

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:
Faith - 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 24
READ SCRIPTURE
Willie Cyphers
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Willie Cyphers
OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
Sydney Bunnell
SERVE COMMUNION
Rex Wallace
Mark Hatcher Phillip Perkins
PREACHING
a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
p. m. - Wayne Hatcher
LEAD SINGING
Ken Russell

Gossip and Slander - Wayne Hatcher

"The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body" (Proverbs 18:8). Whether true or false, gossip affects us. Gossip is nearly always one-sided. Rumors get out of control. Like a feather pillow burst in the air, there is no way to put back all the feathers.

Slander on the other hand is gossip turned ugly, what the dictionary defines as "the utterance of false charges or misrepresentations which defame and damage reputation." Though slander may look like ordinary gossip, it differs in **intent** -- slander actively seeks to tear down. Slander begins with anger, perhaps the reaction to a stalled promotion, a betrayal, a slight, a wound. Slander fights back, determined to brand the offender publicly.

Churches are certainly not immune to gossip or slander because it is made up of imperfect people. It is very serious to bring harm upon the Lord's body/church.



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Worship 11 AM & 6 PM Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

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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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Thy Will Be Done (Matthew 26:36-46)

by Scott Hoover

Many years ago in an olive grove, an event took place that we should know. Jesus prayed alone that lonely night, before a trial where He had to go. Jesus knew his disciples would desert his cause, and He had prayed that they be secure. Then He prayed to the Father that this cup might pass, but His motives were honest and pure. He knew the suffering He must endure, but Jesus didn't want to die. Death comes from Satan, not from God, and to want it is an unnatural lie. Yet Jesus prayed in the garden that night that only the Father's will be done. If He had to die then He would agree, for He and the Father must be one. Jesus also knew that Satan could not win, for with death, Satan tries to defeat men. So Jesus faced that battle alone, knowing He must defeat this grim power of sin. Yet, we must remember as we look at that scene, the agony Jesus faced that night. His sweat was like blood as it dropped, while He prayed for the Father's will with all of His might. The only way men could come back to God was through a sacrifice of someone pure. No man but Jesus could be found without sin, so He must provide the only cure. He didn't do it for fortune or fame, but rather to keep men from being lost. He wants us to follow Him from day to day, and He was willing to pay the cost. So as we look at that scene so long ago, let's remember that the battle has been won. Jesus defeated Satan, when He rose again, after saying to God, "Thy will be done."

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Brandon Schuler goes back to Louisville this Wed. His doctors are looking at every option to treat Brandon; Jean Hogan at home; Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R. T. Turner at home; James Horton; Leon Seaton; Renee` Perkins; Robert Brooks; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; Kathy Clarke; Mark Hatcher, Dennis Hatcher & Donnie Edwards ongoing back issues; crisis in Nepal & Bangladesh; Christian Shadburne (formerly of Hart County) is beginning treatments for pediatric cancer. Bryson Hatcher, Dennis Hatcher's grandson) has had the flu and spent a few days in T.J. Samson Hosp.

Martha Russell came home last Monday from T. J. Samson after treatments for pneumonia; Dennis Hatcher recuperating from by-pass surgery; Jennifer Hatcher came home last Monday. She continues to recuperate from knee replacement surgery.

Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad) at home after having a leg amputated. Becky goes everyday to help take care of him.

VISIT BRANDON SCHULER'S WEBSITE

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/brandonschuler>
You may leave messages that will be read. He and his family deeply appreciates all the love, support and prayers in their behalf !!

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Doris Garrison; Jane Nichols; Kevin Gardner; Margie Broady; Gunner Eaton; Clyde Salley; Doris Gibson; Thelma Thompson; Ruby Whitlow

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford 180 Scottie Drive Glasgow KY 42141

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Carroll Stilts, Sr (Dennis & Wayne's uncle)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 10-13 is the date for our Vacation Bible School Theme: *A Backyard Adventure - Exploring God's Word* Posters and invitation cards are available.

Sept. 13-16 our Gospel Meeting with Mel Futrell

COLLEGE GRADUATION

Congratulations to **Matthew Wallace**, son of Tony & Vicki Wallace and grandson of our Rex & Doris Wallace. Matthew graduated from Freed-Hardeman University Sat. May16.

Also while a student at FHU, Matthew also met his wife-to-be. They plan to get married later this summer.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

For whom did Mary Magdalene mistake the risen Jesus?

The answer to last week's bible question:
Amram & Jochebed Exod. 6:20

Visitors are appreciated and always welcomed !!!!

This is Memorial Day weekend. It is a time to remember and honor those who have served our country and those who gave their all that we might be have freedom. We also remember our loved ones who have passed away.

For the Christian, each Lord's Day when we gather to worship and partake of the Lord's Supper, it is our Memorial to our Savior Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 11:23-26). - Wayne

Lessons From My Son Joel

Children truly are a blessing from God, and if we listen to our children, they can teach us so much. I have learned many lessons from Joel in the past few weeks; most of them deal with goal-setting. Joel and I run almost every morning (okay, okay, let me rephrase that-- Joel runs and I walk).

- The first lesson from Joel is to set a big goal and to work towards it. His running goal is to make the full circuit without stopping. Walking the circuit is approximately 2 miles, but his way is a lot farther as he runs past me, then circles back, and then runs ahead. Now he realizes that he has to gradually build his body up to accomplish his goal. We, as Christians, need to set heaven as our goal. Like Joel, we have to prepare ourselves for the way there.
- The second lesson is to set little goals along the way. He would soon get discouraged if he didn't reach his goal immediately. He knows he can't, so he sets smaller goals--ones he knows he can attain. He runs farther and farther almost every day. How about us? We could set little goals for ourselves-- like reading the Bible daily, sending at least 2 cards per week, making two phone calls, attending all three times weekly, etc.
- The third lesson is that we need strong friends to help us attain our goal. There are some mornings where Joel is ready to give up, but I keep encouraging him. I keep telling him that "he can do it." He

has helped me also because I tend to walk faster when he is with me. Do our friends help or hinder our way to heaven?

- Another lesson is not to give up even though we falter. Joel doesn't always attain his daily goals. That's okay. The main thing is that he doesn't give up. What about us? How do we react when we falter on our Christian walk?
- The fifth and final lesson that Joel has taught me is that we need to keep our goal in sight. He was coming around a corner this week, and he could see his goal for the day. His remark was that he could now make it since he could see it. With a renewed burst of energy, he ran toward his goal. We, too, need to keep our ultimate goal of heaven in sight.

Will Joel attain his running goal? Definitely yes. How do I know this? For one thing, I will help him attain it. But more importantly, he is at the point now that he can see the back entrance to the park. The end is in sight! Another major factor is his determination to achieve it. What about our goal of heaven? Will we attain it? It depends. Do we have Christian friends helping us along the way? Are we determined? Do we have our sight on the goal? Let's take these lessons from Joel and apply them to our lives. Hebrews 12:1 says, "...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

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To look **around** is to be **distressed**.
To look **within** is to be **depressed**.
To look **up** is to be **blessed**.