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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 23

**OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE**

Willie Cyphers

**SERVE COMMUNION**

Genie Hogan Dennis Hatcher

Theron Shultz

**PREACHING**

11 a. m. - David Sain

7 p. m. - David Sain

**LEAD SINGING**

Scott Huff

**Liberty!** by Ron Thomas

The Declaration of Independence, in my opinion, is one of the greatest documents man has ever produced in the history of this world (not withstanding its corruption with strange ideologies now existing). As great as that piece of work is, it cannot compare to the liberty declared by God to all His creation that humbly submit to His authority.

The colonies were in "bondage" to Great Britain; man is in bondage to sin. As the peoples of the colonies recognized the mother country's yoke, they sought to get out from underneath its hold. As people begin to recognize the yoke placed on them by Satan, they begin the process of getting out from his hold. His hold, however, can only be broken by One greater than he. That One is Jesus.

The Declaration of Independence, man's greatest production for a civilized government. The Lord Jesus, man's only Savior. To borrow the words of a great man in history, "Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."



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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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A very special welcome to our

**Spring Gospel Meeting**

**April 23-26, 2017**

to hear sound biblical lessons by

**David Sain**

Fayetteville, TN



David has been a faithful gospel preacher for over 50 years. He appears often on GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network). He was also 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 will have an old fashioned "potluck" meal in our Annex after morning worship today. To our visitors, come be our guests.

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Leon & Agnes Seaton; Bill & Bessie Brooks; R.T. Turner; Jenny Thompson; Lori Brewer is greatly improved; James Horton; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Helen Edwards' step granddaughter; Mike Waddell; Kelli Long continues to improve; Joey Palmore; Jim Bunnell (Sydney's brother) recovering from triple by-pass surgery; Jake Quenzer; Charles Isenberg's went well and is now home

**FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY**

Doug Isenberg; 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; George Schrader (neighbor of Wayne & Becky) suffered a bad stroke

**PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT**

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

**SYMPATHY TO THE SEATON FAMILY**

We offer our condolences to the family of Estill A. Seaton who passed away April 16 in Shrewsbury, KY. He was a brother to our Leon Seaton and a member of the Shrewsbury Church of Christ.

**HOMETOWN MANOR ASSISTED LIVING**

Jean Turner

**HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING**

Ruth Bradford

**SUNDAY A. M. AUDITORIUM CLASS**

bro. Sain will be speaking in our bible class this morning as our Spring Gospel Meeting gets underway.

**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 28-30 Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ 10219 Highway 185 Bowling Green with Brad Harrub  
(see Bulletin Board)

**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 (EST) 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 the website:

**12hoursofjesus.org**

or search it on Facebook. This is the 4th year for this program and is sponsored by the N. Hardin Church of Christ

**TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ**

With how many plaques did God smite Egypt to persuade them to free the Israelites?

The answer to last week's question: Five

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**Welcome to our visitors!!! We truly appreciate that you are here today!!!**

**If you have any questions, we would be happy to answer them.**

**Learning To Serve Like Jesus**

by Brian Mitchell

The following are the words of a beautiful song from our song book entitled "Heart of a Servant." It reads, "Give me the heart of a servant, tender and faithful and true. Fill me with love, then use me, o Lord, so that the world can see you." As you think about yourself, especially in light of your relationship with God through His Son; who are you? How would you describe yourself?

What descriptive terms for the children of God are you most comfortable with? Do you think of yourself as a disciple, a saint, or a Christian? What about the term Servant? One day a woman was interviewing a prospective butler and asked him, "Are you trained to serve guests?" The prospective butler replied "Yes, ma'am, I have been trained to serve guests both ways." The woman looked puzzled and asked, "What do you mean, both ways?" The prospective butler replied, "I've been trained to serve them so they'll come again, or so they'll stay away. You just have to let me know which way you desire for each guest."

Would you say that you have been trained to serve? Serving others, if we are being honest, is not something that comes naturally to most people. The truth is that we live in a very self-centered and selfish "Me-First" society. Thus, living a life of service is something that must be sought after and cultivated. But serving others, in following the example of Jesus Christ, is exactly what we have been called to do.

But what does it really mean to be a servant? What images immediately come to your mind? Do you think of the slaves of Egypt building the pyramids or the African

slaves brought to the United States in the early days of our country? If these are the images that immediately come to mind, then the idea of being a servant of God is not likely to be very appealing to you. And it is for this reason that servanthood represents a path of life that most are unwilling to travel.

What we must always keep in mind is the fact that one of God's major objectives for the followers of His Son is that they become like His Son in all ways. Paul puts it this way, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom. 8:28-29). God's desire is that we be conformed to the image of His Son, that we be like Him.

Obviously, there are many things about Jesus that we should want to imitate: His walk with God, His knowledge of Scripture, His prayer life and His purity. But what about Jesus' example of service? I believe that this is one of the most important ways that God wants us to conform to the likeness of Jesus. Look at how Jesus characterized His own life and purpose: "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

Another song in our hymnal, called the Servant Song, says: "Lord, make me a servant, Lord, make me like you; for you are a servant, make me one too." Jesus came to serve, not be served and if this was true of the Master then certainly it must be true of the follower.