

### 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 - March 20

READ SCRIPTURE  
Wayne Hatcher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE  
Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION  
Sydney Bunnell

Dennis Hatcher Mark Hatcher

PREACHING

a. m. - Mike Thompson  
p. m. - Mike Thompson

LEAD SINGING  
Ken Russell

### FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR

**Sat. April 2** at the Lehman Ave.  
Church of Christ in Bowling Green. This  
is an annual event which focuses on  
basic issues currently facing the church.  
Theme: Congregational Fellowship, Co-  
operation and Autonomy

\*See bulletin board for details

### Think On These Things

(about Jesus -WH)

- 0 - Zero bones broken on that day.
- 1 - One Savior, who took our sins away.
- 2 - Two thieves hung on either side.
- 3 - Three crosses upon the hillside.
- 4 - Four ways His clothing they divide.
- 5 - Five wounds: 2 hands, 2 feet, 1 side.
- 6 - Six cruel hours our Lord endured.
- 7 - Seven sayings from His Lips so pure.

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### TIME OF SERVICES:

**Sunday:** Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 6 PM  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study 7 PM

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We gladly welcome you to our congrega-  
tion, 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 bless-  
ing 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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## You mean cause and effect are real?

"If your friends jumped off a cliff, would you?"

People have asked this question for generations without realizing the answer is obvious. Of course they would jump because countless people seem to believe the laws of nature don't apply to them.

They're convinced it won't happen to them no matter how much the evidence mounts.

*"That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun"* (Ecclesiastes 1:9, NKJV).

God's patience with the stupidity of mankind is beyond our comprehension. We keep running into walls wondering why it hurts. Cause and effect is real and will never go away as long as time exists. Nothing will change that, certainly not naiveté.

Sin has undeniable consequences (Romans 3:23; Revelation 20:11-15). We pretend God is soft and that we can manipulate our doctrines so consequences are erased. Don't be fooled. The laws of spiritual cause and effect are unchangeable (Ezekiel 18:19-23).

Delusion is equal to failure. We can repent or we can perish (Luke 13:3-5). Cause and effect are very real in the physical and the spiritual realm (Galatians 6:7) and in the end we must all pay the price of obedience or disobedience.

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R. T. Turner; Leon Seaton; Renee Perkins; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; James Horton; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Imogene Estes (Vicki Thompson's mother); Carolyn Bowers; Dennis Hatcher Stanton Burchett sustained a leg injury while working in the yard.

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Jessica (Bush) Dennison encountering problems during her pregnancy; Joey Chaney; Stella Downs (teacher at Park City Elem); Sherian Gray (member at S. Green St.); Randy Scott is now in Signature Healthcare; Doug Isenberg; Kim Hatcher; family of David Boyd

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### OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to our Lois Edwards in the loss of her brother Freddie Richardson and was an uncle to our Scott Huff. To all the family we are sorry for your loss. Also the congregation provided a very delicious meal in our annex to show our love and support for the family.

Sympathy also to the family of Elizabeth Proffitt, a long-time member at Cave City. Billy Bybee officiated at her funeral yesterday at Winn Funeral Home.

### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

We are in our Spring Quarter - "Tragedy and Hope in Jeremiah". This morning: *Repentance: The Path To God's Favor*

(Jeremiah 3:11-18; 6:13-17. Wayne is the teacher.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The study of "Circles of Truth" with Mike Thompson will conclude this Wed. night. A new study is to be announced.

### BULLETIN ITEMS

If you have news items to include in the bulletin, be sure and get it to Wayne by Sat. morning.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**March 27-30** Spring Gospel Meeting at the Elizabethtown Church of Christ with Robert Hatfield. \*See bulletin board

**March 27-31** Gospel Meeting Refuge Church of Christ with Keith Parker

**April 15-17** Spring Gospel Meeting here at Horse Cave with area gospel preachers. W. Tom Hall will preach Friday night: Challenges Facing the Church. Bart Warren will preach Saturday night: Challenges Facing the Christian. Michael Greene will be preaching Sunday.

### PLACING MEMBERSHIP

Last Sunday evening, Jim and Fran Mears, Jamie Brewer and Lori Brewer made known that they desired to place their membership with the congregation here at Horse Cave. We know they will be a valuable asset to this congregation. Welcome! Their address is: 6186 Stoval Road Cave City, KY 42127 Home phone (270) 773-5071

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What event prompted an angel to tell Joseph & Mary to return from Egypt?

The answer to last week's bible question: Abraham Gen. 24:9-14

**Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed !!!!**

## The Cost of transgressions

by Michael Brooks

*"So the Lord God said to the serpent: 'Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.' . . . To the woman He said, 'I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children.' . . . Then to Adam He said . . . 'Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life'" (Genesis 3:14, 16, 17 NKJV).*

On my most recent trip into the mountain districts of Nepal, I was surprised to find that the number of security checkpoints had increased greatly. Where there had been perhaps two there were now at least six. Not only were there many more check-points, but the examination at most of them was much more intense than I had experienced in the past.

One of my Nepali companions explained the reason for the increased security. The road we were traveling has been extended to cross the Chinese border. Smugglers are taking advantage to bring much contraband into Nepal, and on down into India. Both Chinese and Nepali authorities are trying to control these activities.

While I thoroughly understand and appreciate the need for increased vigilance, I must admit to being a little irritated that I, a law-abiding visitor who did not cross the border at all, must pay the penalty of wasted time and rummaged-through belongings (on our way back down it was raining and the officers did not bother to zip up our bags or cover them – everything got very wet) because others are breaking the law. Why should I pay the price for their crimes?

But is that not the nature of crime, and especially of spiritual crime – that is, sin? The curses pronounced by God on the Serpent, Adam, and Eve were visited upon all snakes and all men and women, throughout history. This is not because every individual is guilty of their sin (the doctrine of original sin is not biblical – see Romans 5:12). It is rather due to the nature of sin itself.

Yes, we could say that "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), therefore all deserve to pay the penalty for everyone else's sin. But that is not actually a biblical concept either. Rather, "The soul that sins shall die" (Ezekiel 18:20). One does not suffer the consequences of another's sin simply because he deserves to suffer.

Just like innocent tourists have to bear up under the difficulties of check-posts designed to uncover illegal trading, so all sins have broad circles of consequence. The drunk driver who causes a wreck usually harms or kills someone who is law-abiding and sober. The thief causes those whom he robs to suffer. Sin is evil and harmful, and it hurts many others besides those who willfully commit it. That is why humans today continue to suffer the hardships of Adam and Eve. Sin did it.

When we seek to justify or pardon sinful behavior we need to remember the tremendous price paid for that behavior, not only by those who are guilty, but by untold numbers who must also face the consequences of the evil let loose in the world. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

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