

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

We Need More Christians

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to self-less. Putting the Christian life into practice, others see our progress causing us to not only save ourselves but others too (1 Timothy 4:15-16). We positively influence the world, beginning with ourselves.

All Christians have a ministry. That ministry begins within ourselves and grows to our families, friends and the world around us. The conversion of souls and faithful living are not exclusively the role of preachers, teachers, deacons, or elders. God calls all his people to multiply, glorify, and exemplify the Christian life-style. Will you answer that call?

Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills—
From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

He will not allow your foot to be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, He who keeps Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
Nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.
The Lord shall preserve your going out
and your coming in

From this time forth, and even forevermore

- New King James Version



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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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Making Improvements to the Church

by Joe Slater

For a few weeks now we've enjoyed meeting in our newly renovated facility. Many would say that with new flooring and cabinets along with ceiling repairs and a fresh coat of paint we've made great improvements to the church. I know what they mean, and I doubt that calling the meeting house a "church" is as huge a problem as some make it. Nevertheless, however desirable sprucing up our meeting place might be, we ought to be far more concerned about improvements to the church.

Church properly means assembly. It includes, but isn't limited to, the things we do when we're together. The most obvious improvement would be for everyone to show up! Hit-and-miss attendance insults the Lord and drags the church down. When sports and recreation take a back seat to Jesus, the church will improve.

We publish assignments a month in advance to let worship leaders know what to expect. The church improves when each leader prepares carefully and prayerfully, well in advance, to fulfill his role. Our God planned and prepared from eternity to save us. Can we not plan and prepare to honor Him in worship?

The church, Christ's spiritual body, improves only as each individual member improves. You are responsible to read and study God's word, laying it up in your heart that you might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11). You must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts while striving to live soberly, righteously, and godly (Titus 2:11). You must not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2).

This scarcely scratches the surface of what we need to do to improve the church. Let's be thankful for a fine place to meet and commit ourselves to making improvements to the church! - Justin, Texas

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher at home. Wayne is her caregiver, goes to Glasgow on Mon., Wed. and Fridays for dialysis; Lori Brewer; Joyce Dye a melanoma skin cancer; Sue Bunnell; Lois Edwards recovering at home from a fractured C1 in her neck; Dennis Hatcher; Jamie Proffitt received a good report; Mark Hatcher recovering from "walking pneumonia"; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush; Merida Brooks (Bessie & Laura Brooks' sister-in-law); Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; Daryl Lowe taking chemo treatments; Victoria Adams recovering from a broken leg; Gayla Fudge Graham; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Glenda Turner (friend of Wayne & Becky in Statesville, NC being treated for a type of T-Cell Lymphoma

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing
Manna Project

HIGHLAND RIDGE Glasgow
Wanda Proffitt

NHC Glasgow
Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow
Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Spring Quarter on the theme: Gospel Personages. Lesson 12 *"Mary and Martha"* John 10:38-42; 11:1-5, 17-27; John 12:1-8; Wayne will be the teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 am *"More on the Organization of the Church of Christ"* Danny McCain will preach at 5 pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Wayne will take the class this Wed. as we have 5 Wednesdays in May. We meet at 6 p.m. We will study *Colossians 1:15ff*

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are sponsoring *"In Search of the Lord' Way"* heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Please pray for this work as we sow the seed of the gospel

His Lessons in May

May 7 - *"Finding the Truth"*

May 14 - *"I Am Not Ashamed"*

May 21 - *"Rejoice in the Lord"*

May 28 - *"Can I Repent?"*

*NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal, you can log on to wloconline.com There are choices to listen on your computer or use the *tunein* app for you mobile devices.*

RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

"Light of the World" Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed on SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am

"In Search of the Lord's Way" with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

GBN seen on our local SCRTC cable on 113

Enter or Depart

by Charles Hicks

"Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wondrous works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity"--Matthew 7:21-23

Hebrews 5:9 tells us that Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to all that obey him. In 2 Thessalonians 1:8 Paul states that one day the Lord will in flaming fire take vengeance on those who obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Obey is a

keyword in both of these passages. In its simplest terms, the word obey means to comply with or submit to orders that have been issued. The attitude of "God says but I think" is and will be the downfall of many people.

Tragically, there are those people today with the mindset that regardless of what the Lord has ordered (commanded) they can do whatever they think is right in their own eyes and still obtain the salvation he has promised. Great caution is urged here because you will find no place in God's word where he has said "do this if you want to" or "do this if it agrees with your thoughts" or "do this if you have time or if you are not too busy".

God has given us a pattern to go by in order to please him and make our calling and election sure (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3) and that pattern must be followed exactly as he has revealed it to us. There has never been an age in which a man could please God without an obedience of an exacting nature, no ifs, ands, buts or maybes, no additions, subtractions or substitutes to his word. James 1:21 tells us to humbly receive the implanted word which is able to save our souls. The implanted word must be received in whole not in part (Luke 6:46; James 2:10-12; John 14:15).

Moses, King Saul. Naaman, Nadab and Abihu are examples of God's requirement to obey him in an exacting manner (Num. 20:8-12; 1 Sam. 15; 2 Kings 5; Lev. 10). John declares that anyone who goes too far and abides not in the teachings of Christ, does not have God (2 John 9). Going too far would include any additions, subtractions or substitutions. Truly, not everyone who says Lord, Lord will be saved eternally, due in part to the attitude "God says, but I think".

We Need More Christians

by Robert Guinn

The other day I was mowing my yard. Seeing that my neighbor was working in his yard, I killed the engine and walked over to introduce myself. He is a kind, elderly soul that enjoys doing yard work alongside his wife. Nothing, however, could have prepared me for his closing statement before we returned to work in our yards. After finding out that I am a minister, he said, "Keep up the good work. We need more people like you to remind us about religion and what we should be doing."

My first thoughts were, What makes me so special? It was not me personally, but what I represented to this elderly gentleman. Then it dawned on me, He is right. We need more people in this world that properly represent Christ.

We need more Christians! We need more Christians, because Jesus told us to grow our numbers. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you," (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus wanted us to be fruitful and multiply.

We need more Christians to bring more glory to God. Christians glorify God by the lives they live. Jesus said to, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven," (Matthew 5:16). If there are more Christians, there are more lights to shine, and then God gets the glory.

We need more Christians living as examples to the world. The Christian life is a journey dedicated to becoming more like Christ. It is a lifestyle that transforms us from selfish

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