

## 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 19

READ SCRIPTURE  
Sydney Bunnell

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE  
Sydney Bunnell

SERVE COMMUNION  
Dennis Hatcher Mark Hatcher  
Michael Richardson

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

LEAD SINGING  
Scott Huff

GREETERS FOR MAY  
Rex & Doris Wallace

## I've Approved This Message

How many times have you heard this during a campaign season? Won't you be glad when the national election has passed? Regarding that phrase it is heard at the end of almost every campaign commercial. I wonder if God could say that about us?

Obviously, preachers and teachers need to present a message that would be approved by God. However, it does not stop there. Isn't the life of every Christian a message that is being presented to a lost and dying world? After all, Christians are to shine as lights in the world, (Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:15).

Live so that God could look at the sermon you are preaching by your life and say, "I'VE APPROVED THIS MESSAGE."

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**Sunday:** Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 5 PM

**Wednesday:** Bible Study 6 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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## He Looked For A City

He looked for a city and lived in a tent;  
a pilgrim to Glory right onward he went.

God's promise his solace, so royal his call;  
no wonder he sought not earth's honors at all.

He looked for a city his God should prepare;  
no palace on earth would he covet or share.

He looked for a city; if sometimes he sighed  
while trudging life's path all earth's glories denied.

The thought of that place changed his sighing to song;  
though the road might be rough, it would not be long.

He looked for a city; his hope now we share,  
and know that bright mansions which Thou shalt prepare.

We'll dwell in forever; so, Lord, may we be,  
just pilgrims with Jesus till Heaven we see.

-Selected

*By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out unto a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By Faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he looked for the city, which hath the foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Hebrews 11:8-10 \*The writer of the poem obviously was motivated by the life of Abraham as stated in Hebrews. - Wayne*

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks undergoing radiation & chemo (pill form); Jim Mears; Martha Russell; Becky Hatcher; Brenda Jagers; Joey Palmore; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Janice Sue Bybee recovering from back surgery; Allene Eastridge (John Eastridge's grandmother); Wayne Hatcher had a cardioversion on his heart Wed. at the Medical Center in BG. We are thankful that it was successful; Jerry Ann Logsdon is back at her house with sitters around the clock; Don Blackwell, gospel preacher and Executive Director of the Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) had a four-wheeler accident that severed his spinal cord and other injuries. His wife was with him but was not hurt as bad. He is now in the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA.

### SKY REHAB

Jenny Thompson was admitted to SKY Rehab in Bowling Green this past Monday.

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Tim Shipley; Brent Lane; Brad Terry; Whitney Fisher Breeze; Joyce Gibbons; Kenneth Sartin

### 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 12th lesson in our Spring Quarter: *Judges* This morning's lesson is: "*Micah Mirrors All Israel*" 17:1-13. Wayne continues to serve as the teacher.

### REPAIRS TO THE ROOF

It has become necessary to hire repairs to be made to the roof and into the attic of our building. The original part of the building was built in 1948. Over the years due to the lack of proper flashing where the roof joins the part of the upper roof wall at the front of the building, water has done extensive damage. It has also leaked and damaged some of the ceiling. Just wanted you to know why the repairs are being done. Thanks to Sydney Bunnell for the use of his truck with the lift bucket.

### VBS

Our Vacation Bible School is set for June 19 -22 Wed.- Fri. 6:30 - 8 pm and Sat. 10 am till Noon Theme: MAROONED: Steady Faith in Shifting Sands Lessons:

The Challenge to KNOW—King Josiah & the Lost Scroll (2 Chronicles 34:1-33)

The Challenge to TRUST - Jehoshaphat Trusts in God (2 Chronicles 20:1-24)

The Challenge to OBEY - Jonah Runs from God (Jonah 1:1—3:5)

The Challenge to BELIEVE - Thomas Doubts Jesus' Resurrection (John 20:24-29)

### 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 prophet of God did Queen Jezebel plan to kill?

The answer to our question last week:

Andrew John 1:41

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

## Don't Believe Everything

by Lance Cordle

I recently received a letter in the mail that promised me a large sum of money. It was sent by air mail. It was written on official-looking stationery and bore an official-looking stamp. It bore the logo and name of an attorney. It said that I had been appointed trustee, executor and beneficiary of a woman's estate. It said that I could use the money for my personal needs as well as for my ministry. It also said that all I had to begin this process was to respond via email and give them my phone number.

Before going any farther, I have a question: Do you think I am going to respond to this letter? If you do, you must think I am very gullible. I will not respond because of the following:

- Though I have not received a hard-copy letter quite like this, I have seen letters like it sent via email.
- It is from a foreign country, from some "law firm" about which I have no knowledge.
- It is about a person, with which I have had no relationship.
- The stamp is not an official, "raised-letter" stamp, but a copy, with very unofficial language on it.
- There is the very impersonal address: "Attention Beneficiary."
- It proposes an exorbitant amount of money (\$5,000, 000) to me and my ministry.

As you might have guessed this is almost certainly an attempt to retrieve personal information from me in order to steal my identity. I think most people would agree

with me and would not take the chance and respond.

However, some of the people who might not respond to such a "phishing" attempt, might follow a religious teacher who does some of the same types of things. That teacher may use the Bible to teach a false doctrine. That teacher may propose something as appealing as \$5,000,000—eternal life (or at least, great happiness in this life). That teacher may "package" his false message in persuasive words and a well-spoken presentation. That teacher may "prove" his points by emotional appeal and popular opinion. That teacher may give you permission to live or worship in a way you believe to be wrong. (Read Galatians 1:6-9.) That teacher may tell you that your previous teachers were old-fashioned and unenlightened.

The way to avoid such deception is to test the message and the sender. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they come from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1, ESV). There is an old saying: "If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is."

### Sentence Sermons

All progress is the result of change but not all change is progress.

Good habits are like fine porcelain, easily broken. Bad habits are like a cast iron pot, often unbreakable.

It is easier to tell someone what you would do in his place than to do what you ought to do in your own place.