

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 27

READ SCRIPTURE
Sydney Bunnell

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
Scott Huff

THOSE SERVING IN APRIL

READ SCRIPTURE

3 - Mike Thompson
10 - Sydney Bunnell
17 - Gospel Meeting
24 - Rex Wallace

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION
Rex Wallace
Michael Richardson Phillip Perkins

PREACHING

3 - Wayne Hatcher
10 - Wayne Hatcher
17 - Michael Greene
24 - Mike Thompson

LEAD SINGING

3 - Ken Russell
10 - Scott Huff
17 - Ken Russell
24 - Scott Huff



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

Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

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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How Essential Is the Resurrection of Christ?

The bible nowhere says that we should set aside a special day to observe the resurrection. However, it is the most notable miracle found in scripture. The miracles performed by Jesus stand out conspicuously; but among all of the miracles, the resurrection of Jesus stands as the most conspicuous. There are other resurrections in the Bible, but none recorded with as much detail and precision as the resurrection of Jesus. It is an event referred to in Psalm 16:10 and Peter said it was talking about the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2). Jesus predicted it Himself in Matt. 12:40, 17:23, Luke 24:7. The New Testament writers recorded its facts in the gospels, and the apostles made it their central theme in their preaching and teaching.

That the resurrection of Jesus is a significant event historically is one matter, but it is also an event that holds central significance for humanity. God took human form, lived a mortal existence in poverty, and was crucified and died as a criminal; only as magnificent a work as the resurrection could prove such to make any sense. Only such a resurrection could prove such a seemingly preposterous claim; only an event of such magnitude would be worthy of pointing humanity to the true God of heaven.

Peter's first recorded sermon in Acts 2 highlights the testimony of the Old Testament prophets and compares it with the eye witness testimony of the apostles themselves as Peter and the other eleven, saw Jesus with their own eyes after He had been raised from the dead (Acts 2:32). Acts 4:2 says that the apostles "*proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.*" Acts 4:33 states, "*And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.*" Acts 5:30, 10:40, 13:30-37 Perhaps one of the most notable passage is found in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. Without the resurrection of Jesus, Paul says we are hopeless and still in our sins. The resurrection of Jesus proved Him to be the Son of God with power (Rom. 1:4). I am thankful we remember it each Sunday as the church gathers to worship in spirit and truth. Because He was raised, we will be also. I am ever thankful for the empty tomb. We serve a risen Savior. Amen!

-Wayne

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; Leon Seaton; R. T. Turner; Renee` Perkins; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; James Horton; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Imogene Estes (Vicki Thompson's mother); Carolyn Bowers was able to be out last Sunday; Dennis Hatcher has had a flare up with his back; Becca Piercy has been sick last week; Becky Hatcher has been sick; Laura Brooks is feeling better from the flu; Phillip Perkins had cataract surgery Wed.; Christian Chadbourne will be undergoing chemo as the cancer has returned; Mark Hatcher has rescheduled the procedure on his back to March 31; so many have been affected by the flu bug.

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 in Signature Healthcare; Doug Isenberg; Kim Hatcher

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OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to our Karon Reynolds and Jennifer Hatcher in the loss of their niece and grand-niece. Early Mon. morning in the edge of Larue Co. a car accident claimed the life of Ashley Brooke Moore, 32 and her 9 yr. old daughter Brooklyn Layne Carothers. Ashley & Brooke are the daughter and grand-daughter of Sharon Reynolds Booth. To the entire family, we are truly sorry for your great loss.

SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

We are in our Spring Quarter - "Tragedy and Hope in Jeremiah". This morning: *The Temple Sermon* (Jeremiah 7:3-15; 7:27-32. Wayne serves as the teacher.

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 3-5 Green County Church of Christ with Jim Winner speaking on *What Jesus Said About...* *see bulletin board

April 15-17 Spring Gospel Meeting here at Horse Cave with area gospel preachers. W. Tom Hall will preach Friday at 7 p.m. on *Challenges Facing the Church*. Bart Warren will preach Saturday at 7 p.m. on *Challenges Facing the Christian*. Michael Greene will be preaching Sunday at 10 & 11 a.m and at 2:30 p.m.

PLACING MEMBERSHIP

Last Sunday morning, Jackie Coop made known that he wanted to place his membership with the congregation here at Horse Cave. I have known Jackie for over 50 years. I had the privilege of baptizing him into Christ some 20+ years ago. Jackie has a sincere heart and loves the Lord. His address is: 701 N. Dixie Why Lot 8 Cave City, KY 42127 Home phone (270) 773-2395

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What was the name of Rachel's older sister ?

The answer to last week's bible question: the death of Herod Matt. 2:15

Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed !!!!

WELCOME HOME

We are very thankful that our Connie Campbell and the medical team had another safe and successful trip to Guatemala. They performed 81 cataract removals and 12 orthopedic surgeries.

We are also thankful that Malon & Lisa Schuler had a safe and wonderful trip to visit Tim & Linda Davis in Wyoming. Heather Newman also took Zack, Alexis and Leah to the Smokies and had a great time.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Mike Thompson will begin a new study on Wed. April 6 on "The End of Time" This will be a very good and interesting topic of study

SYMPATHY

We were saddened to learn that Virgil Proffitt passed away yesterday in Lexington. His mother Elizabeth Proffitt was just laid to rest on March 17. We extend our sympathy to Virgil's family.

The Need For Perseverance

by Boyce Edwards

In English, the word persevere means to continue steadfastly in a given task or purpose. In Greek, the word HUPOMONE (translated in the KJV as either patience or endure) could be used to refer to a certain kind of plant persevering under hard and unfavorable conditions. Within the context of the church we might define the word as "spiritual staying power." Jesus once said: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God " (Luke 9: 62).

These are strong words! The Lord meant for them to be strong. He is trying to impress upon our minds the thought of continuing in faithful, dedicated service, even when "The going gets tuff." James, Stephen, and Antipas had such strong "spiritual staying power" that they gave their lives in faithful service to God (Acts 7:54-60; 12:1- 2; Revelation 2:13).

The idea of continuing steadfastly in a given task or purpose is seen in Acts 2:42, where the record says: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Some brethren evidently have the concept that all they have to do to receive their eternal inheritance is to "run the 50 yard dash."

They are mistaken! The clear Bible teaching is that we must finish the Christian race. "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:6- 8). The crown of righteousness will be given to those dedicated souls in the church who have "spiritual staying power." They keep on fighting the good fight until the end. They keep on running until their race is run. They keep on keeping the faith!

There will be no "spiritual drop outs" in Heaven. There will be no Demas' in Heaven (II Timothy 4:10). The Judas Iscariot's of today will "go to their own place" even as Judas did (Acts 1:5). The wilderness was filled with the dead, stinking carcasses of Israelites who had no "spiritual staying power." Congregations of God's people everywhere are departing farther and farther from God's truth - there is need for perseverance! May we never be counted among those who have not the courage to persevere. "For ye have need of patience (Gk. HUMOMONE, perseverance), that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise" (Hebrews 10:36). May we keep our hands to the plow.