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:

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; I Peter 3:21;
Be faithful, committed, walk in light – Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - April 22

READ SCRIPTURE
Willie Cyphers

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION
Dennis Hatcher
Eugene Campbell Phillip Perkins

PREACHING
11 a. m. - Mike Thompson
5 p. m. - Mike Thompson

LEAD SINGING
Ken Russell

GREETERS FOR APRIL
Mark & Jennifer Hatcher

June 10-15

We are strongly encouraging any of our young folks - - 2nd Grade through High School to attend Christian Camp this summer. South Green Street has agreed to allow us to combine with them June 10-15 at Taylor Christian Camp. The church here will pay the cost of the camp fee. Please see Wayne about any questions you may have. We need to get applications turned in soon. Christian Camp is a wonderful opportunity to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I highly recommend it!!! -WH

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TIME OF SERVICES:
Sunday: Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 5 PM
Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

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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Duped by Sin

"The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever." (1 John 2:17 NASU).

Just imagine that in the middle of the night someone entered a store and exchanged all the price tags. All the cheap items had the high prices, and the expensive items had the low prices. What havoc this would cause!

Today, in the real world, this very thing is happening all the time. Up is down and down is up, good is bad and bad is good. People spend their whole lives purchasing things to make them happy. They are pursuing pleasure rather than principle. It's like the person who has a strange compulsion to eat dirt! It neither can truly satisfy the body's needs, nor is it healthy. It is outright dangerous!

Paul speaks of those whose god is their belly (Philippians 3:19). He also says in another place that people are slaves to their appetites (Romans 16:18). But none of the things of the world truly satisfy. One man said, "I have toiled all my life for food and clothing, now the clothing won't fit and the food doesn't agree with me."

Someone changed all the price tags. We think we are getting something of value, but it's a cheap trick. We must *"not look to the things that are seen but the things that are not seen"* (2 Corinthians 4:18).

May we find the true treasures in Jesus!

- - Rob Redden

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon & Agnes Seaton; R.T. Turner; Bill Brooks still having tests; Martha Russell; Jenny Thompson; Dennis Hatcher (back); Parker Bybee; Brenda Walton; Bill Brooks' youngest sister in Indianapolis; Geneane McGuire's son, Greg; Becky Hatcher; Michelle Brooks; Jamie Proffitt undergoing two months of treatments; Joyce Dye; Jake Quenzer's brain surgery has been moved to Thursday; Lori Brewer; Mark Hatcher has been sick for several days with strept throat; Jackie Coop has been undergoing tests; Linda Forbes

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Jimmy Briggs; Sherian Gray; Brad Terry; Sanford Hensley; Stanford Matthews; Stanley & Betty Walton; Randal Trowbridge; Colton Parsley; Doug Culton (lung cancer treatments); Jeffery Lynn Lile; Tim Shipley; Bobby Sexton; sympathy to the families of Grace Waddell Byrd and Ruth Asbury

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

NHC

Jean Turner

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE

JoAnn Wallace

SUNDAY A. M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the 8th lesson of our Spring theme: "Poetical Book Selections" This morning's lesson: *The Value of Wisdom* Proverbs 3:11-26 Wayne serves as the teacher.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 22-25 Elizabethtown Church of Christ with David Powell Mon-Wed 7 pm EST

April 27-29 "Time of Refreshing" at Lehman Ave. Church of Christ Theme: *If You Love Me* with Bart Warren of the S. Green St. Church of Christ in Glasgow

May 17-20 here at Horse Cave with Mike Brooks missionary with the Highland Park Church of Christ in Muscle Shoals, AL His wife and co-laborer Brenda plans to come with him.

OUR VBS June 20-23

OUR SUMMER SERIES

We are looking forward to hosting our first Summer Series here at HC on Wednesday evenings in July and August. The theme will be "Christian Evidences"

THANK YOU CARD

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, called and especially the prayers. Your prayers are the reason I am here today. Thanks so much to the ladies bible class for the beautiful flowers. I am so blessed to be a part of the family here at Horse Cave.

Love Joyce Dye

FIFTH SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the 29th, Robbie Fudge will be with us. He will be preaching at 11 and 5:00. We also will have a Potluck Meal after morning worship. Please note that the meats will be provided.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many times did Noah send the dove out of the ark after the flood?

The answer to our question last week: darkness Exodus 10:22

If you are visiting with us, we welcome each of you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

God Knows What is Best

by Alan Smith

The story is told about a king who had a close friend. This friend had a habit of looking at every situation that ever occurred in his life (positive or negative) by remarking, "This is good, God knows what is best."

One day, the king and his friend were out on a hunting expedition. The friend would load and prepare the guns for the king, but he had apparently done something wrong in preparing one of the guns, because after taking the gun from his friend, the king fired it and his thumb was blown off. Examining the situation, the friend remarked as usual, "This is good, God knows what is best." To which the king replied, "No, this is NOT good!" and ordered his soldiers to put his friend into jail.

About a year later, the king was hunting in an area that he should have known to stay clear of. Cannibals captured the king and took him to their village. They tied his hands, stacked some wood, set up a stake and bound him to it. As they came near to set fire to the wood, they noticed that the king was missing a thumb. Being superstitious, they never ate anyone who was less than whole. So after untying the king, they chased him out of the village.

When the king reached his palace, he was reminded of the event that had taken his thumb and felt remorse for his treatment of his friend. He went immediately to the jail to speak with his friend. "You were right" the king said, "it was good that my thumb was blown off." And he proceeded to tell the friend all that had just happened. "I am very sorry for sending you to jail for so long. It was bad for me to do this."

"No," his friend replied, "This is good, God knows what is best."

"What do you mean, 'this is good'! How could it be good that I sent my friend to jail for a year?"

The king's friend replied, "Remember that God Almighty knows best and if I had NOT been in jail, I would have been with you on that hunting trip."

The story isn't true, but the message is. How we need a faith that truly believes that we have a God who is in control. A faith that can say, as Joseph did, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." (Genesis 50:20)

A faith that we can say, as Paul did, "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God..." (Romans 8:28)

A faith that we can say, as James did, "Count it all joy when you fall into various trials." (James 1:2).

It is so easy to look back over our lives and see how God has been there every step of the way, how He has taken care of us and provided for us. But how difficult it is to see God at work in the midst of our pain and suffering. God, increase our faith! Help us to see you in all that we experience and to truly believe that "God knows what is best!"

Have a great day!

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