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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 16

**READ SCRIPTURE**

Mike Thompson

**OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE**

Willie Cyphers

**SERVE COMMUNION**

Genie Hogan Dennis Hatcher

Theron Shultz

**PREACHING**

11 a. m. - Mike Thompson

6 p.m. - Mike Thompson

**LEAD SINGING**

Ken Russell

**The Unsurpassed Joy of the Resurrection**

Jesus knew that in twenty-four hours, He would be dead; nevertheless, He told His disciples,

*"Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you"* (John 16:22).

Amazingly, He could speak of joy when He would see them again in a few days, even knowing the horrendous suffering just around the corner for Him.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ changed everything, and has changed the world forever, because of the joy of the disciples as they went out preaching on the resurrection of Jesus.

You can participate in the resurrection of Jesus by baptism (Romans 6:3, 4).

You can also have joy by doing what Jesus did, focusing on the future. - - Don Ruhf



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**Horse Cave CHURCH OF CHRIST**

120 Cave Street  
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**TIME OF SERVICES:**

**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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Make your plans to be here for our

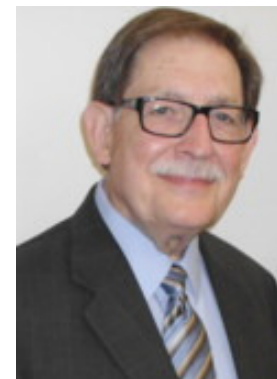
**Spring Gospel Meeting**

**April 23-26, 2017**

to hear wonderful biblical lessons by

**David Sain**

Fayetteville, TN



David has been a preacher of the gospel for over 50 years. He appears often on GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network). He was with us last Fall for our Family & Friends Day.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND SERMON TOPICS:**

**The Theme: "Things That Will Encourage You"**

Sunday Bible Class 10 am - Freedom (Heb. 2)

Sunday Worship 11 am - God's Righteousness (Rom. 1)

Sunday 7 pm - Much More Now (Rom. 5)

Monday 7 pm - Trust God's Promise (1 Cor. 10)

Tuesday 7 pm - The Lamb's Book (Rev. 20)

Wednesday 7 pm - You Can Do This (Rev. 2)

\*We are also planning an old fashioned "potluck" meal after morning worship next Sunday in our Annex. If you are visiting, we want you to be our honored guest.

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon & Agnes Seaton; Bill & Bessie Brooks; R.T. Turner; Jenny Thompson; Martha Russell; Lori Brewer; James Horton; Wendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Helen Edwards' step granddaughter; Mike Waddell; Kelli Long continues to improve; Joey Palmore (kidney stones); Mike Thompson also dealing with a kidney stones; Jim Bunnell (Sydney's brother) recovering from triple by-pass surgery; Jake Quenzer; Charles Isenberg ask for our prayers as he has surgery Monday morning

### 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

### SUNDAY A. M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the 7th lesson in our Spring Quarter on the theme: "Mysteries in Daniel" This morning we will study "Daniel Interprets" Dan. 5:13-31 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.

### AREA GOSPEL MEETING

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 21-24 Our VBS - "God's Team" Stories of God's Power

### 12 HOURS OF JESUS

Saturday, May 20, 2017 8 am to 8 pm at the Colvin Community Center, Radcliff, KY 9EST) Theme: Stand Up for Jesus Wayne will be speaking at 5 pm on "Stand Up for Jesus and His Church!" For more info go to 12hoursofjesus.org or search it on Facebook. This is the 4th year for this program.

### THANK YOU CARDS

Dear Brothers & Sisters, Thank you so much for thinking of us during our family's loss, especially the delicious food the ladies prepared for us. Thanks to the Ladies Bible Class for the beautiful wreath. We Love you, Rex & Doris

Thanks to everyone for the lunch that was prepared Thursday for Randall Wallace. The food was great and the fellowship.

Again Thanks, Betty & Keith Wallace

### MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the Annex. We are viewing a DVD by bro. Dave Miller on ISLAM. We plan to watch lesson 2 and 3 tomorrow evening. All men of the congregation are encouraged to be present and be informed.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many books did John write?  
The answer to last week's question: Goliath

## The Battle Belongs To the Lord Again

by Barry Newton

Throughout history God's people have derived courage, comfort and strength from knowing the battle belongs to the Lord. David confronted Goliath. King Jehoshaphat and the men of Judah marched out against a vast army.

Today Christians encourage each other in song singing, "The battle belongs to the Lord." If we allow the armor of God metaphor in Ephesians 6 to suggest a spiritual battle background lying behind the Ephesian letter, another reassurance of God's victory comes into view.

As Paul wrapped up Ephesians, he explained that our struggle is not against difficult people. Rather, God's people are pitted against spiritual forces of evil. This is not the first clash of opposing forces in this letter.

In Ephesians 2:2 we discover that prior to belonging to Christ, evil spiritual forces dominated our lives. Our sin had wrecked our lives severing our relationships with each other and with God leaving us spiritually dead.

Yet, it does not matter how many times we have sinned. It does not matter how horrendous evil has been in our lives nor how malicious it has caused us to act. It does not matter how much our lives have been reduced to rubble and our self-esteem shattered by the evil we have done, this battle belongs to the Lord!

Paul reveals how God had planned even before the world began how he would rescue us and triumph (Ephesians

1:3-14). Christ's blood would reign in victory.

The blood of Christ is greater than any of our sins or any weapon the enemy can possibly unleash in our lives. Even though we were dead in transgressions, God made us alive together with Christ (Ephesians 2:5).

God, not us, breaks the chains of death and condemnation. And not only does he grant us life, but he exalts us with Christ in the spiritual realms.

No wonder Paul began Ephesians by praising God for his master plan to rescue and unite all things under Christ. Yes, we live in a world rife with evil's weapons: deceit, greed, jealousy, maliciousness, bitterness, self-loathing, etc. However, for those who come to the Lord, there is no contest. God's power infuses life where death reigned. God wins.

God has completely rescued us. We can derive courage, comfort and strength from knowing this battle belongs to the Lord.

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### Matthew 20:17-19

And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples apart, and on the way he said unto them, *Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify: and the third day he shall be raised up.*