

## 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; 1 Peter 3:21  
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -  
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

## LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - March 3

READ SCRIPTURE  
Malon Schuler

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE  
Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION  
Sydney Bunnell Rex Wallace  
Joey Palmore

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

LEAD SINGING  
Scott Huff

GREETERS FOR MARCH  
Ken & Carolyn Russell

## The Choice Has Been Made

There is no looking back  
I have stepped over the line  
I won't let up  
back up  
give up  
or shut up  
My focus is clear  
My path straight  
My God reliable  
I am a disciple of Christ

- - Selected



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### TIME OF SERVICES:

**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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## Infatuation or Love?

by Ron Bartanen

Much that passes for love is nothing more than infatuation, a temporary, and at times foolish, obsession. This is common in childhood, but not unknown in adults. It is quite evident in those who are constantly "falling in and out of love." True love dies hard, while infatuation may be "here today, but gone tomorrow."

There is one love that never fails. It is not the romantic type of love, but a self-giving love. This is the type of love that God has shown toward us. It is also the love that we are to show towards one another. The apostle John declared, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins," then adding, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:10-11).

God is not infatuated with the human race. Although, through sin, we have offended Him, yet His love endures. If we allow trivial offenses from others to alienate us, we are not showing God's love in our lives.

As for our relationship with God, mere infatuation with Him will put self ahead of Him. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). This is the test to see whether we truly love Him, or are simply infatuated with Him.

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon Seaton; Bill Brooks will begin radiation & chemo (pills); Martha Russell; Jenny Thompson; Brenda Jagers; Becky Hatcher; Mary Thompson; Laura Brooks; Jim Mears at home with Home Health; Parker Bybee; Charles Isenberg (Dennis & Wayne Hatcher's 1st cousin in Paducah; Wayne Hatcher waiting for heart tests on March 19; Janice Sue Bybee is scheduled to have back and spine surgery March 11th in Nashville; Wayne Davis had bone grafted in his jaw last week due to the effects of previous radiation treatments; Jerry Ann Logsdon fell Wed. and hit the back of her head on the sidewalk requiring 5 stitches.

### IN THE HOSPITAL:

Leon and Agnes Seaton are in Room 113 at the Medical Center Caverna for therapy. Margie Gentry was admitted last weekend to T. J. Samson Hosp. She is being treated for pneumonia. Visits limited to family.

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Tim Shipley; Brent Lane; Brad Terry; Billy Cassidy; Randy Meredith's mother Peggy Faulkenberg battling cancer; Becky Bush

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE

JoAnn Wallace

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Will be held this afternoon at the building of South Green St. Church of Christ to celebrate the life of **Sherian Gray**. Visitation from 1:30 till the time of the

service which begins at 2:30.

### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is our first lesson in our Spring Quarter: *Judges* This morning's lesson is: "Conquering the Land" 1:1-15 Wayne continues to serve as the teacher.

### LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

Elizabethtown Church of Christ Sat. March 16 9:30 am - 12:30 pm EST Theme: "Transformed- Turning Ourselves into the Image of Christ" Speaker: Emily Hatfield

### MID-SOUTH BIBLE INSTITUTE

Be sure and set your clocks Forward 1 hour this Sat. night March 9 when you go to bed to mark the start of DST

### NEW ELDER TO BE INSTALLED TODAY

Two weeks ago, Rex Wallace's name was submitted to the congregation for consideration as an elder of the Horse Cave Church of Christ. At the end of our worship this morning, Rex will be installed to serve with Bill Bybee, Willie Cyphers and Ken Russell. We are very grateful to have these four men serving as our shepherds. They each are blessed with faithful wives who are a tremendous asset to them and the church!!

### MORE THANKS

Appreciation to Eugene Campbell, Rex Wallace and Ken Russell who are putting in a lot of hard work in the basement renovation.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What did the children of Israel ask Samuel for at Ramah?

The answer to our question last week: Abishag (I Kings 1)

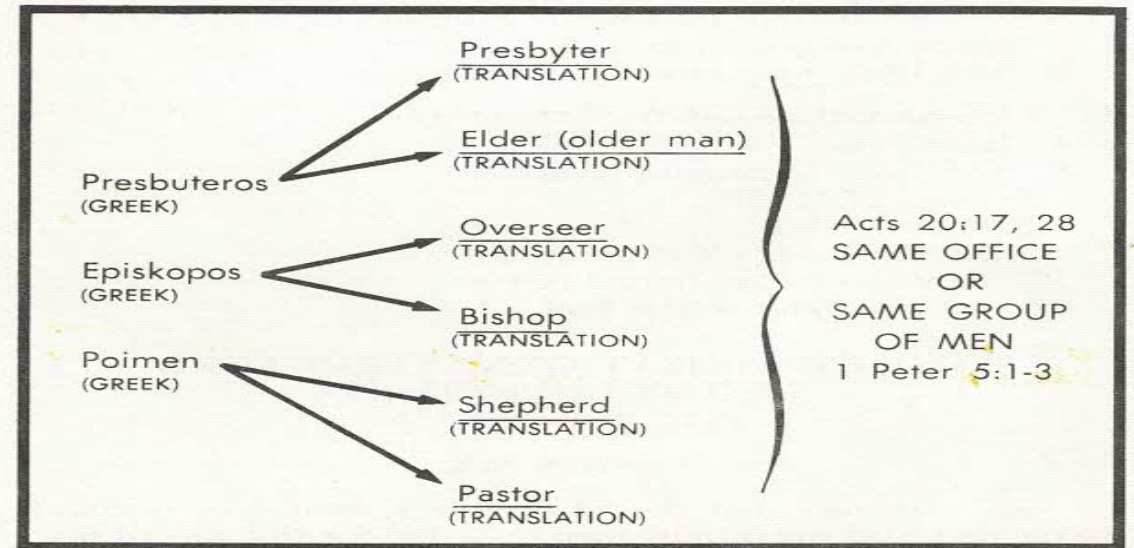
**Welcome to our visitors!!!**  
**Please return often!!!**

## The Organizational Structure of the Lord's Church

### THE ELDERSHIP

God is the planner and designer of the church. Thus it bears distinct identifying characteristics that makes it possible for a person to distinguish it from man-made organizations. The New Testament reveals a *pattern* for it's organization, work and purpose. Universally the head of the church is Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). Jesus built the church (Matt. 16:18), and He purchased the church with his own blood (Acts 20:28).

God has ordained that the local church be overseen in its work and worship by a plurality of men known by various names which are descriptive of their work - elders, bishops, shepherds, pastors - all speaking of the same office or group of men. Actually there are three nouns in the Greek New Testament that are translated into six English words. See the chart below.



From the New Testament, the responsibility and work of elders is clearly revealed.

1. Feed or shepherd the church (Acts 20:28) This is a broad concept of caring for the church (I Tim. 3:4), protecting the flock, searching the strays, binding broken limbs and seeing the sheep are biblically fed.
2. Ruling the church (Rom. 12:8; I Tim. 5:17), but "not as Lord's, but as examples" (I Pet. 5:3)
3. Tending to the needs of the flock, "exercising the oversight thereof" (I Pet. 5:2)
4. Watching out as stewards of the souls of God's flock as they that must give account (Heb. 13:17)

As you can see their work extends far beyond just making decisions, to a wide range of oversight. A relationship of genuine respect for the elders is necessary for the harmony, unity and spiritual growth of the local church. Esteem for them and submission to them is required (I Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:17. Thank God for the blessing of having godly men willing to serve in this capacity!! - WH

\*Chart above and a few excerpts are from "The Church of Christ" by Edward C. Wharton who was also my Instructor at the Sunset School of Preaching 1971-73. - - Wayne Hatcher