibility to use this time wisely and to

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