

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 22

READ SCRIPTURE

Classes cancelled today

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION

Rex Wallace Michael Richardson

Dennis Hatcher

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Mike Thompson

5 p. m. - Not Meeting Tonight

LEAD SINGING

Scott Huff

GREETERS

Ken and Carolyn Russell

Things about the Church of Christ That Surprise People

People cannot "join" the church. "Joining the church" is one of the most common expressions in religious conversation. It is so much a part of most people's religious vocabulary that no one really thinks much about it. Becoming a part of the church is not like joining a social order or civic club. The Bible teaches that when people are obedient to their Lord He "adds" them to His church (Acts 2:41, 47; 5:14; 11:24).

Could you imagine someone saying, "I'm going to join the football Hall of Fame," or "join the president's cabinet and be Secretary of State"?

An Honest Prayer

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."



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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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Somewhere To Belong

by David Bragg

A doctor was enjoying lunch in a room full of people. Without a word he slowly got up and walked out of the room. No one there was aware of the danger this doctor was facing until his lifeless body was discovered a few minutes later. A morsel of food had lodged in his windpipe, and he choked to death (David Gibson, The Challenger, Carbondale, IL).

What makes this story even sadder is the fact that this doctor was eating lunch in a room filled with other doctors any one of whom could have likely saved his life. He didn't ask.

The church consists of the saved. We know what it is like to languish in sin. We know what it is like to be redeemed. We know what it is like to have a place where we belong: the church. It is here that we can serve, encourage, and bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:1). Because of what Jesus did, purchasing us with His own blood (Acts 20:28), we are family (1 Tim. 3:15).

The Christian who belongs to the world has turned his back on the marvelous gifts of God. He is like that doctor who died in solitude while those who were willing and able to help stood by unaware. Because of what Jesus has done for us, we love and care for each other and share the Good News with those yet lost in sin. In Jesus they can find a place to belong now and forever.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell's surgery is rescheduled for March 30; praying she gets stronger in order to have it; Bill Brooks has resumed chemo by tablets, and thankful he has not been sick; Jim Mears; Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Jennifer Hatcher; Jackie Coop; Becky Hatcher; Marilyn Hogan goes back to Nashville soon to see how if the cornea transplant helped improve her vision; Jamie Proffitt chemo treatments; thankful Kim Quigley's tests were good;

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Sammi Jo Eubank; families in TN from tornados; sympathy to the family of Whitney Fisher Breeze

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 102 JoAnn Wallace

CANCELLATION NOTICE

For the time being, our elders have decided that we will only meet on Sunday morning at 11:00. All the other services are cancelled due to the coronavirus. Each person is advised to use your own discretion re: your health and your family's health.

GOSPEL MEETING CANCELLED

March 22-25 the Refuge Church of Christ has cancelled their meeting with Burnes Lyons due to the virus

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our next Gospel Meeting will be May 14-

17, 2020 with Mel Futrell of Birmingham, AL. Bro. Futrell has held three meetings here at HC in 2009, 2012 and 2015. Obviously we will have to wait and see how things are toward the end of April.

VBS DATES

We need to know if either of these two dates would conflict with anything you have scheduled in June? June 10-13 or 17-20

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many books in the Bible begin with the letter "M"? Name them

The answer to our question last week: Exodus, Ecclesiastes, Ezra, Ezekiel, Esther, Ephesians

Words Well Used...

More men fail through lack of purpose than lack of talent. — Billy Sunday

Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.—George Herman (Babe) Ruth

If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves. — Thomas A. Edison

Do a little more each day than you think you possibly can. — Lowell Thomas

How To Settle It

When people disagree about how many ounces or pounds something weighs, they can settle the matter by using a scale, the standard of authority.

When people disagree about the length of a piece of lumber, they can resolve the disagreement by using a measuring tape, the standard of authority.

When people disagree about what is right and wrong in religious matters, they should settle the matter by using the Bible, the standard of authority. — David Sain

Different Kind of Rocks

by Jeff Arnette

What is the difference between a diamond and a gold nugget? The most obvious differences are visual. One looks clear and the other is yellow in color. The biggest differences are not visible but material. One is soft, malleable, while the other is hard, able to cut through almost anything. Both can be shaped into amazing and beautiful jewelry but each is different in their own special ways.

So, it is with the church. Each of us is unique and special in our own ways. While the differences are often easily seen, the differences run much deeper. We are all unique, special, and valuable and have all been gifted by our God with special talents, abilities, and meant to benefit His church and people in vastly different ways.

The point that I want to emphasize to you is that like that diamond or nugget of gold, we are not meant to be the same. Understanding this is vital to our success and our relationships within the church. We are not supposed to be the same or do the same things. Some of are gifted evangelists but some of us are not. Some of us are gifted encouragers but some of us are not. Some of us are gifted listeners, always there to listen and support someone else, but some of us are not. Some of us are leaders, teachers, singers, thinkers, and dreamers. We cannot expect everyone to think or act just like one part of the body of Christ. It's unrealistic, unscriptural, and just not fair to expect everyone to be the same.

Beginning in 1 Corinthians 12:12, Paul speaks of this glorious truth. We are one body with many members and if one part should feel like they are not valuable or needed in the body because they don't look like or do the things that another part of the body does that

doesn't mean they are not needed. It doesn't mean they are not a faithful part of the body. It is unfair to expect the hand to be like the eye or the foot to be like the ear. The old saying goes, "if you judge a fish by his ability to climb a tree, it will spend its life feeling like a failure." The same is true in the church. If you judge everyone by your standard of what faithfulness is or what everyone should be doing, some are going to excel while the rest are made to feel like failures.

In vs. 21, Paul attacks this problem from the opposite perspective. If a person, a part of the body looks at another part of the body and declares they are not good enough, not faithful enough because they are not doing what you are doing. You have judged your brother or sister by a standard you set and placed expectations on them that God never intended. In fact, Paul says, those parts of the body you think insignificant and unimportant because their God given talents are not like yours are indispensable. God placed them in the body and has given them talents per His will, not ours.

The goal of God is that we will all be a vital and connected part of the body. That there will be no divisions in the body so that all of us are honored for our contributions without being made to feel like we don't measure up. Our goal is not to be like everyone (Mark 14:3-9) else but to use the gifts and talents God has given us to the best of our ability for His glory.

We are all valuable, gifted by God, and vital to the success of the church. Don't ever think that because you are not passionate about the same thing or gifted like someone else you are inferior to them and don't unfairly expect others to be like you. We need everyone, with their special talents, experiences, and gifts. God's perfect plan is never wrong.