

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

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - March 8
READ SCRIPTURE
 Scott Huff
ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Sydney Bunnell
OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
 Mark Hatcher
SERVE COMMUNION
 Dennis Hatcher Phillip Perkins
 Donnie Gale Edwards
PREACHING
 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher
LEAD SINGING
 Ken Russell

Fannie Crosby

The grave of Fanny Crosby, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, has a Simple marker that reads, "Aunt Fanny-She Hath Done What She Could."

Fanny Crosby lost her eye-sight at six weeks of age. Yet she wrote more than 9000 hymns, such as: Blessed Assurance; All the Way My Saviour Leads Me; I Am Thine, O Lord; Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross; Praise Him, Praise Him; Rescue the Perishing; To God Be the Glory" and Tell Me the Story of Jesus, to name a few.

Although blind, she was the guest of six presidents and a personal friend to Grover Cleveland. Her 9000 hymns were set to music by every popular American tunesmith of the nineteenth century and still blesses the church of Jesus Christ in our day.

Someone has said, "It doesn't take much of a man to be used of God. It just takes all of him."

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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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Difficult Commands by Tom Moore

Mark Twain once commented that the sections of the New Testament giving him the most trouble were not those he couldn't understand, but rather the sections he could. The question I ask is "Why?"

Jesus said, "If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). This fact should cause us to take seriously our responsibility to the Scriptures. Our responsibility is to study (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:13) and obey (Matt. 7:21; Luke 6:46). Obedience is not always easy, especially for those who care more for their own personal wants and the opinions of others than the things of God. A good example of this is seen in John 9, where parents were being questioned concerning the healing of their blind son. Instead of confessing that it was the Christ that did the healing, they skirted the issue. "These things said his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man should confess him to be Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue" (John 9:22). They cared more for the opinions of man.

Most people, it seems to me, are troubled by what is taught in the scriptures because they struggle in giving their all to God. I do not believe we will be troubled by the Scriptures, if we will "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" (Mark 12:30). If we do this, we will have no trouble with the teachings of the Scripture.

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Brandon Schuler is undergoing a new treatment; Jean Hogan at home; Leon Seaton; Bessie Brooks on dialysis; Renee Perkins; Robert Brooks; James Horton is taking chemo treatments in Glasgow; 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; Donnie & Helen Edwards have both been sick; Dennis Hatcher was sick last Sunday; we are happy that R. T. Turner came home last Sunday afternoon from Hart Co. Health Care.

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; Gunner Eaton, student at Barren Co. H.S.: the family of Donald & Michelle Meredith who drowned in Green River on Tues.

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GLASGOW REHAB

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 3/15/15

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)

POTLUCK MEAL TODAY

After morning worship today, we will meet in the annex for our quarterly potluck meal in which we will honor those with anniversaries and birthdays. Make plans to attend and enjoy a delicious meal and wonderful Christian fellowship.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

meets tomorrow night at 7:00 in the annex.

REPAIRS

We had to have a new hot water heater installed in the basement which serves to warm the water to the baptistery.

SERVICE TIMES

Since today marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, we will go back to our regular service times on Sun. night at 6:00 and Wed. night at 7:00

EPIC SNOW FALL

This past week brought our second major snow storm of the winter within a month. Area snow fall depths ranged from 6 - 26 inches. Services were cancelled this past Wed. night.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Whom did Paul send to Corinth to check on the congregation, and he found things as Paul had told him about the church?

The answer to last week's bible question: Simon Luke 7:39-40

Visitors are always welcomed !!!!

I Never Intended to Quit!

by Gus Nichols

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of "quitting" the church. I reminded him that he had:

- 1) Withdrawn his presence from the worship services. He had failed to sing, pray with fellow Christians, to partake of the Lord's memorial supper and the fellowship of the saints.
- 2) Refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation.
- 3) Withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord's work.

Then I asked, "What else would you have to do in order to 'quit' the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will be necessary to 'quit' the church?"

As the true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, "Why, Brother Nichols, I have quit already, haven't I? Well, I surely didn't mean to! And I don't know when I did it...but I've quit the Lord and His church! I'll tell you right now...I'm coming back." He did, too. At the next service, he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, but many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you quit attending services, quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders and quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget, you need to be restored.

"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves

together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25)

Praise or Performance?

by Lory Furr

Current worship trends seem to lean toward performance in many religious groups, especially in the area of music. Big bands build up excitement. Praise teams sing perfect harmony. Visiting vocalists attract crowds. As far as God's Word is concerned, we assemble to worship and praise and be fed. The whole assembly is God's praise team, not a select few who sing more correctly. And God is not our audience. We come into the presence of a Great King (Mal. 1:14) to kiss His hand (the meaning of worship). He does not want a show. He wants sincere praise!

There is much to be learned from the errors of our brethren in Corinth, who possessed miraculous gifts and used them to show off! Here are a few observations from 1 Corinthians chapter 14:

14:1,3,4,12,14,26,40: **Edification** seems to be one of the things the spirit is aiming at. Christians praise God and build one another up with godly, scriptural words. Musical instruments are lifeless and cannot do that (14:7-8).

14:5,26,27,32,33: Self-gratification seems to be the problem the Corinthians had. All performance and no praise resulted in confusion.

If mega churches with exciting programs are the aim of Christianity, then what does that say about struggling little congregations in the first century, filled with slaves and women? And what about small congregations in poor countries? I guess their worship is miniscule in comparison? Read God's Word. This is a question of Praise vs. Performance, or Edification vs. Self-Gratification.