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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:

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 - April 9

READ SCRIPTURE

Sydney Bunnell

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION

Genie Hogan Dennis Hatcher

Theron Shultz

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

6 p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Scott Huff

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putting Jesus and His church first and foremost in our lives, rather than being preoccupied with mundane matters. "No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who enlisted him as a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:4).

One last thing about this army: It's all volunteer! Becoming a Christian is something you do of your own free will. You "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered" (Romans 6:17). God doesn't force anyone to serve Him; you are free to "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15). May we all make the right choice, and may we be always faithful!

15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Just a note that this Friday, April 14 will mark our 15th year of working with this good church. It has been a real joy serving as your preacher. I would write more but... Wayne



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Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

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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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You Are In God's Army Now!

by Joe Slater

War in Gaza. War in the Ukraine. War in Iraq. War in Libya. There is no shortage of wars!

Christianity has never been advanced at the point of the sword. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Corinthians 10:4). But yes, Christians are engaged in warfare, though it is of a spiritual nature. Do we take this war seriously?

Our goal is not to "go along and get along," but to destroy Satan's strongholds and capture as many people as we can for Jesus. Meanwhile, we strive not to become casualties ourselves. As soldiers of Christ, we put on the armor of God (Ephesians 6).

We have a cause that is worth fighting for. Paul called it "the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6:12). This is not some petty squabble. Absolute evil is pitted against total righteousness. There is no such thing as neutrality; either you are with Jesus all the way, or you are against Him, even if you don't intend to be (Luke 11:23).

Once you have enlisted in God's army, there is no honorable discharge or retirement. You are a soldier for life unless you defect. As he faced imminent death, Paul looked back over his life and said he had fought the good fight (2 Timothy 4:7). Semper Fidelis – Always Faithful. That motto would fit Paul, and we ought to serve so that it fits us. Such service may involve enduring "hardship as a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:3). It certainly will mean

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon & Agnes Seaton; Bill & Bessie Brooks; R.T. Turner; Martha Russell; Lori Brewer; James Horton; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Helen Edwards' step granddaughter; Mike Waddell; Kelli Long continues to improve; Joey Palmore (kidney stones); Jim Bunnell (Sydney's brother) is doing well after triple by-pass surgery Wed. at Centennial Hosp. in Nashville; Mike Thompson has been suffering with a kidney stone; Candice Eastridge stress fracture in her foot is healing; Jenny Thompson suffered a broken bone in her shoulder at home last week; Jake Quenzer; Willie Cyphers was not feeling well last week; Billy Bybee has had a hard time with the respiratory issue that has been affecting many of us for several weeks.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Larry McGuire; Jimmy Briggs undergoing treatments; Marlene Kerr treatments; Joey Chaney; Frankie Walters; Stella Downs; Brad Terry; Kim Hatcher; Bobby Witty; Randy Scott; Roger Davis; Stanford Matthews

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

HOMETOWN MANOR ASSISTED LIVING

Jean Turner

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford

SHARING SORROWS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Randall Wallace. A celebration of his life was held Thurs. at the Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home.

He was the brother of our Rex Wallace.

SUNDAY A. M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the sixth lesson in our Spring Quarter on the theme: "Mysteries in Daniel" This morning we will study "*Belshazzar's Feast*" Dan. 5:1-12 Wayne is the teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We are in a new study on Wednesday nights on church history. Mike Thompson is the teacher. Everyone is encouraged to attend our bible classes.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 23-26 Here at Horse Cave with David Sain "*Things That Will Encourage You*" All evening services at 7:00

April 23-26 E-town Church of Christ with Gary Massey

(see flyers on bulletin board)

GLAD TO BE HOME

After spending 56 days in the NICU, Paisley Palmore came home last Sunday. She was born Feb. 6 to Scott & Sheyenne Palmore. Grandparents are Joey & Susan Palmore and great-grandmother Marjorie Gentry.

12 HOURS OF JESUS

Saturday, May 20, 2017 8 am to 8 pm at the Colvin Community Center, Radcliff, KY Theme: Stand Up for Jesus Wayne will be speaking at 5 pm This is the 4th year for this program

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Whose brother was Saph?

The answer to last week's question: 40 days Num. 13:25

Welcome to our visitors!!! We truly appreciate your presence!!!

A God of Mercy and Justice

by Jon Galloway

"Then the Lord spoke to Moses: 'Speak to the Israelites and tell them, "When you cross over the Jordan River into the land of Canaan, you must then designate some towns as towns of refuge for you, to which a person who has killed someone unintentionally may flee. And they must stand as your towns of refuge from the avenger in order that the killer may not die until he has stood trial before the community. These towns that you must give shall be your six towns for refuge.'"" (Numbers 35:9-13 NET).

God is a God of mercy. We can see this in his providing towns of refuge for the Israelites. These towns were so designated to allow someone who had accidentally killed another person to be safe from any 'avenger' who might come after them to take their life. If they were within these towns they were safe. In more recent years church buildings have often served this same purpose as a place of sanctuary.

Even the location of these six towns of refuge shows God's mercy and concern for his people. Three were west of the Jordan River and three were on the east (Numbers 35:14-15). If we were to locate their probable locations on a map we would also see that they were positioned in way that anyone could quickly get to one of them.

God is also a God of justice. Once they were in the town there would be a hearing to determine whether the person was innocent of murder. Even without witnesses, the circumstances surrounding the death would determine whether this were an accidental death or intentional murder (see Numbers 35:16-24). If guilty, then the person would be put to death. Justice would be done.

But if the person were innocent, he was protected from anyone who wished to avenge the death. There was a condition: he had to remain in the town of refuge until the death of the high priest. If he were found outside the town, the avenger could take his life without being guilty of murder (see Numbers 35:25-29). As long as the person was in the town, they were safe. Once again, we see mercy.

As Christians, we also experience God's mercy and justice (and grace!). God remains a just God, which means that there had to be a price paid for our sin. Once we sin, we cannot undo it, we cannot erase it, we cannot take it back. We have sinned and have earned the wages of sin: death (Romans 6:23). But God has shown his mercy in giving us a free gift – eternal life. When we "obey from the heart that pattern of teaching you were entrusted to" we are then "freed from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18).

God's justice is served in that a price of blood was paid for our sin, through Jesus. God's mercy is seen in that we are freed from sin to serve God. But there is a condition. Just as the innocent person had to remain in the town of refuge, we have to remain in Jesus. If we chose to turn our back on him and die in that condition, there is no more sacrifice for us (Hebrews 10:26). "But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

The choice we must make: do we want God's mercy or justice?

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