

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 of Faith:

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 - May 12

READ SCRIPTURE

Willie Cyphers

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Sydney Bunnell

SERVE COMMUNION

Dennis Hatcher Mark Hatcher

Michael Richardson

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Ken Russell

GREETERS FOR APRIL

Rex & Doris Wallace

This Is Why I Don't Ask!

As was customary in days gone by, a preacher said, *"If anyone knows a reason why this couple should not be wed, let him speak now or forever hold his peace."*

After a moment of silence, a beautiful young woman with a newborn baby in her arms arose from the back of the building and walked to the front, looking straight at the preacher.

The bride dropped her bouquet and burst out crying. The groom's mother fainted. The groomsmen looked at each other, wondering how best to salvage the situation.

The preacher asked the young woman, *"Why have you come forward? What have you to say?"*

She replied, *"We can't hear in the back!"*
via Preacher Talk (adapted)



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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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God's Warning by Rob Albright

Hebrews 6:4-8 teaches that it is possible to fall away from God's favor (Gal. 5:4). It is possible to become unfaithful to God and His right ways. The Hebrew writer warns us that we can be led astray. Those earlier Christians were led away from Jesus and back to the old law. Some had already fallen and placed themselves beyond redemption because they would not repent and turn back to Jesus.

The fact is....

....they were enlightened

....they tasted the heavenly gift

....they were partakers of the Holy Spirit

.....they tasted the good word of God

.....and still turned their back on Jesus.

Even though God provides a way back for penitent people (Gal. 6:1; 1 John 1:7-9; Acts 8:22), many remain in a lost condition because they refuse to comply with God's plan.

Yes, we have to be on guard. We cannot assume that we are so strong and Satan cannot overcome us. Just because we have obeyed the gospel and have salvation from past sins, doesn't mean we cannot fall away from the Lord. We must not only obey the gospel, but also live faithfully (Rev. 2:10).

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks undergoing radiation & chemo (pill form); Jim Mears; Martha Russell; Becky Hatcher; Candice Eastridge; Brenda Jagers; Mary Thompson; Joey Palmore ; able to be out Wed. evening; Parker Bybee; it was great seeing Janice Sue Bybee out for worship last Sun. morning for the first time since her back surgery; Allene Eastridge (John Eastridge's grandmother); Mark Hatcher back issues lately; Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to have a cardioversion done on his heart Wed. at the Medical Center in BG as the medication did not improve the A-Fib; Jenny Thompson fell out of bed last week and fractured the L3 in her back; Jerry Ann Logsdon is back at her house with sitters around the clock; Don Blackwell, gospel preacher, who often appears on GBN is in serious condition with a severed spinal cord from a 4-wheeler accident

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Tim Shipley; Brent Lane; Brad Terry; Whitney Fisher Breeze; Wes England; Joyce Gibbons; Kenneth Sartin was not able to have back surgery. Further tests will be needed by his heart doctor.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE

JoAnn Wallace

SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is our 11th lesson in our Spring Quarter: *Judges* This morning's lesson is: "The Death of Samson" 16:21-31. Wayne continues to serve as the teacher.

SHARING OUR SYMPATHY

with the family of Joan McGuire. She is the mother of Paula (Daryl) Lowe. Daryl is the brother of our Martha Cyphers.

and the family of Joan Smith, wife of Billy Joe Smith of Three Springs - members of the Church of Christ at Center, KY. Billy Joe is a cousin to our Ken Russell.

THANK YOU CARDS

To our brothers and sisters in Christ, Thank you so much for the cards, calls, visits and delicious meals you have brought to us over the last 4 months. We are so thankful to each of you for helping us, while Jim is sick. He is doing some better in some ways, and beginning to get stronger. With much love and gratefulness,

Jim, Fran, Lori & Jamie

What a blessing all of you have been! Thank you for the goodies, flowers, cards and prayers. It is at a time like this that we measure our blessing. Thank you - Thank you - Thank you. Sue Bunnell

VBS

Our Vacation Bible School is set for June 19 -22 Wed.- Fri. 6:30 - 8 pm and Sat. 10 am till Noon *Meeting tonight after services*

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

May 19-22 South Warren Church of Christ at Rich Pond in B. Green with Jerry Carmichael of Mt. Sterling, KY

May 23-26 Church of Christ at Center with Jason Peden Thurs - Sat. 7:00 pm

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which disciple brought his brother unto Jesus after affirming He was the Messiah.

The answer to our question last week: Doves Matt. 21:12

**Welcome to our visitors!!!
Always glad for your presence!!!**

This Mother's Day

by Amy Young

To those who gave birth this year to their first child - we celebrate with you.

To those who lost a child this year - we mourn with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains - we appreciate you.

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away - we mourn with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment - we walk with you.

Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms - we need you.

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children - we celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children - we sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year - we grieve with you.

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother - we acknowledge your experience.

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood - we are better for having you in our midst.

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children - we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.

To those who step-parent - we walk with you on these complex paths.

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be - we grieve with you.

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year - we grieve and rejoice with you.

To those who placed children up for adoption - we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising - we anticipate with you.

This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.

[This article is well written, and it captures the wide range of feelings/emotions that I have long believed are felt at every sermon I have preached on Mother's Day. It has been my practice to try and be sensitive as it is not always an occasion of happiness.] - Wayne